

## Number 8

# Summer 2024 Programme

## Welcome

Hoorah! Summer is on the way. PODS will be bringing you the fabulous **Priscilla: Queen of the Desert**, there's live music from one of the UK's finest dance bands **Pasadena Roof Orchestra**, and the opportunity to delve into one woman's fascinating history with **'Flo' Smith - Now & Then**.

Event cinema screenings include **Andrea Chénier** live from the Royal Opera House, and the smash-hit musicals **Titanic**, **42nd Street** and **Kinky Boots**.

Summer films range from British comedy mockumentary **Swede Caroline** to hard hitting drama **Monkey Man**, and crowd pleasers **The Fall Guy** and **Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes**. There's also Francis Ford Coppola's classic **One From the Heart** on the big screen, plus a great line up of foreign language films with free **Language Cafés** in The Foyer prior to selected screenings.

Children will be entertained by the delightful theatre production **Woodland Tales with Granddad**, screenings including **IF** and **Despicable Me 4**, and a **Minions & Movers Dance Workshop**.

Even if the weather disappoints, our season of films, activities and events surely won't!

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Emma Bangham, Programme Manager

## The Foyer

**Sip & Sketch** Thu 13 Jun, Thu 11 Jul, Thu 15 Aug, 1.00 - 4.00pm

Drop in any time on these informal afternoons to sketch a 'still life' whilst socialising and enjoying a cuppa. Whether you're a keen artist or absolute beginner, everyone is welcome. Admission free.

**Language Cafés** French - Thu 13 Jun, 1 Aug & 29 Aug;  
German - Thu 4 Jul; Italian - Thu 25 Jul, 6.30pm

Practice your language skills by chatting and mingling in a friendly environment. Whether you're a beginner or multilingual, everyone is welcome! Admission free.

See our film listings for tie-in screenings at 7.30pm on these evenings.

**Foyer Folk: Hennessee** Sat 15 Jun - 8.00pm

Malvern-based folk-rock band Hennessee mix a dash of funk, a pinch of European folk and a sprinkle of rock and roll to create a sound that's both familiar yet delightfully novel. Fronted by the songwriting wizardry of Anna Watts, Hennessee blend genres seamlessly, delivering raw energy and heartfelt lyrics in their enthusiastic live shows. £12

**Sing-Along in The Foyer** Fri 5 Jul - 8.00pm

Join us for a fun sing-along, where we raise our voices and a glass or two as we sing a variety of songs. Lyric sheets provided. Open to all - no singing ability required! Admission free.

**Foyer Folk: Songs of the Folk** Sat 20 Jul - 8.00pm

Songs of the Folk, A.T. and Lauren Cason, are seasoned American folk-blues performers with original songs that harken back to American South roots music and folk revival artists of the Northeastern US. The duo's passion and joy for sharing their songs live is palpable as their voices weave around each other, supported by A.T.'s own brand of fingerstyle played on his 1935 Gibson. £12

**Foyer Folk: Julie July Band Acoustic** Sat 17 Aug - 8.00pm

Julie July (vocals), Dik Cadbury (vocals, guitar), Caley Groves (vocals, guitar) and Carol Lee Sampson (vocals, keyboard) perform a dreamy mix of folk, rock and blues songs from their critically acclaimed albums Lady of the First Light and Wonderland, plus tracks from their latest album Flight of Fancy, and more. £12

## Events

### **Pershore Operatic & Dramatic Society presents Priscilla: Queen of the Desert**

Get ready for an unforgettable summer show packed with glitz, glamour, and the cast of PODS as you've never seen them before! Join Bernadette, Tick and Adam on an Australian outback road trip of self-discovery filled with comedy, friendship and fabulousness.

This iconic jukebox musical boasts dazzling dance routines, stunning costumes, and a sensational soundtrack featuring disco hits including 'Hot Stuff', 'I Will Survive', 'Girls Just Wanna Have Fun', 'It's Raining Men', and more. Don't miss this electrifying ride of a lifetime!

Tickets selling fast - advanced booking recommended.

Book by Stephan Elliott and Allan Scott. Developed for the stage and originally directed by Simon Phillips.

**Monday 3 - Saturday 8 June, 7.30pm**

Tickets: Mon £12, Tue - Thu £14, Fri & Sat £16

### **Andrea Chénier Live from the Royal Opera House**

At a glittering party in 18th-century Paris, the poet Andrea Chénier delivers an impassioned denunciation of Louis XVI. Five years later, the Revolution has given way to the Terror, transforming the power balance between Chénier, his beloved Maddalena, and Gérard, the man who could destroy him...

Jonas Kaufmann headlines David McVicar's spectacular staging, under the baton of long-time collaborator Antonio Pappano - who conducts Giordano's epic historical drama of revolution and forbidden love in his last production as Music Director of The Royal Opera.

