

## WHITEHORSE FILM SOCIETY Inc FILMS FOR 2020

### **Feb 1<sup>st</sup> GREEN BOOK; USA, 2018, 130 mins, M**

Dir: Peter Farrelly. Stars: Viggo Mortensen, Mahershala Ali.

A working-class Italian-American bouncer becomes the driver of an African-American classical pianist on a tour of venues through the 1960s American South. Bio/Comedy/Drama.

### **Feb 15<sup>th</sup> WOMAN AT WAR; Iceland/Fr/Ukr, 2018, 101 mins, M**

Dir: Benedikt Erlingsson.

Stars: Halldóra Geirharðsdóttir, Jóhann Sigurðarson, Roman Estrada.

Halla is a fifty-year-old independent Icelandic woman, a respected choir leader who lives a mysterious double life. Known to the public only by her alias "The Mountain Woman", Halla is a passionate environmental activist, secretly waging a one-woman-war on the local aluminium industry and risking everything to conserve the pristine Icelandic highlands she loves. Adv/Com/Drama.

### **Mar 7<sup>th</sup> BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY; UK/USA, 2018, 134 mins, M**

Dir: Bryan Singer. Stars: Rami Malek, Lucy Boynton.

The story of the legendary British rock band Queen and lead singer Freddie Mercury, leading up to their famous performance at Live Aid (1985). Bio/Drama/Music.

### **Mar 21<sup>st</sup> AUREORE (I Got life!); France, 2017, 89 mins, M**

Dir: Blandine Lenoir. Stars: Agnès Jaoui, Thibault de Montalembert.

A French woman hits menopause, quits her job as waitress, and feels everything going downhill. But then she meets her old love from before she got married, had two daughters and got divorced. Is this a new beginning? Drama.

### **Apr 4<sup>th</sup> THREE IDENTICAL STRANGERS; UK, 2018, 96 mins, PG**

Dir: Tim Wardle. Stars: Robert Shafran, Michael Domnitz.

In 1980 New York, three young men who were all adopted, meet each other and find out they're triplets who were separated at birth. But their quest to find out why turns into a bizarre and sinister mystery. Doco.

### **Apr 18<sup>th</sup> THE OTHER SON; France, 2012, 105 mins, M**

Dir: Lorraine Lévy. Stars: Emmanuelle Devos, Pascal Elbé.

As he is preparing to join the Israeli army for his national service, Joseph discovers he is not his parents' biological son, and that he was inadvertently switched at birth with Yassin, the son of a Palestinian family from the West Bank. THE OTHER SON is the moving and provocative story of a revelation that turns the lives of these two families upside-down, forcing them to reassess their respective identities, their values and their beliefs. Drama.

### **May 2<sup>nd</sup> THE WIFE; Swed/UK/USA, 2017, 99 mins, M**

Dir: Björn Runge. Stars: Glenn Close, Jonathan Pryce

Joan Castleman (Glenn Close) is the perfect devoted wife. Forty years spent sacrificing her own talent, dreams and ambitions to fan the flames of her charismatic husband Joe (Jonathan Pryce) and his brilliant literary career, ignoring his infidelities and excuses with grace and humour. Their faithful pact has built a marriage upon uneven compromises and on the eve of Joe being awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature, Joan reaches her breaking point, to confront the biggest sacrifice of her life. Drama.

### **May 16<sup>th</sup> BURNING; S. Korea/Japan, 2018, 148 mins, M**

Dir: Chang-dong Lee. Stars: Ah-in Yoo, Steven Yeun.

Jong-su bumps into a girl who used to live in the same neighbourhood as him, who asks him to look after her cat while on a

trip to Africa. When back, she introduces Ben, a mysterious guy she met there, who confesses his secret hobby. Drama/Mystery.

### **Jun 6<sup>th</sup> SOMETIMES ALWAYS NEVER; UK, 2018, 87 mins, PG**

Dir: Carl Hunter. Stars: Bill Nighy, Sam Riley.

Alan is a stylish tailor with moves as sharp as his suits. He has spent years searching tirelessly for his missing son Michael, who stormed out over a game of Scrabble. With a body to identify and his family torn apart, Alan must repair the relationship with his youngest son Peter and solve the mystery of an online player who he thinks could be Michael, so he can finally move on and reunite his family. Comedy/Drama.

### **Jun 20<sup>th</sup> CAPERNAUM; Leb/Fr/USA+, 2018, 121 mins, M**

Dir: Nadine Labaki. Stars: Zain Al Rafeea, Yordanos Shiferaw.

After being jailed for committing a violent crime, Zain, a mistreated 12-year-old boy, sues his parents for giving him life. Zain's large family live hand to mouth in a squalid apartment in Lebanon. The kids work instead of going to school. When Zain's 11-year-old sister is sold into marriage, he flees the family home in search of a better life. He is taken in and lovingly cared for by an illegal Ethiopian worker, Rahil, who lives in a shanty house with her baby. But when Rahil disappears, Zain is suddenly left to fend for himself and her baby, resorting to increasingly desperate measures to survive. Drama.

