

# tic Film Festival

11th - 14th Sep 2019

**making visible our  
international diversity**

**Thameside Theatre  
Grays  
Thurrock**

<http://ticfilm.com>

## TICKETS

Tickets are reasonably priced per screening  
Advance tickets can be bought online at <http://ticfilm.com>  
Tickets can be purchased in local currency at Thameside Theatre  
on the day of screening

Adults \$6 (about £5)

Under 18s / students \$3 (about £2.50)

Festival Pass \$24 (about £20)

Each child gets a bag of popcorn and a drink



## VENUE

Thameside Theatre | Orsett Road | Grays | RM17 5DX

Please check our website for more information and updates  
<http://ticfilm.com/festival>

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the support of The National Lottery.*

Film Hub

South East ↘



## TIC FILM FESTIVAL 2019

Welcome to the second year of TIC Film Festival.

We have worked closely to reflect our local community, positioning their diversity within the context of the international landscape.

Thurrock has always been a major gateway to London. Our programme echoes this through a range of heritage, documentary, drama and comedy.

We are excited to screen student films of Essex. These are free to attend and a chance to view the work of talented filmmakers of the future.

We are also establishing our first film awards this year along with some insightful panel presentations. And in between are some entertaining events.

Do come along and enjoy yourself!

*The TIC Team*

## PROGRAMME

### WED 11th Sep

**Rafiki** | Kenya | English/Swahili | 83:00  
Dir Wanuri Kahiu | Drama | 2018 | Steven Markovitz | 12A

With beautiful scenes connected through shades of fuchsia and violet, reflecting the femininity of the characters, this gentle film follows the development of love between two young women. Set against the backdrop of the bustling streets of Nairobi, the two very different girls must choose between love and safety

surrounded by insular gossip, local politics and burgeoning maturity. Their magnetic pull draws us into a queer Romeo and Juliet romance, as they try to hide their relationship from their politically opposing fathers.

Directed by Wanuri Kahiu, part of a strong cohort of Kenyan female filmmakers, *Rafiki* was the first Kenyan film to be included in the *Un Certain Regard* section in Cannes in 2018 and was then controversially banned from being shown in Kenya by the Kenya Film Classification Board.

With the support of the BFI, awarding funds from The National Lottery.

### THU 12th Sep

#### STUDENT FILMS Free

Anglia Ruskin University | Shorts in English

**Sons of Mars** Drama set in a WW2 Tank

**Earth and Fire Poetic** Contemplative documentary about artists who work with clay & glass

**Happisburgh: A Call For Defence**

Moving documentary about a village in Norfolk that is being destroyed by sea erosion

**Rebirth** Documentary about a teenager and his recovery from a serious drug problem

**Toilet Club** Comedy about 4 young people who get stuck in a night club toilet overnight

**Pussy Pants - Protesting Trump Visiting the UK**

Documentary about a young female acrobat and performer who performs protest Burlesque

**Woodley on The Run** Documentary about a young musician finding his story (and his life path)

**First** Creative documentary about a race horse trainer

**Seven Pleats** Preparing for an Indian wedding

**Asafo** Dance film inspired by the director's African heritage

**South Essex College** | Shorts in English

**Surveillance** | 12A

Unexpected episode for a couple of surveillance guards

**Permanent** | 12A | A tragic story that follows Chris, a 45 year old surgeon struggling with everyday life. We (the audience) are given an in-depth look into the choices that resulted in an event...

**Bathroom Stall** | 12A

A new take of singing in the bath

## HERITAGE FILMS

**Introduction** - Thurrock Museum

**Thurrock Past & Present** | UK | English | 9:12

R.T.Z Estates | Heritage | Thurrock Museum | undated

**6 Trains in January (3 Variations)** | UK | 5:11

Dir Richard Sandling | Art video | 2019

During January 2019 Richard filmed the view out of his window whilst travelling from Leigh-on-Sea to Benfleet on the C2C line on his phone on six different days at different times of the day.

**The Wrong Side of the M25** | UK | English | 10:20

Dir Santiago Parra | Web Series (Pilot) | Bridge The Moon | 2019

To most people, London is where it's at. The vibrant hub of all things culture, lifestyle and work. But what about just outside the border?

## Around China with a Movie Camera (1900-1948)

UK | 69:00

Various UK/French | Travelogue | BFI National Archive | 2015 | 12

Take a trip back to China in the first half of the 20th century with this programme of extraordinary, rare and beautiful travelogues, newsreels and home movies, screened with a score by composer Ruth Chan. Includes what might be the oldest surviving film to be shot in China, unseen for over 115 years.

## FRI 13th Sep

### INTERNATIONAL FILMS

**Honour Thy Father** | Ireland | English | 15:12

Dir Dylan Carey | Drama | 2019

Jason has always been a religious man but his wife not so much. However after the death of his 11 year old son Jason starts to question his faith leaving him to feel he has no one to turn to in this tragic time in his life.

**Vietnam Aftermath** | USA | English | 30:00

Dir Tom Phillips | Documentary | 2019

The horrors of war never die. The story emerging is not one on the War itself but on the horrors these men and women now face at home. Their story is of the war after the war, rejection, disenchantment, death, nightmares and resiliency. More than 40 years have passed since the official end of the Vietnam War. For years, many veterans of this war refused to talk about their experience. Now, however, as many begin to die out, four Vets that belong to the New Jersey Vietnam Veteran's Memorial have decided to share their stories for the first time. Winner of many international awards.