A co-production with China National Centre for Performing Arts, Beijing and San Francisco Opera.

**Tuesday 11 June - 7.15pm**

Tickets: £17, Seniors £16

3hrs 15 mins (inc. interval)

**Exhibition on Screen:  
My National Gallery**

One of the world's greatest art galleries, The National Gallery is full of masterpieces, an endless resource, an endless source of stories. But whose stories are told? Which art has the most impact and on whom?

This film gives voice to those who work at the gallery - from cleaner to curator, security guard to director - who pick the one artwork that means the most to them and share the reason why. An assortment of people from all walks of life who have a strong connection to the gallery, plus some celebrity art lovers, make choices. Their heart-warming and surprising stories are used as a lens through which to explore the 200-year history of The National Gallery and what the future may hold.

Directed by Phil Grabsky and Ali Ray.

**Tuesday 18 June - 7.00pm**

Tickets: £12, Students £10

1hr 30mins

## **Titanic The Musical**

### **Recorded at the New Victoria Theatre, Woking**

Based on the real people aboard the most legendary ship in the world, *Titanic The Musical* is a stunning and stirring production focusing on the hopes, dreams and aspirations of the passengers who each boarded with stories and personal ambitions of their own. Innocently unaware of the fate awaiting them, the Third Class immigrants dream of a better life in America, the Second Class imagine they too can join the lifestyles of the rich and famous, whilst the millionaire Barons of the First Class anticipate legacies lasting forever.

With music and lyrics by Maury Yeston and a book by Peter Stone, *Titanic The Musical* is the winner of five Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

### **Wednesday 26 June - 7.00pm**

Tickets: £16, 16 & under £10 (Friends £1 discount)

2hrs 40mins (inc. interval), cert 12A

## **'Flo' Smith - Now & Then**

The wonderful true story of a remarkably normal woman - Florence 'Flo' Smith - performed live on stage by Ursula Mohan.

It's 1969 and a woman looks back on her life in London. From the Boer War to The Summer of Love, Flo Smith, daughter, sister, wife, mother, widow and grandmother recalls with horror, humour, tears and joy those turbulent times at home and in the world beyond her front door.

Written and directed by Christopher Saul, this play is based on his book of the same name, taken from the audio recordings he made of his grandmother, Flo Smith. Flo told of her Victorian childhood, her marriage to a young man who was wounded in WWI, her struggle to feed her children in the 1930s, and her experiences of the London Blitz. Produced by Giles Shenton.

**Thursday 27 June - 7.30pm**

Tickets: £12

1hr 40mins (inc. interval)

### **Pasadena Roof Orchestra**

It's hard to believe, but the Pasadena Roof Orchestra are celebrating 55 years of touring and playing live music from the 1920s and 1930s. The recipe for their longevity is quite simple ... staying true to the original sounds that were produced nightly by the resident bands in some of the first-class hotels pre-war, and in the jazz clubs of New York and beyond.

Pasadena's live show features lovingly recreated orchestrations of melodies from the Great American Songbook composers such as Irving Berlin and George Gershwin. Also represented are hot tunes from the likes of Duke Ellington and Fletcher Henderson plus classic British dance band arrangements from Ray Noble and Lew Stone. Hosted with humour by vocalist and band leader Duncan Galloway, who is never short of an anecdote or two!

**Saturday 13 July - 7.30pm**

Tickets: £27

2hrs (inc. interval)

## **Pickled Image & Hattie Naylor present Woodland Tales with Granddad**

Something is happening in the woods, voices can be heard, and a strange metallic smell fills the air. Machines are gathering at its edge and a mysterious call is heard across the valley. Laura the ladybird, Jeffrey the spider, Brett the woodlouse and Willoughby the woodpecker are worried. Velda the vixen knows there's only one person who can help them - Granddad. But is there enough time? Can they save the wood? And will the mysterious stranger help?

Featuring a cast of extraordinary puppets, this uproarious family show not only entertains, but has an important and timely environmental message to share.

Directed and devised by Emma Williams. Written by Pickled Image and Hattie Naylor. Supported by Arts Council England Lottery Fund.

**Saturday 27 July - 2.00pm**

Tickets: £10, 16 & under £7

1hr, suitable for age 3+

## **42nd Street The Musical Recorded at the Theatre Royal Drury Lane**

The legendary Broadway musical theatre classic *42nd Street* is a "glorious" (*Express*) and "utterly moreish extravaganza of glitz" (*The Times*). Telling the story of Peggy Sawyer, a talented young performer with stars in her eyes who gets her big break on Broadway, this is the largest ever staging of the Tony Award-winning musical and it was filmed live at the magnificent Theatre Royal in the heart of London's West End.



Starring national treasure Bonnie Langford as Dorothy Brock and featuring iconic songs '42nd Street', 'We're In The Money' and 'Lullaby Of Broadway', this is pure musical magic on the big screen.

