

## WHITEHORSE FILM SOCIETY Inc - FILMS FOR 2023

**Feb 04<sup>th</sup>, 7.45pm, THE DUKE; UK, 2020, 95mins, M, Bio/Com.**

Dir: Roger Michell. Stars: Jim Broadbent, Heather Craney.

In 1961, 60-year-old Kempton Bunton stole Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in London. He sent ransom notes saying that he would return the painting on condition that the government invested more in care for the elderly. What happened next became the stuff of legend.

**Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, 7.45pm, Mrs. HARRIS GOES TO PARIS; UK++, 2022, 115mins, G, Comedy/Drama.**

Dir: Anthony Fabian. Stars: Lesley Manville, Isabelle Huppert.

The story of a widowed cleaning lady in 1950s London who falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress and decides that she must have one of her own. After raising the funds to pursue her dream, she embarks on an adventure to Paris which will change not only her own outlook, but the very future of the House of Dior.

**Mar 04<sup>th</sup>, 7.45pm, THE QUIET GIRL; (An Cailín Ciúin), Ireland, 2022, 94mins, M, Drama**

Dir: Colm Bairéad. Stars: Catherine Clinch, Carrie Crowley.

Set in 1981, this film tells the story of a young girl, Cáit, who is sent away for the summer from her dysfunctional family to live with "her mother's people"- a middle-aged couple she has never met. Slowly, in the care of this couple, Cáit blossoms and discovers a new way of living, but in this house where affection grows and there are meant to be no secrets, she discovers one.

**Mar 18<sup>th</sup>, 7.45pm, LUNANA: A YAK IN THE CLASSROOM; Bhutan/China, 2019, 110mins, PG, Drama/Family**

Dir: Pawo Dorji. Stars: Sherab Dorji, Ugyen Lhendup, Kelden Gurung.

A young teacher in modern Bhutan is sent to a remote glacial Himalayan village called Lunana, to complete his service, where he finds no electricity, no textbooks, not even a blackboard. He wants to quit and go home, but he begins to learn of the hardship in the lives of the beautiful children he teaches, and begins to be transformed through the amazing spiritual strength of the villagers.

**Apr 01<sup>st</sup>, 7.45pm, ELVIS; Aust/USA, 2022, PG, 159mins**

Dir: Baz Luhrmann. Stars: Tom Hanks, Austin Butler, Olivia DeJonge.

The film follows the story of rock 'n' roll star Elvis Presley seen through the eyes of his controversial manager Colonel Tom Parker. The film explores Elvis Presley's highs and lows and the many challenges and controversies he received throughout his career. Bio/Drama/Music

**Apr 15<sup>th</sup>, 7.45pm, ANTOINETTE IN THE CEVENNES; France, 2020, 97 mins, M, Adventure/Comedy/Romance**

Dir: Caroline Vignal. Stars: Laure Calamy, Benjamin Lavernhe.

Antoinette, a school teacher, is looking forward to her long -planned summer holidays with her secret lover Vladimir, the father of one of her pupils. When learning that Vladimir cannot come because his wife organized a surprise trekking holiday in the Cévennes National Park with their daughter and a donkey, Antoinette decides to follow their track, by herself, with Patrick, a protective donkey.

**May 06<sup>th</sup>, 7.45pm, THE DROVER'S WIFE; Australia, 2021, 109mins, MA, Drama/History.**

Dir: Leah Purcell. Stars: Leah Purcell, Rob Collins, Sam Reid.

1893, the Australian Outback. The area is rough, the people hard-nosed, the law rather secondary. Molly Johnson, heavily pregnant and alone with her children on a farm far from town, knows her place only too well. She does everything to protect her children.

**May 20<sup>th</sup>, 7.45pm, I'M YOUR MAN; Germany, 2021, 108mins, M**

Dir: Maria Schrader. Stars: Maren Eggert, Dan Stevens, Sandra Hüller.

In order to obtain research funds for her studies, a scientist accepts an offer to participate in an extraordinary experiment: for three weeks, she is to live with a humanoid robot, created to make her happy. Comedy/Drama/Romance

**Jun 03<sup>rd</sup>, 2.00pm, HACHI – A DOG'S TALE; UK/USA, 2009, 93mins, G, Drama/Family**

Dir: Lasse Hallström. Stars: Richard Gere, Joan Allen.

Based on a true story. Professor Parker Wilson discovers a lost Akida puppy on his way home from work. Hachi endears himself to the Wilson family and grows to be Parker's loyal companion. As their bond grows deeper, a beautiful friendship develops embodying the true spirit of family and loyalty, while inspiring the hearts of an entire town.

**Jun 17<sup>th</sup>, 2.00pm, KNOCK; (Dr. Knock), Fra/Belg, 2017, 113 mins, PG, Comedy.**

Dir: Lorraine Lévy. Stars: Omar Sy, Alex Lutz, Ana Girardot.

