NOVEMBER - DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS



The holidays are a period of travel for many of us as we venture to far-off homes and hearths. For some of us though, Austin is our home, and we are staying home for the holidays. With that in mind, we are presenting some of our favorite Hollywood holiday classics on the big screen.

NEW RELEASE: THERE, THERE



Opens November 25 A lover's doubt in the cold light of morning leads a chain of uneasy intimacies—counselors, disrupters, peacemakers, and firestarters every one looking to have a little faith rewarded. Director Andrew Bujalski and cast will join us opening weekend for Q&As at select screenings.





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THE AFRICAN DESPERATE

NEW FRENCH CINEMA WEEK



Save the date for our annual celebration of the Francophone world's most distinct new cinematic voices, programmed and presented in partnership with France's leading festival for first films—the Premiers Plans Festival of Angers, France. Between November 10th-13th, cinephiles will have a unique opportunity to see new, undistributed Frenchlanguage films including festival favorites

and award-winners. The full schedule and individual tickets can be found at austinfilm.org. Additionally, a pass that includes tickets to all the films is available for purchase online or at the AFS box office.

ESSENTIAL CINEMA: ENGLAND MADE ME: SIX FILMS WITH THE AUSTIN CHRONICLE'S RICHARD WHITTAKER



The Austin Chronicle's resident Englishman, Culture Editor Richard Whittaker, explores British identity through six iconic films. An irreverent trek through modern British cinema.





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| | NEW FRENCH Cinema Week | 7 P MEMBER MONDAY: DISTANT | 7.30 P THE LONG GOOD FRIDAY | 6P DISTANT 16 | 17 | 7 P THE HIDDEN FORTRESS 9:45 P DIVA | 2 P THE LONG GOOD FRIDAY 4:30 P SIR DOUG AND THE GENUINE TEXAS COSMIC GROOVE 7:30 P TRANSEXUAL MENACE 9:30 P DIVA |
| 0 | 2 P THE HIDDEN FORTRESS 4:45 P GIANT | 7P DIVA | 4:45 P THE HIDDEN Fortress 7:30 P Quadrophenia | 8:30 P TRANSEXUAL MENACE | CLOSED FOR THE Thanksgiving Holiday | 2P HOWL'S MOVING CASTLE 4:45 P FREE CHOL SOO LEE 7P TOP HAT | 2 P QUADROPHENIA 4:30 P COOLEY HIGH 7 P HOWL'S MOVING CASTLE |
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| 3 P TROUBLE 4:30 P FOLLOW THE FLEET 6 P BRAINWASHED: SEX-CAMERA-POWER | 7 P MEMBER MONDAY: AUSTRALIAN SHORT FILM TODAY | 7.30 P WITHNAIL & I | 6 P 9 TO 5 8:30 P THE AFRICAN Desperate | 5:45 P THE FLOWERS OF Shanghai 8:30 P Sorcerer | 7 P SWING TIME 9:30 P ZOO ZERO New Releases begin every Friday. Details at austinfilm.org. | 2 P WITHNAIL & I 4:30 P THE FLOWERS SHANGHAI 7:15 P SORCERER 10 P ZOO ZERO |
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| 2:30 P THE THIN MAN | 3:30 P THE UMBRELLAS OF Cherbourg 6 P Eyes wide shut | 3 P THE UMBRELLAS OF CHERBOURG 5:15 P WILD STRAWBERRIES 7:30 P INFERNAL AFFAIRS III | | 29 | 3:15 P A NEW OLD PLAY | 3:15 P INFERNAL AFF/ |

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ESSENTIAL CINEMA: ENGLAND MADE ME: SIX FILMS WITH THE AUSTIN CHRONICLE'S RICHARD WHITTAKER