**My Stretch of Texas Ground** | USA | English | 01:39:36  
Dir Erich Kemp | Thriller | 2019

Islamic warriors, led by the fearsome Abdul Latif Hassan, descend on a small Texas town to assassinate a visiting Senator, but standing in their way is the town's very capable sheriff: Joe Haladin.

**My Theatre** | Japan | Japanese | 19:45  
Dir Kazuya Ashizawa | Documentary | 2018

The man closed the Cinema 55 years ago. Even so, people are coming. The man also put a fire on the projector today. "I will never let it go!" Winner of many international awards.

**The White Arrow** | Germany | English/Russian | 01:21:44  
Dir Jim Kroft | Documentary | 2017

A guitar, a camera and one of history's greatest thresholds - this is the story of discovering creative rebirth through one of the world's great journeys: the Trans Siberian Express. Arriving in St Petersburg with 15,000 miles before him, Jim Kroft thought over Alexander Blok's words "Russia stares at you with hatred and with love".

This is a tale of how a young artist and a vast continent capture each other's imagination, and through the unlikelyst of bonds, reflect something of their own spirits onto one another. "The White Arrow" is a celebration of the DIY attitude, making documentary solo, and the belief that every boundary can be broken down with a curious heart (...and enough of Dmitry's home made vodka)

## BRITISH DIVERSITY FILMS

**The Memory of Ink** | UK | Cantonese/English | 10:57  
Dir Mark Kamara | Action | 2019

The Memory of Ink plays homage to traditional Hong Kong martial arts cinema, with less cutting during the fight scene; slower paced and impressive choreography. Whilst, also utilising contemporary cinematography techniques, highlighting the beauty and brutality of the stunts and fight movements depicted. A strong female protagonist carries the piece through to the epic fight scene, in which she gives her all - as her opponents are not holding back!

**Sandwich** | UK | English | 13:26  
Dir Mingyu Lin | Drama | 2018

Sandwich is for anyone who has ever had to deal with an overdraft; anyone who has ever worked in soul-draining job just to make ends meet; and especially for anyone who has ever got their lunch stolen at work.

**Ruck It!** | UK | English | 10:00  
Dir Kevin DeSena | Documentary | 2019

Putting the "fun into dysfunctional". Mencap's first ever learning disability rugby team. A documentary charting three stories, one team and a camel mascot.

**Happy Days** | UK | English | 13:00  
Dir Andy Hui | Short | 2018

Based on real events. A short film about the CIA involvement in the adult industry in L.A in 1959. Sex, lies and presidents.

**Unexpected Reunion** | UK | Cantonese (Eng subtitles) | 01:14:00  
Dir Horace Chan | Drama | 2019

Elaine, a Hong Kong young lady, travels to London and looks for her sister who has lost contact for many years. She hopes that her sister can return to Hong Kong to see her father even if her sister has fallen out with him many years ago.

**Q&A** – British Diversity filmmakers

## AWARDS CEREMONY

Award Winners of TIC Film Festival 2019

**Kesari** | India | Hindi (Eng subtitles) | 02:40:43

Dir Anurag Singh | Drama | Dharma Productions | 2019 | 15

This highly evocative film follows events leading to the Battle of Saragarhi in 1897 where 21 soldiers of the 36th Sikhs of the British Indian Army held off 6,000–10,000 Afridi and Orakzai Pashtun tribesmen in a heroic last stand.

**Introduction** - Sikhs of Thurrock by Grays Gurdwara

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## DISNEY CLASSIC

**Pocahontas** | USA | English | 01:21:00

Dirs Mike Gabriel, Eric Goldberg | Animation | 1995 | Walt Disney Pictures | U

An English soldier and the daughter of an Algonquin chief share a romance when English colonists invade seventeenth-century Virginia.

## BOLLYWOOD CLASSIC

### Bollywood Dance Taster

**Devdas** | India | Hindi (Eng subtitles) | 03:02:00

Dir Sanjay Leela Bhansali | Bollywood | 2002

Mega Bollywood Pvt Ltd | PG

Considered by many western and Indian critics to be one of the greatest films ever made. Set in the early 1900s, it follows Devdas (Shah Rukh Khan), a wealthy law graduate who returns from London to marry his childhood sweetheart, Paro (Aishwarya Rai). Rejection of this marriage by his family sparks his descent into alcohol and emotional collapse. He seeks comfort with a courtesan (Madhuri Dixit).

### Get To Know

Grays Pathfinders Songs & Music  
Timmy Bodolan Magic Beyond  
Nepalese cuisine

## INTERNATIONAL FILM

**Nai Nabhannu La 5** | Nepal | Nepali (Eng subtitles) | 02:06:09

Dir Bikash Raj Acharya, Samipyaraj Timalsena | Romance | One Time Cinema | 2018

From a young age Neer (Anubhav Regmi) and Sedrina Sharma (Anjana) were in love. However Anjana dies young. Then after many years later Anjana's twin sister falls in love with the older Neer, but Neer isn't interested in her. The film became one of highest grossing Nepalese film of 2018 and 16th of all highest grossing Nepali films.