Doctor Knock, a former thug, who has become a doctor, arrives in a small village to make his fortune. Under his seductive looks and after gaining the confidence of the village, Knock is on the verge of achieving his ends. But his past catches up with him and an old acquaintance disrupts the doctor's plans.

**Jul 01<sup>st</sup>, 2.00pm, WASH MY SOUL IN THE RIVER'S FLOW; Australia, 2021, 90 mins, PG, Doco/Bio/History**

Dir: Philippa Bateman. Stars: Ruby Hunter, Archie Roach.

A cinematic reinvention of a legendary concert that premiered in 2004. Using footage combining conversations, rehearsals, and the opening night, with breathtaking images of Ngarrindjeri country in South Australia, the film is a profoundly moving story of loss, love and what it means to truly come 'home'.

**Jul 15<sup>th</sup>, 2.00PM, ARSENIC & OLD LACE; UK, 1944, 118 mins, PG, Comedy/Crime/Thriller.**

Dir: Frank Capra. Stars: Cary Grant, Priscilla Lane, Raymond Massey.

A Brooklyn writer of books on the futility of marriage risks his reputation when he decides to tie the knot. Things get even more complicated when he learns on his wedding day that his beloved maiden aunts are habitual murderers.

**Aug 05<sup>th</sup>, 2.00pm, SPREAD YOUR WINGS; (Donne-moi des ailes), France, 2019, 113 mins, PG, Drama/Family.**

Dir: Nicolas Vanier. Stars: Jean-Paul Rouve, Mélanie Doutey.

Based on a true story. 14-year-old Thomas goes to spend the holidays with his father in the Camargue who is researching an endangered species of wild geese and has a crazy plan: Thomas should help him show a flock of young geese the safest flight route from France to Norway. Despite initial skepticism, and many hurdles, Thomas befriends the birds - and ultimately experiences the greatest adventure of his life.

**Aug 19<sup>th</sup>, 2.00pm, GIFTED; USA, 2017, 101 mins, M, Drama.**

Dir: Marc Webb. Stars: Chris Evans, McKenna Grace, Lindsay Duncan. Frank is a single man raising his spirited young niece Mary, a child prodigy. Frank's plans for a normal school life for Mary are foiled when the seven-year-old's mathematical abilities come to the attention of Frank's formidable mother Evelyn, whose plans for her granddaughter threaten to separate Frank and Mary.

**Sep 02<sup>nd</sup>, 7.45pm, BELLE EPOQUE, LA; Fra/Belg, 2019, 115 mins, M, Comedy/Drama/Fantasy.**

Dir: Nicolas Bedos. Stars: Daniel Auteuil, Guillaume Canet.

Victor, a disillusioned 60 year-old, sees his life turned upside down on the day he is offered a new kind of attraction: a chance to "travel back" into the era of his choice. Victor chooses to relive the most memorable week of his life: the one where, 40 years earlier, he met his great love.

**Sep 16<sup>th</sup>, 7.45pm, BELFAST; UK, 2021, 98 mins, M, Bio/Drama.**

Dir: Kenneth Branagh. Stars: Jude Hill, Lewis McAskie, Caitríona Balfe. Belfast, 1969. Surrounded by sporadic violence and growing danger, nine-year-old Buddy finds himself confronted with the ugly reality of sectarian conflict. Buddy's family must come face to face with a nearly impossible, life-altering decision: stay or start packing?

**Oct 07<sup>th</sup>, 7.45pm, JUNE AGAIN; Australia, 2020, 99mins, M.**

Dir: JJ Winlove. Stars: Noni Hazlehurst, Claudia Karvan.

During a fleeting bout of lucidity from her dementia, June Wilton has precious little time to bring together her estranged children, save the family business, and rekindle an old flame. Drama.

**Oct 21<sup>st</sup>, 7.45pm, THE ART OF RACING IN THE RAIN; USA, 2019, 109 mins, PG, Comedy/Drama/Romance.**

Dir: Simon Curtis. Stars: Kevin Costner(voice), Milo Ventimiglia.

Through his bond with his owner, aspiring Formula One race car driver Denny, golden retriever Enzo learns that the techniques needed on the racetrack can also be used to successfully navigate the journey of life.

**Nov 04<sup>th</sup>, 7.45pm, THE DRY; Aust/USA, 2020, 117 mins, MA.**

Dir: Robert Connolly. Stars: Eric Bana, Genevieve O'Reilly.

Aaron Falk returns to his drought-stricken home town to attend the funeral of his childhood friend who allegedly killed his wife and child before taking his own life. When Falk reluctantly agrees to stay and investigate the crime, he opens up an old wound – the unsolved death of a teenage girl. Crime/Drama

**Nov 18<sup>th</sup>, 7.45pm, DELICIOUS; France, 2021, 112 mins, M.**

Dir: Éric Besnard. Stars: Grégory Gadebois, Isabelle Carré.

France, 1789, just before the Revolution. With the help of a surprising young woman, a chef who has been sacked by his noble master, finds the strength to free himself from his position as a servant and opens France's first ever restaurant. Comedy/Drama/History

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