24 HOUR PARTY PEOPLE (2002) 11/1, 11/5 Tony Wilson (a never-better Steve Coogan) starts a record label, and with acts like Joy Division and the Happy Mondays, changes music forever. Director Michael Winterbottom chronicles Factory Records through the decline and fall of its musical empire, from "God Save the Queen" to pills 'n' thrills, 24 HOUR PARTY is a funny, cheeky, smart-arsed look at the self-made legends, bullshit artists, and relics of a bygone era, celebrating its 20th Anniversary. **Screening in 35mm.**

THE DRAUGHTSMAN'S CONTRACT (1982) 11/8, 11/12

Art and murder are afoot when an arrogant artist (played by Anthony Higgins with an impressively, perpetually arched brow) enters a contract with unusual terms in Peter Greenaway's Michael Nyman-scored comedydrama, selected by the BFI as one of the Top 100 British Films. Celebrating its 40th Anniversary. **Newly Remastered in 4K.**

THE LONG GOOD FRIDAY (1979) 11/15, 11/19

Harold Shand is at the top of a criminal enterprise in the heart of London, an organization that Harold sees threatened by internal and external forces over the course of a long Easter weekend. Bob Hoskins and Helen Mirren star in the quintessential British gangster film that features Pierce Brosnan in his first onscreen appearance. **Screening in 35mm.**

QUADROPHENIA (1979) 11/22, 11/26

Postman Jimmy Cooper becomes Jimmy the Mod and clashes with the rockers in the streets and beaches of Brighton. Director Franc Roddam harkens back to the Angry Young Men and kitchen sink dramas of the '50s and '60s in this coming-of-age drama loosely based on The Who's 1973 rock opera of the same name, updated for the punk era. Featuring Sting as the mod leader, Ace Face, and starring Phil Daniels.

MY BEAUTIFUL LAUNDRETTE (1985) 11/29, 12/3

A Pakistani man takes over a laundrette from his uncle and resumes a gay relationship with a former lover. Daniel Day-Lewis and Gordon Warnecke star in Hanif Kureishi's tale on love under Thatcherism from director Stephen Frears. **Screening in 35mm.**

WITHNAIL & I (1986) 12/6, 12/10

Paul McGann and the incredible Richard E. Grant star as unemployed actors chasing booze and an escape to the countryside as they make sense of the end of a decade. Writer and director Bruce Robinson's cult comedy classic looks at the rubble surrounding the end of the Thatcher/Reagan era. **Screening in 35mm.**



LATES

DIVA (1981) 11/18-11/21

When an opera-obsessed young man grabs the wrong audio-cassette, he finds himself on a full throttle chase to the heights of cinematic beauty. From director Jean-Jacques Beineix (BETTY BLUE) comes the cult masterpiece which launched the Cinema Du Look movement. An exhilarating ode to the romance and ecstasy of cinema—DIVA is a pure pulp visual extravaganza. **Screening in 35mm.**

NEW ROSE HOTEL (1998) 12/2,12/3

Abel Ferrara directs William Gibson's tale of dueling multinational corporations as two corporate headhunters (Willem Dafoe and Christopher Walken) look for new talent in this Cyberpunk thriller. Featuring appearances by Vampire Hunter D illustrator Yoshitaka Amano, John Lurie, and Ryuichi Sakamoto. **Screening in 35mm.**

ZOO ZERO (1979) 12/9-12/14

Klaus Kinski stars as the director of a strange cabaret where the guests wear animal masks. Pierre Clémenti and Catherine Jourdan co-star under the direction of artist Alain Fleischer and under the lens of POSSESSION cinematographer Bruno Nuytten. **Newly Restored.**

WHAT'S UP CONNECTION (1974) 12/16, 12/17

It's SHOPLIFTERS gone punk when street kid "Batsh*t Crazy" leads a merry band of grifters in their fight against a ruthless land developer in this rare Japan-Hong Kong co-production from Masashi Yamamoto, director of ROBINSON'S GARDEN. Rarely seen, this newly restored



BEST OF FESTS ONE MAN DIES A MILLION TIMES (2019) 12/1

This remarkably original work by Jessica Oreck (BEETLE QUEEN CONQUERS TOKYO) revisits the WWII Siege of Leningrad, in which thousands of Russians died of hunger, to tell the story of a group of scrupulous scientists at a seed bank who face starvation in order to preserve the future of humanity.



