

Membership

Membership of the Society is open to everyone aged 16 and over.

Abergavenny Film Society is even better value if you become a full member. Membership costs £38.00 for a season of 14 films (£34.00 for Senior Citizens, £25.00 for Students on production of a union card and Claimants on production of UB40) with no more to pay. You will also receive reduced admission to Brecon Film Society.

Tickets for guests and non-members cost £4.00 (£3.50 for Senior Citizens and £2.50 for other concessions) and are available on the evening of screening provided not all 75 seats are taken by members.

For details contact Carol Phillips on: 01600 780263.

For details of Brecon Film Society, contact Judith Fitton on: 01874 623166.

Aelodaeth

Cynigir i bawb o oedran 16 a throsodd ymaelodi â'r gymdeithas.

Gwerth gwell byth yw mynd yn aelod llawn o Gymdeithas Ffilm y Fenni. Pris aelodaeth yw £38.00 am dymor o 14 ffilm (£34.00 i'r Henoed, £25.00 i'r Myfyrwyr sy'n dangos cerdyn undeb ac hawlwr sy'n dangos UB40), heb ragor i'w thalu. Ceir hefyd fynediad rhatach i Gymdeithas Ffilm Aberhonddu (cysylltir a Judith Fitton: 01874 623166).

Pris tocynnau i'r sawl nad yw'n aelodau neu westeion yw £4.00 (£3.50 i'r Henoed a £2.50 i'r consesiynau eriall) a cheir y rhain ar noson y dangosiad oni chymerir y 75 sedd i gyd gan aelodau.

Am fanylion, cysylltwch Carol Phillips â 01600 780263.

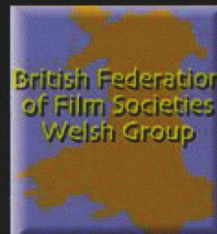
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2006-2007 SEASON

14 Films

Digital Projection

Abergavenny Film Society
06-07
Cymdeithas Ffilm y Fenni

The Wind That Shakes The Barley

21st Mar 2007

Germany/Italy/Spain/France/Ireland/UK (2006)

127 mins

Director: Ken Loach



Ken Loach's uncompromising adaptation of Paul Laverty's story of the struggle for Irish independence in 1920. Damien is a promising doctor but is troubled by the brutality of the

Black and Tans and his deep love and sense of duty to his country. He decides to abandon his career to join his brother Teddy as workers unite across the country to form volunteer guerrilla armies to resist the British. There he enters a dangerous and violent fight for freedom that will test loyalties and family ties. The film won the Palm d'Or at Cannes 2006.

Les Choristes (The Chorus)

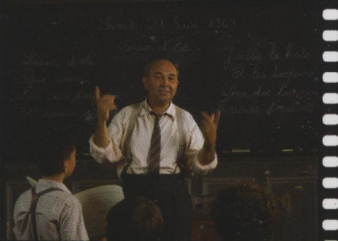
4th Apr 2007

France/Switzerland/Germany (2004) 96 mins

Director: Christophe Barratier



In January 1949, former music teacher Clément Mathieu arrives at a boarding school for orphans and troubled boys. There he finds a severe regime where the boys receive harsh punishment for their faults. When he sees that this treatment is not working, he decides to reach out to the children by teaching the boys to sing. Through his methods he begins to change not only the boys but the lives of the staff and indeed himself. This audience favourite is a heart-warming tale in French with English subtitles.



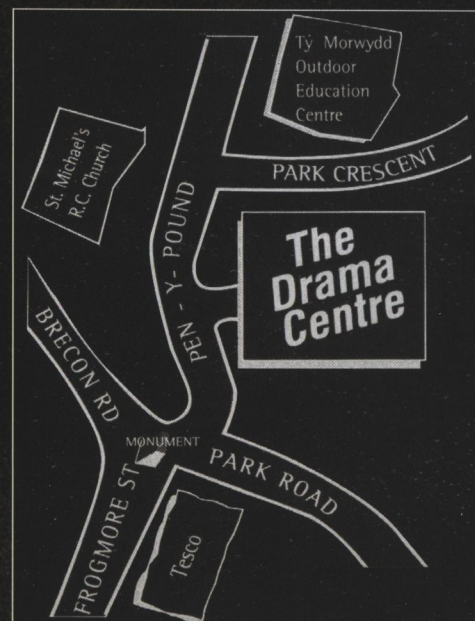
Showings

Films are shown on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm, at the Melville Theatre, Drama Centre, Pen-y-Pound. Coffee is available before the film and during the interval. A bar is available at each showing. Members are guaranteed a seat if they arrive by 7.20pm.