**Friday 2 August - 7.00pm; Saturday 17 August - 2.00pm**

Tickets: £16, 16 & under £10

2hrs 24mins (inc. interval), cert PG

### **Pershore Jazz on a Summer's Day**

Britain's top jazz musicians join us live on stage to present classic jazz from the 20s, 30s and 40s.

Each session reveals a different scintillation from the music scene of the era. 'Around Five Pennies' recalls the Red Nichols bands, which sometimes featured swing legends Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman and Jimmy Dorsey, whilst 'The Spanish Tinge' will illustrate the influence of Latin rhythms. Next up, 'Red Hot Pepper Stomp' owes its content to Jelly Roll Morton, 'Music of the Jazz Age' is high-octane Dixieland, and 'Playing with Strings' gives exposure to the little-known Dallas String Band from Texas.

The finale - 'Rhythm is Our Business' - highlights the best of the swing era big bands from the U.S. and Britain. All compered by classic jazz devotee Jonathan Holmes from BBC Bristol.

This event is a private hire.

**Saturday 10 August, 2.00 - 5.00pm & 7.30 - 10.30pm**

Tickets: £52 (day ticket for all six sessions)

**André Rieu's 2024 Maastricht Concert: Power of Love  
Recorded in Vrijthof Square, Maastricht**

André Rieu is ready to blow you away with his new cinema concert. From his picturesque hometown of Maastricht, The King of the Waltz presents a big screen spectacular featuring his world-famous Johann Strauss Orchestra and a cast of hundreds. Against the backdrop of the historic Vrijthof square André will amaze you with iconic film scores, beautiful waltzes, tear jerking ballads and unexpected chart hits.

Don't miss your opportunity to come together with fellow music lovers, friends and family for this sensational concert screening filled with passionate performances and dazzling music.

**Friday 30 August - 7.00pm; Sunday 1 September - 3.00pm**

Tickets: £18 (Friends £1 discount)

**Kinky Boots The Musical  
Recorded at the Adelphi Theatre, London**

*Kinky Boots The Musical* is strutting onto the big screen! Inspired by true events, this huge-hearted hit tells the story of Charlie (Killian Donnelly), a factory owner struggling to save his family business, and Lola (Matt Henry), a fabulous entertainer with a wildly exciting idea. This unexpected pair learn to embrace their differences and create a line of sturdy stilettos unlike any the world has ever seen!

**Friday 6 September - 7.00pm**

Tickets: £16, 16 & under £10

2hrs 12mins (inc. interval), cert 12A

## **PODS 60s Singalong**

Join Pershore Operatic & Dramatic Society for a trip back to the 1960s with a live band, singers and the classic sounds of The Beatles, The Kinks, The Who, Ike & Tina, The Monkees, The Animals and more.

Lyrics will be projected on the screen, so there's no excuse not to sing along. The show is all about joining in, singing and reminiscing, so slip into your winklepickers and prepare to party like it's 1969.

This event is a private hire.

**Saturday 14 September - 2.30pm & 7.30pm**

Tickets: £10

## **Also Booking Now**

**ABBA Sensation**

Saturday 21 September - 7.30pm

**King Pleasure & the Biscuit Boys**

Saturday 5 October - 7.30pm

## Films

**Film Ticket Prices Full Price £9 Concessions £8.50**

**Family Film Offer** Selected films - tickets at discounted prices!

(ST) **Subtitles for those with hearing loss.** (RS) **Relaxed Screenings.** AD))) **Audio Description.**

Relaxed screenings (RS) have an environment adapted to be accessible for those who are neuro-diverse. Details of which films will have audio description AD))) are not always available in advance, please contact us to check.

### **Mothers' Instinct (15)**

Jessica Chastain and Anne Hathaway star as best friends and neighbours who seem to have it all in this psychological thriller set in 60s suburbia. When a tragic accident shatters the harmony of their lives, guilt, suspicion and paranoia begin to unravel their sisterly bond and a gripping battle of wills develops.

**Mon 10 Jun - 11.00am & 7.30pm**

Dir. Benoît Delhomme, 1hr 34mins, AD)))

### **The Origin of Evil (15)**

This stylish thriller stars Laure Calamy as Stephane, an impoverished ex-con who reaches out to her estranged, and incredibly wealthy, father. As Stephane attempts to fit in with her father's extravagant new family, she soon becomes entangled in the suspicion and deceit that lurks within the beautifully appointed mansion by the sea. See p.2 for Thu 13 Jun *Language Café*.