QUEER CINEMA: LOST & FOUND TRANSEXUAL MENACE (1996) 11/19, 11/23

Pioneering gay German filmmaker Rosa von Praunheim explores America's burgeoning trans rights movement—from early leaders like Virginia Prince to contemporary activist groups like the titular Transexual Menace—in this powerful, yet sensitive documentary from 1996. Paired with Alisa Lebow's short portrait of Stone Butch Blues author Leslie Feinberg, OUTLAW. **Series programmer Elizabeth Purchell will join us for a discussion November 19.**

FLESHPOT ON 42ND STREET (1973) 12/17,12/19 A young woman looks for love and a future on the wild streets of New York in gutter auteur Andy Milligan's scuzzy underground masterpiece. Paired with Joseph Horning's rare trans short, VALERIE. Elizabeth Purchell will join us for a discussion Saturday, December 17.



ESSENTIAL CINEMA: THE INFERNAL AFFAIRS TRILOGY

INFERNAL AFFAIRS I (2002) 12/13-12/17

Andy Lau and Tony Leung star as a cop who infiltrates gangsters and a gangster who infiltrates the police force, respectively, in this heart-pounding modern suspense classic later remade by Martin Scorsese as THE DEPARTED.

INFERNAL AFFAIRS II (2003) 12/20,12/24

In this moody prequel to INFERNAL AFFAIRS, the milieu of gangsters versus cops is sketched out more thoroughly and the great Hong Kong actor Anthony Wong gets to showcase his talents alongside Eric Tsang and Francis Ng.

INFERNAL AFFAIRS III (2003) 12/27, 12/31

The conclusion of the INFERNAL AFFAIRS Trilogy, billed as The Ultimate Showdown, brings back Andy Lau and Tony Leung to wrap up the conflict in a timeline-straddling race to the finish.



BIG SCREEN CLASSICS GIANT (1956) 11/20

A film as vast and dusty as West Texas itself. Rock Hudson, Elizabeth Taylor, and James Dean, in his last film, star in this story of an old ranch family as they cope with the coming of oil. Nominated for ten Academy Awards, with George Stevens winning for Best Director.

HOWL'S MOVING CASTLE (2005) 11/25, 11/26

A quiet girl working in a hat shop, finds her life thrown into turmoil when she is literally swept off her feet by a handsome but mysterious wizard named Howl and cursed to become a 90-year-old woman. To break the spell, Sophie climbs aboard Howl's magnificent moving castle and into a new life of wonder in this Academy Award-winning masterpiece from Hayao Miyazaki. **Screenings that begin before 6pm are dubbed. 6pm or later screenings are subtitled.**

COOLEY HIGH (1975) 11/26, 11/27

Leroy "Preach" Jackson (Glynn Turman) and Richard "Cochise" Morris (Lawrence Hilton-Jacobs) are two high school friends coming of age in Chicago's Cabrini-Green housing project. With music teeming with Motown Hitmakers, this Black classic, directed by Michael Schultz (CAR WASH, KRUSH GROOVE), has influenced Spike Lee and John Singleton and has been deemed "culturally, historically, or aesthetically



FRED AND GINGER

TOP HAT (1935) 11/25, 11/27

The best-known of all the Astaire-Rogers musical features. It's a masterful romantic comedy of mistaken identity that also happens to include some of the most sublime dancing ever committed to film, perhaps most memorably in the "Cheek to Cheek" duet. Pure entertainment. Screening in 35mm.

FOLLOW THE FLEET (1936) 12/2, 12/4

Astaire and Rogers are reunited in one of their most purely entertaining ventures. Astaire plays a sailor who pines for his old stagedancing partner (Rogers) who is working in a dime-a-dance place. We won't spoil the ending, but there's gonna be some dancing going on.



