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KING OF THIEVES

Cert: 15

105 Mins

Friday 1st February at 7.30pm
Thriller/Crime/Comedy

Director: James Marsh

Cast includes: Michael Caine, Michael Gambon, Tom Courtney, Jim Broadbent, Ray Winstone

Based on the Hatton Garden robbery, a group of aging criminals plan a multi-million-pound jewellery heist. Refreshingly the film does not romanticise the aging criminals and they are a pretty unpleasant bunch. They are, however, played by some of Britain's best-loved and most familiar screen actors. Geoffrey McNab in *The Independent* says, "This is a character piece, not an action movie. Its richness lies in the exceptional performances and the very frank and perceptive way in which these small-time crooks' machinations and backstabbing are laid bare".

THE CHILDREN ACT

Cert: 12A

103 Mins

Saturday 2nd February at 7.30pm
Drama

Director: Richard Eyre

Cast includes: Emma Thompson, Stanley Tucci, Fionn Whitehead, Ben Chaplin, Eileen Walsh

Based on the novel by Ian McEwan and adapted by him, this film is dominated by the expressive performance of Emma Thompson, who plays the judge. In the midst of her own marital crisis she must decide whether to impose a life-saving blood transfusion on a teenage Jehovah's Witness with cancer. Tomris Laffley on *Roger Ebert* says, "Richard Eyre's film poses sophisticated questions around family, religion, marriage, law and the delicate boundaries that can or cannot be crossed in each institution".

BLACKKLANSMAN

Cert: 15

135 Mins

Friday 8th February at 7.30pm
Crime/Historical/Drama

Director: Spike Lee

Cast includes: John David Washington, Adam Driver, Topher Grace, Corey Hawkins, Alec Baldwin

This film tells the true story of how a black Colorado police officer managed to infiltrate the Ku Klux Klan in the late 70's. We see him chatting on the phone to the clan's leader passing himself off by adopting a slow southern redneck accent. When attendance at meetings was required he would send a white colleague. "With wit, timing and inventiveness this film doesn't miss a trick," said Nigel Andrews in the *Financial Times* "And with a coda using film of the Charlottesville riots of 2017, it has no shortage of contemporary resonance".

CRAZY RICH ASIANS

Cert: 12A

118 Mins

Saturday 9th February at 7.30pm
Romance/Drama/Comedy

Director: Jon M. Chu

Cast includes: Constance Wu, Michelle Yeoh, Henry Golding, Gemma Chan, Ken Jeong

The story starts in New York, where a woman has no idea that her boyfriend is part of one of the richest families in Singapore. He is one of the country's most eligible bachelors. Thrust into the spotlight, Rachel must now contend with jealous socialites, quirky relatives and something far, far worse - Nick's disapproving mother. Christina Lee in *The Guardian* says, "It's not a movie, it's a movement: Crazy Rich Asians takes on Hollywood". Joe Morgansterne in *The Wall Street Journal* says, "It's the first major studio film in which an Asian filmmaker has told an Asian-American story with Asians in all of the leading roles. The result is hugely enjoyable, and hooray for Hollywood for making it happen".

THE SEAGULL

Wine will be served prior to the performance

Cert: 12A

99 Mins

Friday 15th February at 7.30pm
Drama

Director: Michael Mayer

Cast includes: Elisabeth Moss, Saoirse Ronan, Annette Bening, Corey Stoll, Brian Dennehy

This adaptation of the Chekhov play tells the story of an actor who leaves Moscow to visit her terminally ill brother. The action takes place in a Russian country house, where all of the characters are suffering from some form of unrequited love. David Parkinson in *Empire* says, "Chekhov is notoriously difficult to film and this adaptation boldly taps into the plays mordant wit". Jordan Hoffman in the *Guardian* says "The cast hold our interest with their lively performances... this Seagull deserves a hearty - "huzzah".

THE WIFE

Saturday 16th February at 7.30pm

Wine will be served prior to the performance

Drama

Cert: 15

100 Min

Director: Bjorn Runge

Cast includes: Glenn Close, Jonathan Pryce, Alix Wilton Regan, Max Irons, Christian Slater, Elizabeth McGovern

A previously devoted wife, played by Glenn Close, questions her life after her husband is selected to receive the Nobel Prize for Literature. She herself was once a promising writer, but she suppressed her ambitions to support the career of her preening novelist husband. Tim Robey in The Daily Telegraph says, "The glittering, frozen quality of her performance is mysterious and mesmeric. It gives her a strong chance of making it seventh time lucky at next year's Oscars".

THIS MONTH'S HIDDEN GEM

COLD WAR

Friday 22nd February at 7.30pm

Cert: 15

88 Mins

Romance/Drama

Language: Polish with English sub-titles

Director: Pawel Pawlikowski

Cast includes: Joanna Kulig, Tomasz Kot, Borys Szyc, Agata Kulesza, Cédric Kahn, Jeanne Balibar

This is another film from the Oscar-winning director of *Ida*. It tells the story of a middle-aged leader of a troupe of folk singers who are forced to promote the communist cause. He falls in love with his impulsive lead singer and they are then separated when she defects. Geoffrey Macnab in The Independent says that what makes this film special is "the wonderfully fiery and mercurial performances. The film is beautifully shot in black and white, but there's nothing austere about it".

JOHNNY ENGLISH STRIKES AGAIN

Saturday 23rd February at 7.30pm

Cert: PG

89 Mins

Comedy/Drama

Director: David Kerr

Cast includes: Rowan Atkinson, Olga Kurylenko, Emma Thomson, Ben Miller, Adam James.

In this third episode of the franchise the confident super-spy is called out of retirement to track down a cyber-villain who has been revealing the identity of British spies. He is recruited by the prime minister to catch the perpetrator and to reassure the nation. Robbie Collin in the Telegraph says, "Atkinson remains a preposterously gifted physical comedian. There are a couple of sequences here – one in which he dances after taking an energy pill... that are brilliantly devised". A film for the whole family.

FIRST MAN

Friday 1st March at 7.30pm

Wine will be served prior to the performance

Drama

Cert: 12A

141 Mins

Director: Damien Chazelle

Cast includes: Ryan Gosling, Claire Foy, Jason Clarke, Pablo Schreiber, Christopher Abbott

This gripping US drama follows the life and career of Neil Armstrong and the events leading up to the 1969 moon landing. Oscar winning director Damien Chazelle has managed to humanise this familiar narrative by exploring the idea that for Armstrong the mission was a chance to transcend his grief for the recent loss of his young daughter. Joshua Rothkopf in Time Out says, "the film finds breath-taking visual poetry in the stately progress of the Apollo spacecraft and the pure, desolate lunar landscape". Not to be missed.

A STAR IS BORN

Saturday 2nd March at 7.30pm

Wine will be served prior to the performance

Drama/Romance

Cert: 15

136 Mins

Director: Bradley Cooper

Cast includes: Bradley Cooper, Lady Gaga, Sam Elliott, Andrew Dice Clay, Rafi Gavron

In her first acting role, Lady Gaga plays a dowdy waitress moonlighting as a bar singer. It is here that Cooper's waning country star Jackson Maine first sees her and is transfixed. Joshua Rothkopf in Time Out says, "Against the odds, the pop diva completely convinces as a vulnerable ingenue with a belter of a voice". "Cooper, too, delivers an astonishing performance" says Terri White in Empire, adding "It's a remarkable feat by Cooper, who also plays guitar and sings and wrote the script".



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