

ILLAWARRA FILM SOCIETY

2024

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Films start 7pm prompt

Short films will screen before some features
- details available on IFS website & social media.

Illawarra Film Society
supporting local business.



Gala Cinema

The Illawarra's only remaining independent
and locally owned cinema.



Open Hearth Hotel & Bistro

Cnr King St & Montgomery Ave, Warrawong
Enjoy 10% off your dinner on IFS screening nights
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11 February [New Zealand] 110 mins

Uproar

Rated M

A story about connection and finding your place in the world. In Dunedin in 1981, 17-year-old Josh is forced to make some choices about his life and stand up for himself, his whānau and his future.

Director: Paul Middleditch, Hamish Bennett
Comedy English

18 February [France, 2021] 88 mins

Full Time

Rated M

The marvellous Laure Calamy stars in Eric Gravel's gripping and award-winning drama, as a single woman pushed to her limits when the delicate balance between her home and work life is upended.

Director: Eric Gravel
Drama French

25 February [USA, 1940] 92 mins

His Girl Friday

Rated G

In this classic screwball comedy Rosalind Russell plays newspaper reporter Hildy Johnson, who, on the eve of her remarriage, is talked into one more assignment by her editor and ex-husband (Cary Grant). While interviewing a condemned man, Hildy realises that his hanging is planned as a vote-getting measure. Spontaneously, she helps the man escape.

Director: Howard Hawks
Comedy English

3 March [Spain, 2021] 123 mins

Parallel Mothers

Rated M

Two single women from different backgrounds meet in a hospital room where they are both going to give birth. One is middle-aged and elated, while the other is adolescent and scared. The two women form a strong bond as they both confront motherhood.

Director: Pedro Almodóvar
Drama Spanish

10 March [Ukraine/France/Switzerland, 2021] 90 mins

Olga

Rated M

2013. A 15-year-old gymnast from Ukraine is torn between Switzerland – where she is training for the European Championship in preparation for the Olympics – and Kiev, where her mother works as a journalist, reporting on Euromaidan.

Director: Elie Grappe
Drama Ukrainian, French, Russian

17 March [Ireland, 2021] 122 mins

Young Plato

Unclassified

A primary school headmaster in Belfast's Ardoyne housing estates invokes the wisdom of the ancient Greek philosophers to fight poverty, drug dealers and the IRA – restoring hope in the heart of a battered community.

Director: Neasa Ní Chianáin & Declan McGrath
Documentary English

24 March [Japan, 2023] 124 mins

The Boy and the Heron

Rated PG

A young boy named Mahito yearning for his mother ventures into a world shared by the living and the dead. There, death comes to an end, and life finds a new beginning.

Director: Hayao Miyazaki
Animation/Fantasy English

MARCH 31
NO SCREENING - EASTER SUNDAY

7 April [USA, 2022] 135 mins

The Woman King

Rated M

The remarkable story of the Agojie, female warriors who protected the African Kingdom of Dahomey in the 1800s with skills and a fierceness unlike anything the world has ever seen. It follows the epic journey of General Nanisca (Viola Davis) as she trains the next generation of recruits for a battle against an enemy determined to destroy their way of life.

Director: Gina Prince-Bythewood
Drama English

APRIL 14
NO SCREENING - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

APRIL 21
NO SCREENING - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

28 April [USA, 1973] 106 mins

Paper Moon

Rated PG

During the Great Depression, a con man finds himself saddled with a young girl who may or may not be his daughter, and the two forge an unlikely partnership.

Director: Peter Bogdanovich
Comedy/Drama English

5 May [Italy/Spain, 2022] 120 mins

Alcarràs

Rated M

In a small village in Catalonia, the peach farmers of the Solé family spend every summer together picking fruit from their orchard. But when plans arise to install solar panels and cut down trees, this tight-knit group suddenly faces eviction – and the loss of far more than their home.

Director: Carla Simón
Drama Catalan

12 May [Singapore/Japan/Taiwan/France, 2013] 99 mins

Ilo Ilo

Rated M

Set in Singapore during the Asian Financial Crisis of 1997, Ilo Ilo chronicles the relationship between the Lim family and their newly arrived Filipina maid, Teresa. Jiale, the young and troublesome son, starts to form a unique bond with Teresa, who soon becomes an unspoken part of the family.

Director: Anthony Chen
Drama Mandarin, Tagalog, Hokkien, English

19 May [Tunisia/France/Germany/Saudi Arabia, 2023] 107 mins

Four Daughters

Unclassified

A reconstruction of the true story of Tunisian mother of four Olfa Hamrouni, this riveting film unpacks a complex family history through intimate interviews and performance to examine how her two eldest daughters became radicalised.

Director: Kaouther Ben Hania
Documentary Arabic, French

26 May [Canada, 2022] 117 mins

Riceboy Sleeps

Rated M

Set in the 1990s, a Korean single mother raises her young son in the suburbs of Canada determined to provide a better life for him than the one she left behind.

Director: Anthony Shim
Drama Korean, English

2 June [USA, 2022] 104 mins

Women Talking

Rated M

The women of an isolated religious community grapple with reconciling their reality with their faith. They come together to figure out how to move forward and build a better world for themselves and their children. Stay and fight, or leave. They will not do nothing.

Director: Sarah Polley
Drama English

JUNE 9
NO SCREENING - KING'S BIRTHDAY

16 June [USA, 2015] 88 mins

Amazing Grace

Rated G

A music documentary that captures Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin as she records the most successful gospel album of all time, AMAZING GRACE, recorded at The New Bethel Baptist Church in Watts, Los Angeles in January 1972.