Dangosiadau

Dangosir ffilmiau ar nos Fercher am 7.30pm, yn y Theatr Melville, Ganolfan Ddrama, Pen-y-Pound. Mae coffi ar gael cyn y ffilm ac yn ystod yr egwyl. Mae bar ar gael nawr ym mhob dangosiad. Sicrhedd sedd i aelodau sy'n cyrraedd erbyn 7.20pm.

How to Find us



Diary

2006

- 27th Sept La Marche de l'empereur
- 11th Oct Caché
- 25th Oct Pierrepont
- 08th Nov Les Égarés
- 22nd Nov Paradise Now
- 06th Dec Familia Rodante
- 20th Dec Joyeux Noel

Followed by
Christmas Social

2007

- 10th Jan Voces inocents
- 24th Jan L'Armée des ombres
- 07th Feb Exils
- 21st Feb Tsotsi
- 07th Mar Bin jib
- 21st Mar The Wind That Shakes The Barley
- 04th Apr Les Choristes

Followed by AGM

La Marche de l'empereur (March of the Penguins) 27th Sept 2006

France (2005) 85 mins
Director: Luc Jacquet



Every year, deep in the Antarctic, thousands of Emperor penguins battle against the frigid stormy weather and cross the perilous continent. Here they will nurture a single egg

and raise it to adulthood against all the trials this inhospitable place can bring. This Oscar winning film follows the epic journey of the penguins as they march the hundreds of miles needed to continue their families in a climate too harsh to support any other wildlife on the ice. Narrated by Morgan Freeman.



Caché (Hidden)

11th Oct 2006

France/Austria/Germany/Italy (2005) 117 mins
Director: Michael Haneke



The comfortable life of a talk show host George, and his wife Anne is rudely shattered when they receive a package containing video

footage shot of themselves and their family. Secretly filmed by an unknown sender they are soon followed by disturbing drawings and more intimate and personal content. Left to investigate without the aid of the police, George is gradually drawn into secrets from his past and the security of his life begins to break down. Shot with a static camera and without a music score this film constructs an atmosphere of extreme tension and collected three awards at Cannes including Best Director.



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Paradise Now

22nd Nov 2006

France/Germany/Netherlands/Israel (2005) 90 mins
Director: Hany Abu-Assad



working in menial jobs as mechanics. One day they receive a message that sets in motion what might be the last 48 hours of their lives. They have been told to go into Israel and blow themselves up.

In the crushing poverty of the Palestinian West Bank City of Nablus, childhood friends Saïd and Khaled pass their time drinking tea and



However, when things go wrong, and they are forced to separate at the Israeli border, their stories unfold in different ways. In Arabic with English subtitles.

Familia Rodante (Rolling Family)

6th Dec 2006

Argentina/Brazil/France/Germany/Spain/UK (2004) 103 mins
Director: Pablo Trapero



road in this enchanting and upliftingly comic road movie. Along the way, old passions and enmities re-ignite as they travel through the beautiful landscapes and countryside of Argentina.



Trapero's keen camera eye and patient work draw out enchanting performances from a non-actor cast. He weaves his narrative around everyday events imbuing a magical feel into this heart-warming comedy. In Spanish with English subtitles.

Family chaos ensues when a wedding invitation inspires a grandmother to take her family to the wedding. Four generations of the family squeeze into a broken-down mobile home and hit the

L'Armée des ombres (Army in the Shadows)

24th Jan 2007

France/Italy (1969) 145 mins
Director: Jean-Pierre Melville



This recently released and restored classic from Jean-Pierre Melville is an adaption of Joseph Kessel's



wartime novel. This is the haunting and sombre account of a group of mainly middle aged resistance fighters in Occupied France during World War Two. It spans a four-month period in the activities of a underground cell headed by engineer Phillipe Gerbier. Without melodrama, Melville depicts the fears, rigours and austerity of the residence where they struggle to



avoid capture and eliminate informants in their own ranks. Both Melville and Kessel belonged to this "Army of Shadows". In French with English subtitles.