SPECIAL SCREENINGS

DESCENDANT (2022) 11/2

The Africatown residents in Mobile, Alabama, have shared stories about their origins for generations. Their community was founded by enslaved ancestors who were transported in 1860 aboard the last known and illegal slave ship, Clotilda. Director Margaret Brown's layered contemplation explores the interplay between memory and evidence and the question of how history passes and is preserved. **Director Margaret Brown will be in attendance.**

SIR DOUG AND THE GENUINE TEXAS COSMIC GROOVE (2015) 11/19

A musical master who synthesized country, blues, rock, Tejano, and Western Swing in a potent tornado of creativity, Doug Sahm was also a fascinating person whose story still resonates today. This documentary brings Sir Doug to life again through his music, photos, and interviews with those who knew him best. **Newly released,** with special guests in attendance at the screening.

AUSTRALIAN SHORT FILM TODAY 12/5

This annual traveling program of the best in new Australian short films returns to Austin, featuring emerging talent, festival award winners, and the big names in Australian cinema. **Free Member Monday—free admission for all AFS members.**

BUCK ALAMO with Special Guests (2021) 12/18

Austin acting treasure Sonny Carl Davis essays the title role in Ben Epstein's allegorical filmic "ballad." Buck (real name Eli Cody) is a singing cowboy near the end of his long life who decides to hit the road and make amends. With Bruce Dern in the role of Death. We'll be joined by director Ben Epstein and star Sonny Carl Davis for a special extended Q&A after the film.



AFS AND THE CONTEMPORARY AUSTIN PRESENT

TROUBLE (2019) 12/4

colonialism.

Filmmaker Mariah Garnett travels to Vienna to meet her father David for the first time. Working through her own experience as a queer American artist, Garnett begins to chronicle David's past life as an activist in Belfast in order to understand the conditions of his estrangement from family, country, and cause.

SURNAME VIET GIVEN NAME NAM (1989) 12/12

An essential work of modern feminist cinema in which pioneering film artist Trinh T. Minh-ha establishes a cinematic space for the voices and stories of Vietnamese women past and present, underscoring persistence and female selfhood

THE AFRICAN DESPERATE (2022) 12/3, 12/7

The last day in art school for a Black artist (Diamond Stingily) becomes a real trip as she transitions to the rest of her life. An experimental coming-of-age comedy unlike anything you've ever seen from artist Martine Syms.

A NEW OLD PLAY (2021) 12/30,1/1

Chinese director Qiu Jiongjiong shows us 20th Century Chinese history in microcosm as he takes us through the memories of an elderly performer in a Sichuan theater who is dying and is about to be welcomed into the afterlife. Wars, cultural revolutions, and more are explored in a classically artificial manner using the tools and textures of Chinese opera.



DOC NIGHTS

AMERICAN OCELOT (2022) 1/9

From Ben Masters (DEEP IN THE HEART: A TEXAS WILDLIFE STORY) comes a new film about the rarely seen, endangered American Ocelot. About twice the size of a housecat, these wild cats are shown in their habitat and we learn about conservation efforts to revive the population. **Director Ben Masters in person**.

FREE CHOL SOO LEE (2022) 11/25, 11/30

In 1973, Korean immigrant Chol Soo Lee was wrongly convicted of a murder in Chinatown. The rank injustice of the case galvanized an Asian-American resistance consisting of not only wild-eyed Berkeley radicals, but also respectable business people. This is the compelling story of the man and the movement.

BRAINWASHED: SEX-CAMERA-POWER (2022) 12/1,12/4

Nina Menkes has built a large body of work as an avant-garde narrative filmmaker. Along the way she has also created an audiovisual presentation about the gendered power dynamics of cinema. This is the filmed record of that provocative and eye-opening presentation.

BAD AXE (2022) 12/15-12/18

In the rural town of Bad Axe, Michigan, the Cambodian/Mexican-American Siev family operates a bustling family restaurant that serves the whole town. That is, until Trumpism draws dividing lines between various segments of the populace. Winner of the SXSW 2022 Audience Award for Documentaries.



