

Heartland Film Society at the Birks

Programme February to July 2020



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At The Birks Cinema Aberfeldy



09 February

The Silence of Others

This award-winning documentary follows victims and survivors of Franco's 40-year dictatorship as they pursue a lawsuit, fighting state-imposed amnesia and refusing to let past crimes stay buried when many perpetrators - and the suffering they caused - live on.

2018 Spain/France/Canada/USA 95 min Dir: Robert Bahar, Almudena Carracedo,
Executive Producers: Pedro & Agustin Almodóvar Cert PG

23 February

For Sama

Journalist Waad al-Kateab documents life during president Bashar al-Assad's repressive regime in Aleppo. As the conflict escalates, she falls in love, marries and gives birth to Sama. Should she flee the city to protect her daughter or stay to fight for the freedom she believes in?

2019 UK/Syria 100 min Dir: Syria Waad al-Kateab, Edward Watts Cert 18

08 March

Maiden

In 1989 Tracy Edwards faced down opposition and derision to skipper Maiden, with an all-female crew, in the Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race. Original footage and recent interviews make for enthralling viewing even for those with no knowledge of sailing.

2019 UK 97min Dir: Alex Holmes Cert 12A

12 April

Roma

This intimate family drama, drawn from Cuarón's own childhood in 1970s Mexico, is a triumphant blend of tragedy, comedy and absurdity. When newly pregnant Cleo is abandoned by her husband, her home-help Sofia invites her to join a family holiday.

2018 USA/Mexico 135 min Writer-director: Alfonso Cuarón Cert 15

10 May

The Souvenir

In the early 80's a shy but ambitious film student trying to develop her own artistic vision falls into an intense relationship with a charismatic but untrustworthy older man. A gem of a film featuring real-life mother and daughter Tilda Swinton and Honor Swinton Byrne.

2019 UK/USA 120 min Writer-director: Joanna Hogg Cert 15

14 June

Nancy

Nancy, a lonely fantasist and creator of imaginary identities on the internet, spots on TV an updated image of a little girl who disappeared 30 years ago and contacts the parents. Her resemblance to the picture is remarkable - is she or is she not their missing child?

2018 USA 85min Writer-director: Christina Choe Cert 12

12 July

La Vérité

Sparks fly when an ageing French diva (Deneuve), who's just written her autobiography, is visited by her daughter and family. A sharp and funny battle of wits ensues as Lumir (Binoche) takes issue with her mother's version of the past and family relationships.

2019 France/ Japan 106 min Writer-Director: Hirokazu Koreeda

Tickets and information from www.birkscinema.co.uk Tel: 01887 822845

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www.heartlandfilmsociety.org.uk