### **Jul 4<sup>th</sup> THE DARK HORSE; NZ, 2014, 120 mins, M**

Dir: James Napier Robertson. Stars: Cliff Curtis, James Rolleston.

A brilliant but troubled New Zealand chess champion finds purpose by teaching underprivileged children about the rules of chess and life. Drama.

### **Jul 18<sup>th</sup> TOP END WEDDING; Australia, 2019, 98 mins, M**

Dir: Wayne Blair. Stars: Gwilym Lee, Miranda Tapsell.

Lauren and Ned are engaged, they are in love, and they have just ten days to find Lauren's mother who has gone AWOL somewhere in the remote far north of Australia, reunite her parents and pull off their dream wedding. Comedy/Romance.

### **Aug 1<sup>st</sup> SHOPLIFTERS; Japan, 2018, 116 mins, M**

Dir: Hirokazu Koreeda. Stars: Lily Franky, Sakura Andô.

After one of their shoplifting sessions, Osamu and his son come across a little girl in the freezing cold. At first reluctant to shelter the girl, Osamu's wife agrees to take care of her after learning of the hardships she faces. Although the family is poor, barely making enough money to survive through petty crime, they seem to live happily together until an unforeseen incident reveals hidden secrets, testing the bonds that unite them. Crime/Drama.

### **Aug 15<sup>th</sup> YESTERDAY; UK/Russ/Ch, 2019, 116 mins, M**

Dir: Danny Boyle. Stars: Himesh Patel, Lily James.

Jack Malik was just another struggling songwriter...but that was yesterday. After a mysterious blackout, Jack (Himesh Patel) discovers he is the only person on earth who remembers The Beatles! As he rockets to fame by passing off the Fab Four's songs as his own, Jack risks losing Ellie (Lily James) - the one person who has loved him and believed in him from the start. Before the door to his old life closes forever, Jack must decide if all he needs is love, after all. Kate McKinnon and Ed Sheeran also star in this romantic rock 'n' roll comedy from Academy Award-winning director Danny Boyle. Comedy/Family/Music.

### **Sep 5<sup>th</sup> TRASH; UK/Braz/Ger, 2014, 114 mins, M**

Dir: Stephen Daldry. Stars: Rickson Tevez, Gabriel Weinstein.

Set in Brazil, three kids who make a discovery in a garbage dump soon find themselves running from the cops and trying to right a terrible wrong. Adventure/Crime/Drama.

### **Sep 19<sup>th</sup> ROCKETMAN; UK/USA/Can, 2019, 121 mins, MA**

Dir: Dexter Fletcher. Stars: Taron Egerton, Jamie Bell.

An epic musical movie about the incredible human story of Elton John's breakthrough years. The film follows the fantastical journey of transformation from shy piano prodigy Reginald Dwight into international superstar Elton John. This inspirational story -- set to Elton John's most beloved songs and performed by star Taron Egerton -- tells the universally relatable story of how a small-town boy became one of the most iconic figures in pop culture. Bio/Drama/Music.

### **Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> THE GUILTY; (Den Skyldige), Den, 2018, 85 mins, M**

Dir: Gustav Möller. Stars: Jakob Cedergren, Jessica Dinnage.

Alarm dispatcher and former police officer, Asger Holm, answers an emergency call from a kidnapped woman. When the call is suddenly disconnected, the search for the woman and her kidnapper begins. With the phone as his only tool, Asger enters a race against time to save the endangered woman. But soon he realises that he is dealing with a crime that is far bigger than he first thought. Crime/Drama.

### **Oct 17<sup>th</sup> BROOKLYN; UK/Can/Ire, 2015, 111 mins, M**

Dir: John Crowley. Stars: Saoirse Ronan, Emory Cohen.

An Irish immigrant lands in 1950s Brooklyn, where she quickly falls into a romance with a local. When her past catches up with her, however, she must choose between two countries and the lives that exist within. Drama/Romance.

### **Nov 07<sup>th</sup> THE INSULT; Fra/Lebanon +, 2017, 108 mins, M**

Dir: Ziad Doueiri. Stars: Adel Karam, Kamel El Basha.

An emotional exchange between a Lebanese Christian and a Palestinian refugee escalates dramatically. As passions boil over, each man digs in and what should have been a trivial incident easily shrugged off escalates quickly into a dispute that reverberates through their families and communities. Eventually lawyers are called in and the men find themselves in the centre of a highly publicised trial, one that reopens historical and personal wounds on both sides. Crime/Thr.

### **Nov 21<sup>st</sup> LADIES IN BLACK; Australia, 2018, 105 mins, PG**

Dir: Bruce Beresford. Stars: Julia Ormond, Angourie Rice.

Adapted from the bestselling novel by Madeleine St John, Ladies in Black is an alluring and tender-hearted comedy drama about the lives of a group of department store employees in 1959 Sydney. Comedy/Drama.

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