LIVE SCORE

NOSFERATU with Invincible Czars (1922) 11/2 F.W. Murnau's silent "Symphony of Terror" gets the live score treatment from longtime Austin favorites Invincible Czars with a compelling significant" by the Library of Congress to enter the 2021 National Registry for Film Preservation.

9 TO 5 (1980) 12/3, 12/7

Multitasking scheduling, triplicating, and menial office tasks for shit pay and a slap on the ass? Three ladies have had enough and they want what we all want: a living wage and a whole lotta respect. Jane Fonda, Lily Tomlin, and Dolly Parton star in this ever-enduring comedic showcase of radical politics.

SORCERER (1977) 12/8 - 12/14

This remake of WAGES OF FEAR is a merciless exercise in suspense directed by William Friedkin and propelled into the stratosphere by a pulsing Tangerine Dream soundtrack. Four desperate men are engaged on a suicide mission to bring two truckloads of volatile nitroglycerin through a jungle.

FANTASIA (1940) 12/23 - 12/28

A revolutionary-for-its-time concept: classical music favorites recorded in high fidelity and given visual life by the greatest talents in animation. It was a great idea in its time and it still works. A jaw-dropping movie experience the whole family can enjoy.



NEWLY RESTORED

THE FLOWERS OF SHANGHAI (1998) 12/8-12/11 Four men pursue courtesans and opium amongst the "Flower Houses" of Shanghai. Tony Leung (IN THE MOOD FOR LOVE) stars in director Hou Hsiao-hsien's look at the quiet decadence and cruelty of a vanished era. Screening in 35mm.

SWING TIME (1936) 12/9, 12/11

Considered by many to be the best dance-musical of them all, this is directed by George Stevens, whose light touch perfectly complements the talents of Astaire and Rogers. The dance numbers here seem to toy with the idea of what is physically possible, but it never looks strenuous, always graceful, like a dream. Screening in 35mm.

SHALL WE DANCE (1937) 12/16, 12/18

The most lavish Astaire-Rogers film of them all boasts a story about a high-brow ballet star (Astaire) who falls in love with a tap dancer (Rogers). George and Ira Gershwin provide the music and the dance numbers deftly blend ballet and popular forms. **Screening in 35mm.**



WORLD CINEMA CLASSICS

THE HIDDEN FORTRESS (1958) 11/18-11/22 Akira Kurosawa's adventure epic may be best known today as the blueprint for George Lucas' STAR WARS, but there's far more to the film than that. This is masterful storytelling with exciting action and a rousing performance from Toshiro Mifune as an undercover general. One of the master's greatest works. **Screening in 35mm.**

WILD STRAWBERRIES (1957) 12/23 - 12/28

One of Swedish writer-director Ingmar Bergman's most enduring films. An old man (Victor Sjöström), nearing death, looks back over his life and gains a new understanding about its meaning. **Screening in 35mm.**



HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

THE UMBRELLAS OF CHERBOURG (1964) 12/24 - 12/27

A young French woman (Catherine Deneuve in a star-making role) falls for a young mechanic about to be drafted to war in this colorful romantic musical directed by Jacques Demy with a score by Michel Legrand.

THE THIN MAN (1934) 12/24, 12/25

William Powell and Myrna Loy star as one of the screen's most effervescent couples as they navigate a Christmas in New York and try to solve a murder in this adaptation of Dashiell Hammett's sly, gin-soaked novel. Pure fun.

EYES WIDE SHUT (1999) 12/25 - 12/28

Stanley Kubrick's dark comedy of sex and secrets, starring Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman, garnered mixed reviews upon release, but in the



MODERN MASTERS

DISTANT (2002) 11/14, 11/16

Nuri Bilge Ceylan's breakthrough film shows us a clash of old and new ways of life as a young man from a rural village in Turkey moves in with his sophisticated cousin in Istanbul. A deeply observant and humane work of art. **Free**