Director: Sydney Pollack
Documentary English

23 June [USA, 1995] 102 mins

Devil in a Blue Dress

Rated M

Denzel Washington stars as Easy Rawlins, an out-of-work war hero who is drawn into a dangerous world of crime and subterfuge in 1948 Los Angeles, in this stylish neo-noir based on Walter Moseley's novel.

Director: Carl Franklin
Mystery/Thriller English

30 June [Australia, 2022] 88 mins

Sweet As
Rated M

Troubled 16-year-old Murra finds herself abandoned after an explosive incident with her mother. Her caring policeman uncle Murra throws her a lifeline in the shape of a photo safari into the Pilbara country, with two adult guides and three other teenagers facing their own challenges. The teens set off on an adventure that will reshape their lives for the better.

Director: Jub Clerc
Drama *English*

JULY 7
NO SCREENING - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

JULY 14
NO SCREENING - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

JULY 21
NO SCREENING - TFF

28 July [France, 2022] 104 mins

Other People's Children
Rated M

Virginie Efira stars as a teacher whose new relationship with a single father becomes complicated when she begins to bond with his young daughter.

Director: Rebecca Zlotowski
Drama/Romance *French*

4 August [UK, 1971] 111 mins

Get Carter
Rated MA15+

Michael Caine is Jack Carter, a London gangland enforcer who returns to his hometown of Newcastle to investigate his brother's death.

Director: Mike Hodges
Crime/Thriller *English*

11 August [Finland/Germany, 2022] 81 mins

Fallen Leaves
Rated M

This beguiling new comedic romance from celebrated auteur Aki Kaurismäki follows two lost souls who meet by chance in the Helsinki night and then try, in turbulent times, to find companionship.

Director: Aki Kaurismäki
Romance/Comedy *Finnish*

18 August [Australia, 2023] 117 mins

Shayda
Rated M

Shayda, a brave Iranian mother, finds refuge in an Australian women's shelter with her six-year-old daughter. Over Persian New Year, they take solace in Nowruz rituals and new beginnings, but when her estranged husband re-enters their lives, Shayda's path to freedom is jeopardised.

Director: Noora Niasari
Drama *Farsi, English*

25 August [UK, 2022] 95 mins

A Bunch of Amateurs
Rated M

Growing old amid flickering memories, one of the oldest amateur film clubs in the world is teetering on the brink of survival. Desperately clinging to their dreams, and to each other, this hilarious and moving portrait of artistic folly speaks to the delusional escapist dreamer in us all.

Director: Kim Hopkins
Documentary *English*

1 September [Mexico/Denmark/France, 2023] 93 mins

Tótem
Unclassified

Over the course of a single day, seven-year-old Sol and her extended family prepare for a surprise birthday party for her father.

Director: Lila Avilés
Drama *Spanish*

8 September [USA, 2023] 105 mins

All of Us Strangers
Rated MA15+

Living alone in London, writer Adam (Andrew Scott) encounters his neighbour Harry (Paul Mescal), which punctures the rhythm of his everyday life. Preoccupied with childhood memories as he works on a screenplay, Adam is drawn to his family home where his parents appear to still be living, just as they were on the day that they died 30 years ago.

Director: Andrew Haigh
Romance/Drama *English*

15 September [USA, 1971] 102 mins

A New Leaf
Rated G

In this modern, pitch-black take on the screwball comedy, Walter Matthau stars as Henry Graham, a formerly affluent playboy whose lifestyle has drained his fortune. He sets his sights on meek but wealthy botany professor Henrietta Lowell (Elaine May) to avoid climbing down the social ladder.

Director: Elaine May
Comedy *English*

22 September [Australia, 2022] 113 mins

The Giants
Rated M

A poetic portrait of environmentalist Bob Brown and the forest that draws on emerging science and Brown's experiences of activism to inspire a new chapter in our relationship with trees.

Director: Laurence Billiet, Rachael Antony
Documentary *English*

29 SEPTEMBER
NO SCREENING - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

6 OCTOBER
NO SCREENING - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

13 October [Australia, 2023] 81 mins

Damage
Rated PG

Ali is not a citizen. He drives a taxi using another man's license and relies on the GPS to negotiate his way around a city he doesn't know. His passenger, Esther, can't remember where she is going. She is angry because she has been stripped of everything that is familiar to her and she doesn't recognise the world anymore. An Australian drama about undiscovered connections and how mere humanity can bond us all.

Director: Madeleine Blackwell
Drama *English*

20 October [USA, 2023] 92 mins

Theater Camp
Rated M

Ben Platt and Molly Gordon star as lifelong best friends and drama instructors at a rundown camp in upstate New York. When clueless tech-bro Troy arrives to run the property (into the ground), Amos and Rebecca-Diane band together with the staff and students to stage a masterpiece to keep their beloved summer camp afloat.

Director: Molly Gordon, Nick Lieberman
Comedy *English*

27 October [Italy/Belgium/France, 2022] 147 mins

The Eight Mountains
Unclassified

An epic journey of friendship and self-discovery set in the breathtaking Italian Alps.

Director: Felix van Groeningen, Charlotte Vandermeersch
Drama *Italian*

3 November [USA, 1952] 102 mins

Singin' in the Rain
Rated G

A golden era Hollywood musical about the turmoil suffered by the movie industry in the late 1920s as movies were transitioning from silent to talkies. Led by an all-star cast including Gene Kelly, Donald O'Connor and Debbie Reynolds.

Director: Stanley Donen, Gene Kelly
Musical *English*

10 November [India, 2022] 112 mins

Last Film Show
Rated M

Samay fights heaven and earth to find light. He wants to catch, control, cut and project that light to tell stories. Now to pursue that dream he must leave everything he loves and take a flight to find the light.

Director: Pan Nalin
Drama *Gujarati*

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Program