**Thu 13 Jun - 7.30pm; Wed 19 Jun - 2.00pm**

Dir. Sébastien Marnier, 2hrs 3mins, French with subtitles

### **Ordinary Angels (12A)**

Based on a true story, this inspiring drama centres on Sharon (Hilary Swank), a hairdresser in small-town Kentucky who discovers a renewed sense of purpose when she meets Ed, a widower working hard to support his two daughters. With his youngest daughter waiting for a liver transplant, Sharon sets out to help the family. A remarkable tale of faith and everyday miracles.

**Fri 14 Jun - 7.30pm; Mon 17 Jun - 11.00am & 7.30pm (ST)**

Dir. Jon Gunn, 1hr 58mins

### **Monkey Man (18)**

Inspired by the legend of Hanuman, an icon embodying strength and courage, *Monkey Man* stars Dev Patel as Kid, a young man who ekes out a meagre living in an underground fight club. Night after night, wearing a gorilla mask, Kid is beaten bloody by more popular fighters for cash. After years of suppressing his rage, Kid's childhood trauma boils over and he unleashes an explosive campaign of retribution to settle the score with the men who took everything from him.

**Sat 15 Jun - 7.30pm**

Dir. Dev Patel, 2hrs 1min, AD)))

### **Perfect Days (PG)**

A deeply moving and poetic film about finding beauty in the world around us. Hirayama (Kôji Yakusho) seems utterly

content with his simple life as a cleaner of toilets in Tokyo. Outside of his highly structured daily routine he indulges his passion for music, books, and photographing trees. As Hirayama goes about his day-to-day life, a series of unexpected encounters reveal more of his past.

“...an achingly lovely and unexpectedly life-affirming picture.” *The Guardian*

**Thu 20 Jun - 7.30pm**

Dir. Wim Wenders, 2hrs 5mins, Japanese with subtitles

### **Wicked Little Letters (15)**

A 1920s English seaside town bears witness to a farcical, foul-mouthed scandal in this comedy drama. Based on a true story, the film follows two neighbours: deeply conservative local Edith (Olivia Colman) and rowdy Irish migrant Rose (Jessie Buckley). When Edith and fellow residents start receiving wicked letters full of unintentionally hilarious profanities, Rose is charged with the crime. But when the town's women begin their own investigation, they begin to suspect she may not be the culprit after all.

**Fri 21 & Sat 22 Jun - 7.30pm**

Dir. Thea Sharrock, 1hr 40mins

### **That They May Face the Rising Sun (15)**

This beautiful adaptation of John McGahern's last novel captures a year in the life of a rural lakeside community in late 70s Ireland. Writer Joe (Barry Ward) and artist Kate (Anna Bederke) have returned from London to live in a small, close-

knit community in Ireland near to where Joe grew up. A year in their lives and those of their neighbours unfolds through the routines of work, play and the passing seasons. This film is a delicate, meditative exploration of ritual, community bonds, and the question of how best to live.

**Mon 24 Jun - 11.00am & 7.30pm; Tue 25 Jun - 7.30pm**

Dir. Pat Collins, 1hr 51mins

### **The Idea of You (15)**

Based on Robinne Lee's acclaimed novel of the same name, this romantic comedy drama centres on Solène (Anne Hathaway), a 40-year-old divorced mum who begins an unexpected romance with Hayes Campbell (Nicholas Galitzine), the 24-year-old lead singer in the world's biggest boy band. It isn't long before Hayes' superstar status presents challenges to their relationship, and Solène discovers that life in the glare of his spotlight might be more than she bargained for...

**Mon 1 Jul - 11.00am & 7.30pm (ST); Tue 2 Jul - 7.30pm**

Dir. Michael Showalter, 1hr 56mins, AD)))

### **The Teachers' Lounge (12A)**

Carla Nowak (Leonie Beneschi) is a dedicated, idealistic young teacher in her first job at a German middle school. Carla's relaxed rapport with her students is put under stress when a series of thefts occur at the school, and a staff investigation leads to accusations and mistrust among outraged parents, opinionated colleagues, and angry students. Caught in the middle, Carla tries to mediate - but the more she

tries to do everything right, the more desperate her position becomes. See p.2 for *Language Café*.

**Thu 4 Jul - 7.30pm**

Dir. Ilker Çatak, 1hr 39mins, German with subtitles

**Civil War (15)**

A gripping journey across a dystopian near future America from acclaimed author and filmmaker Alex Garland. *Civil War* follows a team of military-embedded journalists as they race against time to reach Washington DC and interview the president before rebel factions descend upon the White House. On an adrenaline-fuelled thrill ride through an America divided into two warring factions, the journalists witness the violence and horrors of war and grapple with the ethics of journalism in a time of crisis. Starring Kirsten Dunst.

