

Welcome to our 2023-2024 programme

SFS is an independent voluntary organisation, which aims to give people living in and around Swindon the opportunity to see a wide-ranging programme of international films.

Our film programme for 2023-24 includes some of the best of recent releases on the World Cinema circuit, from multiple prize-winners to little known gems.

All of the films in this brochure will be shown at:

Swindon Arts Centre

Devizes Road, Swindon SN1 4BJ

Films start at 7:45 pm

Box office and bar open from 7:15 pm

Please see the back page for information about SFS membership and admission to films.

You will find more about the films in this programme on our website swindonfilm.org.uk

Please ensure to always check the website for additions or late changes to the published programme!



Membership and Admission

You have to be a member, or the guest of a member, to see films screened by SFS.

You can join as a Season Ticket member or Pay As You Go member.

Type	Membership Fee*	Ticket Price	Concession
Season Ticket	£70	FREE	n/a
Pay As You Go Ticket	£5	£8	£7
Guest	n/a	£10	n/a

*the membership fee is payable annually and must be renewed for each SFS season.

How to join

Just come along to Swindon Arts Centre to join on any SFS film evening – doors open from 7:15 pm, half an hour before films start. For more information, phone the Membership Secretary on 01793 522261, or email membership@swindonfilm.org.uk

Please note that we cannot take advanced bookings or reservations for films in this programme.



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Programme 2023-2024



LUNANA: A YAK IN THE CLASSROOM

6 September 2023

Bhutan | 110 mins | Cert PG | Family/Drama

A trainee teacher's dreams of becoming a singer are interrupted when he is posted to the world's remotest school in the Himalayan Mountain village of Lunana.



THE QUIET GIRL

20 September 2023

Ireland | 95 mins | Cert 15 | Rural/Drama

Ireland, 1981. A quiet, neglected girl is sent away from her dysfunctional family to live with distant relatives in County Waterford for the summer. Living with a middle-aged farming couple, she discovers a new way of living.



UTAMA

4 October 2023

Bolivia | 87 mins | Cert 12A | Drama

In the Bolivian highlands, an elderly Quechua couple has been living the same daily life for years. During an uncommonly long drought, Virginio and his wife Sisa face a dilemma: resist or be defeated by the environment and time itself.



THE BLUE CAFTAN

25 October 2023

Morocco | 120 mins | Cert 12A | Romance/Drama

Halim and Mina run a traditional caftan store in one of Morocco's oldest medinas. They find their relationship turned upside down by the arrival of a handsome new apprentice.



HIVE – Followed by AGM

1 November 2023

Albania | 84 mins | Cert 15 | Drama

Fahrije's husband has been missing since the end of the Kosovan war. She sets up her own business to provide for her children but is opposed by the local patriarchal society.



OFFICIAL COMPETITION

22 November 2023

Spain | 115 mins | Cert 15 | Comedy/Drama

A wealthy businessman hires a famous film-maker and a stellar team to help make a smash hit film. Penélope Cruz is a deadpan dream in this wicked film-world satire.



WINNERS

13 December 2023

Iran | 85 mins | Cert 15 | Family/Drama

In a small Iranian town, the children work hard to support their families. One day nine-year-old Yahya and his friend Leyla find a precious film statue. Sharing a passion for cinema, they decide to find the owner.



JOYLAND

3 January 2024

Pakistan | 126 mins | Cert 15 | Drama

The youngest son in a traditional Pakistani family takes a job as a back-up dancer in a Bollywood-style burlesque and quickly becomes infatuated with the strong-willed trans-woman who runs the show.



BERGMAN ISLAND

17 January 2024

France/USA | 113 mins | Cert 15 | Romance/Drama

A married couple spend a working retreat on the Swedish island of Faro in the Baltic Sea, that inspired Ingmar Bergman, in order to write screenplays for their upcoming films. The lines between reality and fiction start to blur.



BROKER

31 January 2024

South Korea | 129 mins | Cert 15 | Crime/Drama

Ha Sang-hyeon is the owner of a hand laundry and volunteers at the nearby church, where his friend Dong-soo works. The two men run an illegal business together, occasionally stealing babies from the church and selling them on the adoption black market.



ONE FINE MORNING

14 February 2024

France | 112 mins | Cert PG | Romance/Drama

With an ailing elderly father, a young single professional woman lives with her eight-year-old daughter. While struggling to secure a decent nursing home, she runs into an old friend with whom she embarks on an affair.



CAIRO CONSPIRACY

28 February 2024

Egypt | 112 mins | Cert 15 | Spy/Drama

A fisherman's son becomes the pawn for Egypt's political elites in exchange for a place at an Islamic University in Cairo, in this tense spy thriller that challenges religious and secular corruption.



THE NIGHT OF THE 12TH

13 March 2024

France | 115 mins | Cert 15 | Crime/Drama

It is said that every investigator has a crime that haunts them, a case that hurts them more than the others, without them necessarily knowing why. For Yohan that case is the murder of Clara.



ARMAGEDDON TIME

27 March 2024

USA | 115 mins | Cert 15 | Family/Drama

A 12-year-old boy grows up with dreams of becoming an artist. A deeply personal coming-of-age story about the strength of family and the generational pursuit of the American Dream. Stars Anthony Hopkins.



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and start at 7:45 pm
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