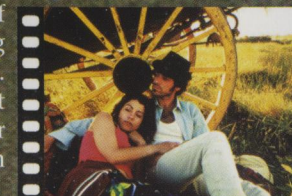
Exils (Exiles)

7th Feb 2007

France/Japan (2004) 104 mins
Director: Tony Gatlif



France colonised Algiers. The lovers travel from Paris making new friends along the way. The couple delight in their freedom and, surrounded by music, undergo a spiritual awakening as they experience the delights of the sounds and sights of cultures of migrating travellers and exiles. Tony Gatlif won best Director at Cannes for Exiles. With English subtitles.



(The Last Hangman)

25th Oct 2006

UK (2005) 90 mins
Director: Adrian Shergold



Timothy Spall gives a powerful performance as Albert Pierrepont in this true life drama of Britain's most famous executioner. In 1930s London, Albert rises to the top of his forefather's trade, the master hangman; sending to the gallows some of the most notorious murderers and Nazi war criminals. Living a double life as a family man and grocery delivery man, Pierrepont handles both his roles with sensitivity. But when the press destroy his anonymity, and public opinion swings against capital punishment, Albert has to re-evaluate his morals and role as an executioner.

**Les Égarés
(Strayed)**

8th Nov 2006

France/UK (2003) 95 mins
Director: André Téchiné



In June 1940 the German forces are advancing on Paris. There is widespread panic in the city; Odile, a recently widowed mother, succumbs to this and joins the exodus south with her two children. When a German plane attacks the refugees, Odile and the children are left with nothing. Then a mysterious youth appears, seventeen year old Yvan, and leads them away into the forest. They come upon an abandoned property where they find temporary respite from the war. In this isolation Yvan awakens Odile's desire. In French with English subtitles.

**Joyeux Noel
(Merry Christmas)**

20th Dec 2006

France/Germany/UK/Romania (2005) 116 mins
Director: Christian Carion



On Christmas Eve in 1914 in the trenches of Northern France the bloodiest war in human history is well under way. Soldiers from Scotland, France and Germany have been fighting in trenches barely 100 metres apart. This day, however, witnesses a unique act of fleeting brotherhood. Soldiers from each side put down their weapons and meet in No Man's Land to share wine, food, exchange photographs and memories and even partake in a game of football in the snow. Based on a true event. In French, German, English and Latin.

**Voces inocentes
(Innocent Voices)**

10th Jan 2007

Mexico/USA/Puerto Rico (2004) 120 mins
Director: Luis Mandoki



Based on a true story of Luis Mandoki's embattled childhood. This is a poignant tale of Chava, an 11-year-old boy, who finds he has to grow up quickly in war-torn El Salvador. At the age of 12 the government will come to conscript him to fight in their war against the peasant guerilla forces. Chava finds himself in a race against time as the impossible choice of joining the rebels or the army grows ever closer. An unflinching look at a child's life in the centre of a brutal struggle. In Spanish with English Subtitles.

**Tsotsi
(Thug)**

21st Feb 2007

UK/South Africa (2005) 94 mins
Director: Gavin Hood



In the ghetto language of Johannesburg, Tsotsi means 'Thug' or 'Gangster'. This Oscar winning film is set in the sprawling township of Soweto. It traces 6 days in the life of the titular character, a ruthless gang leader. Tsotsi's life is one of violence and theft for which he feels no remorse. Then, one day, he steals a car with an infant on the back seat. This infant brings up memories of his own terrible childhood and a powerful realisation begins to dawn on him. A gripping and evocative drama. In Afrikaans and Tsotsi-Taal with English subtitles.

**Bin jib
(3 Iron)**

7th Mar 2007

South Korea/Japan (2004) 88 mins
Director: Ki-duk Kim



Tae-suk is a drifter who enters strangers' houses, when they are away, to sleep and eat a little food. He repays their unwitting kindness by doing the laundry and making small repairs. His life, however, is to change when he enters the house of a beautiful young woman who is imprisoned by her abusive husband. Each sees a similarity in the soul of the other; for in their separate ways both are invisible to the world. Now, bound by this connection, fate sets them toward a new destiny. In Korean with English subtitles.