**Fri 5 & Sat 6 Jul - 7.30pm**

Dir. Alex Garland, 1hr 49mins

**Close Your Eyes (12A)**

Legendary Spanish filmmaker Víctor Erice returns with this compelling reflection on identity, memory, and filmmaking. The story follows Miguel Garay (Manolo Solo), a filmmaker whose last production was halted when his friend and lead actor Julio Arenas disappeared without a trace. Despite no body being recovered, the police concluded that Julio suffered an accident at a cliff by the sea. Now, after years of living quietly in a seaside village, Miguel sets out to investigate what really happened.



**Thu 11 Jul - 7.30pm; Wed 17 Jul - 2.00pm**

Dir. Víctor Erice, 2hrs 49mins, Spanish with subtitles

### **Swede Caroline (15)**

Dive into the heart of Britain's oddest competition in this quirky crime-comedy mockumentary about the fiercely competitive and eccentric world of giant vegetable growing. When Caroline's (Jo Hartley) prized marrow plants are stolen, her life spirals into chaos so she hires two unlikely private detectives (Aisling Bea and Ray Fearon) to track down the thief. Prepare for a wild ride filled with suspense, corruption, laughter, and an array of quintessentially British locations, from allotments to chip shops.

**Fri 12 & Tue 16 Jul - 7.30pm**

Dir. Finn Bruce & Brook Driver, 1hr 37mins

### **One From the Heart: Reprise (12A)**

This restored classic follows a Los Angeles couple (Teri Garr, Frederic Forrest) whose break-up on the 4th of July leads them both to a night on the strip in pursuit of their romantic fantasies (Raul Julia, Nastassja Kinski). But in this town of gamblers and dreamers should they bet it all on dreams, or give true love another roll of the dice?

With breathtaking design, show-stopping set pieces, stunning photography and bluesy Tom Waits music, this neon explosion of colour, sound and innovation is a cinematic valentine for all film lovers.

**Mon 15 Jul - 11.00am & 7.30pm**

Dir. Francis Ford Coppola, 1hr 34mins, 1981

## **The Bikeriders (15)**

Jodie Comer, Austen Butler and Tom Hardy star in this vivid drama following the rise of a fictional 1960s Midwestern motorcycle club. Kathy (Jodie Comer), a Vandals member who is married to wild, reckless fellow rider Benny (Austin Butler), recounts the club's evolution over the course of a decade. After starting out as a group of outsiders united by good times and respect for their leader Johnny (Tom Hardy), the club becomes increasingly dangerous as the years go by.

**Fri 19 & Sat 20 Jul - 7.30pm**

Dir. Jeff Nichols, 1hr 56mins, AD)))

## **The New Boy (12A)**

This captivating drama set in 1940s Australia tells the story of a nine-year-old Aboriginal orphan (Aswan Reid), who arrives in the dead of the night at a remote monastery run by a renegade nun (Cate Blanchett). The arrival of the 'new boy' unsettles the delicate balance of the monastery, and as his Indigenous spirituality clashes with Sister Eileen's Christian teachings she must make a choice: uphold tradition or embrace what comes next... Featuring a haunting soundtrack from Nick Cave and Warren Ellis.

**Mon 22 Jul - 11.00am & 7.30pm (ST); Tue 23 Jul - 7.30pm**

Dir. Warwick Thornton, 1hr 36mins

## **Butterfly Tale (U)**

A heart-warming animated tale of loveable but clumsy one-winged butterfly named Patrick, who sets out on the journey of a lifetime. Along with his friends - a goofy caterpillar named

Marty, and Jennifer, a butterfly who is afraid of heights - Patrick ventures beyond the boundaries of home and into an ever-changing landscape full of wonder and danger. These unlikely heroes must learn to face their fears, embrace their uniqueness, and triumph over adversity! An uplifting adventure for the whole family. All tickets just £4!

**Tue 23 Jul - 11.00am; Thu 25 Jul - 2.00pm (RS)**

Dir. Sophie Roy, 1hr 28mins

### **La Chimera (15)**

Set in 1980s Tuscany this beguiling drama stars Josh O’Conner (*The Crown, God’s Own Country*) as Arthur, an English archaeologist who falls in with a rowdy band of tombaroli (tomb robbers) to search for Etruscan treasures to sell on the Black market. For the tombaroli, the Chimera is the dream of easy wealth. For Arthur, the Chimera is the woman he lost. In an adventurous journey between the living and the dead, the destinies of these characters unfold as they search for their Chimera. See p.2 for *Language Café*.

“A joyous, masterful work of folk magic.” *Sight & Sound*

**Thu 25 Jul - 7.30pm**

Dir. Alice Rohrwacher, 2hrs 11mins, Italian with subtitles

### **The Fall Guy (12A)**

Colt Seavers (Ryan Gosling) is a stuntman, and like everyone in the stunt community, he gets blown up, shot, crashed, thrown through windows and dropped from great heights - all for our entertainment! When Seavers is called upon to track down a missing movie star he is determined to

unravel the mystery of the disappearance, and win back the love of his life (Emily Blunt) in the process. This, “supremely entertaining” (*The Guardian*) action comedy takes its inspiration from the hit 1980s TV series and promises to be just as much fun as the original!

**Fri 26 & Sat 27 Jul - 7.30pm**

Dir. David Leitch, 2hrs 6mins, AD)))

### **Freud's Last Session (cert tbc)**

In his final days, Sigmund Freud (Anthony Hopkins), a recent escapee with his daughter from the Nazi regime, receives a visit from the formidable Oxford Don, C.S. Lewis (Matthew Goode). As the world sits at the brink of WWII, these two men, two of the greatest minds of the twentieth century, engage in their own personal battle about the future of mankind and the existence of God. Interweaving past, present and fantasy, this imagined meeting of minds bursts from the confines of Freud's study on a dynamic search for truth.

**Mon 29 Jul - 11.00am & 7.30pm; Tue 30 Jul - 7.30pm**

Dir. Matthew Brown, running time tbc

### **Inside Out 2 (cert tbc)**

In the latest animated comedy from Disney and Pixar we return to the mind of Riley, who has just turned thirteen. Joy, Sadness, Anger, Fear and Disgust, who've long been running a successful operation by all accounts, aren't sure how to feel when a new Emotion, Anxiety, shows up. And it looks like she's not alone... This sequel to the 2015 Oscar-winning

*Inside Out* is set to become another family-friendly classic. All tickets £7!

Screenings subject to confirmation:

**Tue 30 Jul - 2.00pm; Thu 1 Aug - 11.00am**

Dir. Kelsey Mann, running time tbc

### **Rosalie (15)**

France, 1870. Rosalie (Nadia Tereszkievicz) is a young woman with a secret ... she was born with a face and body covered in hair. A genuine bearded lady. She's kept her secret safe all her life, until Abel (Benoît Magimel), an indebted bar owner, marries her for her dowry. Now, she no longer wishes to hide. A story of hope and radical self-acceptance, *Rosalie* is a beautiful, bold historical romance inspired by the life of Clémentine Delait, a famous bearded lady from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. See p.2 for *Language Café*.

**Thu 1 Aug - 7.30pm**

Dir. Stéphanie Di Giusto, 1hr 55mins, French with subtitles

### **Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes (cert tbc)**

A new chapter in the Planet of the Apes story set several generations after the death of Caesar. Apes are the dominant species living harmoniously while humans have been reduced to living in the shadows. As a new tyrannical ape leader builds his empire, one young ape undertakes a harrowing journey that will cause him to question all that he has known about the past and to make choices that will define a future for apes and humans alike.

**Sat 3 Aug - 7.30pm**

Dir. Wes Ball, running time tbc

## **IF (U)**

Set your imagination free with this charming fantasy! After discovering she can see everyone's imaginary friends, Bea puts her superpower into action, embarking on a magical adventure to reconnect forgotten IFs with the kids who created them.

Starring Ryan Reynolds and Cailey Fleming, plus a voice cast including Phoebe Waller-Bridge, Louis Gossett Jr., Steve Carell and more as the unique characters that reflect the incredible power of a child's imagination. All tickets £7!

**Tue 6 Aug - 11.00am; Thu 8 Aug - 2.00pm**

Dir. John Krasinski, 1hr 44mins

## **Challengers (15)**

Tashi Duncan (Zendaya), a former tennis prodigy turned coach, makes no apologies for her game on and off the court. Married to a champion on a losing streak (Mike Faist - *West Side Story*), Tashi's strategy for her husband's redemption takes a surprising turn when he must face off against Patrick (Josh O'Connor - *The Crown*) his former best friend and Tashi's former boyfriend. As their pasts and presents collide, tensions - and passions - run high. Tashi must ask herself what it will cost to win.

**Tue 6 Aug - 7.30pm**

Dir. Luca Guadagnino, 2hrs 11mins

## **Lunana: A Yak in the Classroom (PG)**

Another opportunity to enjoy this uplifting drama, set against the spectacular backdrop of the Himalayas. A disillusioned young school teacher is transferred from the city to the most remote school in the world, cut off from modern life deep in the Himalayan glaciers. In a classroom with no electricity, and not even a blackboard, he finds himself with only a yak and a song that echoes through the mountains.

“Uplifting ... explores the true meaning of joy, purpose and connection.” *The Independent*

**Thu 8 Aug - 7.30pm; Mon 12 Aug - 11.00am**

Dir. Pawo Choyning Dorji, 1hr 49mins, Dzongkha with subtitles

## **Back to Black (15)**

The extraordinary story of Amy Winehouse's early rise to fame from her early days in Camden through to the making of her groundbreaking album, *Back to Black*. Told through Amy's eyes and inspired by her deeply personal lyrics, the film explores the many layers of the iconic artist, her wit, honesty and demons, and the tumultuous love story at the centre of the legendary album. Marisa Abela stars as Amy alongside Jack O'Connell, Eddie Marsan and Lesley Manville.

**Fri 9 & Tue 13 Aug - 7.30pm (ST)**

Dir. Sam Taylor-Johnson, 2hrs 2mins

## **The Garfield Movie (U)**

Garfield (voiced by Chris Pratt), the world-famous, Monday-hating, lasagne-loving indoor cat, is about to have a wild

outdoor adventure! After an unexpected reunion with his long-lost father, scruffy street cat Vic (voiced by Samuel L. Jackson), Garfield and his canine friend Odie are forced from their perfectly pampered life into joining Vic in a hilarious, high-stakes heist. A fun, feline animated comedy adventure based on the classic comic strip character. All tickets £7!

**Tue 13 Aug - 2.00pm; Thu 15 Aug - 11.00am**

Dir. Mark Dindal, 1hr 41mins

### **Àma Gloria (12A)**

Six-year-old Cléo (Louise Mauroy-Panzani) loves her nanny Gloria (Ilça Moreno Zego) more than anything. When Gloria suddenly has to resign and return home to Cape Verde to look after her own children, she promises the devastated Cléo that they will see each other again very soon. True to her word, Gloria invites Cléo to spend her summer holiday with her in Cape Verde and when Cléo's father finally agrees they set out to make the most of their summer together.

**Thu 15 Aug - 7.30pm**

Dir. Marie Amachoukeli-Barsacq, 1hr 24mins, French with subtitles

### **The Dead Don't Hurt (15)**

Set on the U.S. frontier in the 1860s this western follows the romance between Vivienne (Vicky Krieps), a fiercely independent French Canadian woman, and Danish immigrant Holger (Viggo Mortensen). Vivienne travels with Holger to his homestead near the town of Elk Flats, Nevada, where they



start a life together. When Holger leaves to fight in the Civil War Vivienne must fend for herself in a place controlled by a corrupt mayor (Danny Huston) and his unscrupulous business partner.

“...sinewy, sombre, handsomely crafted and beautifully shot...”  
*The Guardian*

**Fri 16 Aug - 7.30pm**

Dir. Viggo Mortensen, 2hrs 9mins

### **Bob Marley: One Love (12A)**

Back by popular demand - a vibrant celebration of the life and music of Bob Marley, an icon who inspired generations through his message of love and unity. Discover Bob Marley's powerful story of overcoming adversity and the journey behind his revolutionary music. Starring Kingsley Ben-Adir as the legendary musician, Lashana Lynch as his wife Rita, and James Norton as record producer Chris Blackwell.

**Sat 24 Aug - 7.30pm**

Dir. Reinaldo Marcos Green, 1hr 50mins

### **Despicable Me 4 (cert tbc)**

He's back! Gru (voiced by Steve Carrell), the world's favourite supervillain-turned-Anti-Villain League-agent, returns for an exciting new era of Minions mayhem. In this new chapter Gru has to take his family, including new baby Gru Jr., on the run when criminal mastermind Maxime Le Mal (voiced by Will Ferrell) and his femme fatale girlfriend vow revenge against him. Packed with non-stop action and filled with subversive humour - film fans of all ages are in for a real treat! Tickets £7!

**Tue 27 Aug - 11.00am; Thu 29 Aug - 2.00pm**

Dir. Chris Renaud & Patrick Delage, running time tbc, AD)))

### **The Nature of Love (cert tbc)**

Sophia (Magalie Lépine Blondea), a 40-year-old philosophy professor, is in a relationship with Xavier (Francis-William Rhéaume). A decade has flown by, filled with dinner parties and cultural events shared with middle-class, intellectual friends. But when Sophia meets the handsome builder renovating their chalet, there's instant chemistry. Sophia soon begins to question her choices and assumptions.

“As sharp and perceptive as it is funny.” *Screen International*

See p.2 for Thu 29 Aug *Language Café*.

**Thu 29 Aug - 7.30pm; Wed 4 Sep - 2.00pm**

Dir. Monia Chokri, running time tbc, French with subtitles

### **The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert (15)**

With a contract to perform at a drag show way out in the Australian desert, Tick (Hugo Weaving), Adam (Guy Pearce) and Bernadette (Terence Stamp) journey across the outback in their battered pink tour bus 'Priscilla' encountering a colourful array of characters and adventures along the way.

Join us in The Foyer for a **Priscilla Party** to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> birthday of this cult classic, with disco hits, themed cocktails, and maybe even a few surprises!

**Sat 31 Aug - 7.30pm**

Dir. Stephan Elliott, 1hr 39mins, 1994

## **Gallery**

### **Andy Fergusson - 'Buildings, Landscape & Light'**

Based in the Cotswolds, Andy Fergusson works mainly with acrylics and enjoys bringing fine detail and clarity to his work. This vibrant exhibition is a record of his travels over four decades and celebrates his love of colour and manmade buildings.

**Thursday 23 May - Wednesday 12 June**

### **Pershore Arts - 'Midsummer Dreaming'**

This friendly network of amateur and professional artists returns to Number 8 for their annual exhibition. Featuring work in different media and styles, they will showcase their interpretations of this year's theme - 'Midsummer Dreaming'.

**Thursday 13 June - Wednesday 3 July**

### **Sue Jolley & Jane Ware - 'Colour & Light'**

An exhibition of original artworks inspired by vibrant colours and evocative images observed while travelling in India, the Far East, Africa and America, together with paintings capturing the reflective light of the Cornish coast, atmospheric cityscapes, and Cotswold landmarks.

**Thursday 4 - Wednesday 24 July**

## **Artspace - 'Generative'**

This exhibition reflects the work of several artists. The common factor between them is a real desire to be creative. It features an eclectic mix of work, sometimes with a 'backstory' sometimes with none. In every case being creative means taking risks...

**Thursday 25 July - Saturday 17 August**

## **Helen Clay - 'Acrylic Artistry: Colours in Motion'**

A vibrant collection of graphic and illustrative fantasy work created by British/Dutch artist Helen Clay. Colour is the essence of Helen's work and she loves to experiment with the ever-increasing range of media and pigments available, including acrylic ink and acrylic pens.

**Saturday 24 August - Wednesday 18 September**

## **Crafts**

### **Number 8 Volunteers - 'Not Just Volunteers!'**

A showcase of work from our multi-talented volunteers who enjoy a variety of clever crafts, creating lovely items that make perfect gifts - or maybe even a treat for yourself! Volunteers' crafts are also regularly on display in our *Just After 8* charity shop in Broad St.

**Thursday 25 April - Wednesday 5 June**

### **Pershore Arts - 'The Third Dimension'**

To complement their Gallery exhibition, members of Pershore Arts show their 3D artwork including hand-crafted silver jewellery, ceramic pieces, and more. Pershore Arts is a group of local professional and amateur artists who meet for workshops, visits and exhibitions. Come and enjoy their original collection of unique work.

**Thursday 6 June - Wednesday 17 July**

### **Carly Mustoe - 'A Cacophony of Colour in Silver & Glass'**

Carly, owner of Glassy Silver, creates vibrant and eye-catching wearable art and beautiful, unique pieces of homeware. She loves to share her knowledge of glass with others in fused glass workshops run at her studio in Worcester.

**Thursday 18 July - Wednesday 4 September**

## **Creative Courses**

### **Pop Up Painting: Pablo Picasso**

Join artist Kay Mullett to paint your version of a Pablo Picasso still life. Picasso was an influential Spanish painter who created paintings, sculptures, ceramics, prints and stage sets, and co-founded the Cubist movement.

All art supplies including canvas provided, with Kay on hand to offer advice and guidance.

**Thursday 27 June, 7.00 - 10.00pm**

Cost: £26 (includes a glass of wine/soft drink & nibbles)

### **Minions & Movers Dance Workshop**

A fun dance workshop inspired by the cute characters and music from the *Despicable Me* and *Minions* films as we look forward to *Despicable Me 4* (p.25). Children will explore different dance styles and get creative, working towards an informal short performance for friends and family at the end of the session. Led by dance tutor Amie Morgan.

No dance experience necessary. Suitable for ages 6 - 10.

**Wednesday 7 August, 10.30am - 12.30pm**

Cost: £9

## **Chance to Dance Summer Workshops**

**Dance Yourself Dizzy** Thursday 1 August, 10.00am - 12.00pm

Delve into the decade where DISCO hit the dance floors. Bring out the glitter ball and spin your way around some iconic disco hits. Dressing up optional! Led by Marie Oldaker. £10

**Pick Your Own Playlist** Thursday 29 August, 10.00am - 12.00pm

A summer dance party with a playlist of tracks requested by you and your fellow dancers! Follow simple, fun moves, and dance along with friends old and new. Led by Marie Oldaker. £10

**Gentle Summer Specials** Thursday 1 & Thursday 29 August, 12.30 - 1.30pm

Think all things warm, sunny and bright and join us for one or both of these uplifting hours of gentle, playful, feel-good seated dance. Designed to motivate, enrich and move us; body and soul. Led by Marie Oldaker. £6 per session

## **Chance to Dance Weekly Classes**

Popular exercise-based dance classes for those age 55+. Learn fun routines to music from the past and present in energetic sessions that will increase flexibility, strength and fitness. There is also a **Gentle Chance to Dance** class offering a more relaxed approach to dancing with the majority of the session taking place seated.

These classes are a great way to have fun, meet new friends, and get fit in the process!