

Family Fun at BFI Southbank February - April 2010



FILM FUNDAY

CITV Funday: The Best of CITV

Come along and enjoy the very best of CITV at BFI Southbank. Enjoy an exclusive first look at episodes of *Horrid Henry* and *Emu*, who are up to their old tricks as usual – plus some unmissable CITV classics from *Pocoyo* and *Bookaboo*. There will also be a chance to meet Jamie and Anna from *Toonattik* as well as Emu and Bookaboo - so don't miss this chance to view the very best of children's TV at BFI Southbank this February.

Sun 28 Feb 14:00 NFT1

CITV Workshop

Enjoy an amazing opportunity to create your very own CITV mini mascot. With our resident BFI experts and help from the CITV team you can bring your mascot to life through our stop frame animation workshop where kids can design, make and see their very own animation. Inspired by some of CITV's best known characters, this TV-tastic workshop is packed full of competitions and amazing prizes

Sun 28 Feb 12:00 Main Foyer

World Public Premiere: *Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang*

The Mayor of London presents the very first London Film Day with the World Public Premiere of *Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang*. Oscar-winner **Emma Thompson** returns as the magical nanny who appears when she's needed the most and wanted the least, to help a mother struggling to run the family farm, in the next chapter of the hilarious and heart-warming fable.

Sun 21 Mar 14:00 NFT1 See www.bfi.org.uk/londonfilmday for all venue and ticket info



MAYOR OF LONDON



London Film Day Funday Workshop

Bring your children to this fun moving image workshop and celebrate the magic of Nanny McPhee and all things film! From modelling and animation techniques to story-telling, storyboarding and drawing, this is a chance for your children to explore their favourite things about film and capture them in their own miniature film or story.

Sun 21 Mar 12:00 Foyer

Mad Hatter's Film School

During the Easter holidays we'll be running the **Mad Hatter's Film School**, a chance for 9 - 13 year olds to encounter the surreal world of **Alice...** From Tuesday 6th April to Friday 9th April there will be a choice of workshops and screenings good enough to entice anyone to leap into the rabbit hole! The workshops will consist of different activities including: composing soundtracks to the 1903 silent version, designing, making and animating puppets à la **Jan Svankmajer** and, most exciting of all, recreating the dizzying changes in scale that feature in the novel and all the films - with a custom built mini set and green screen technology. Each afternoon we'll screen a classic Alice film: Svankmajer's dark animated tale, the 1950s Disney take, **Jonathan Miller's** BBC version, and of course the new retelling by **Tim Burton**.



The Big Puffin Birthday Workshop

Help us to launch a celebration of 70 spectacular years of Puffin at BFI Southbank. Puffin is the No1 children's publisher in the world, so this month we'll be asking you to come along with your favourite book and get ready to transform it into your very own film - just like *The Railway Children*. With help on hand from film professionals and writers, we'll help you to create a script, characters and a storyboard which you can act out in front of a camera to turn your favourite scene from a book into a real movie! **Sun 11 Apr 11:30 Foyer**



The Railway Children

To celebrate the 40th birthday of this classic film and 70 years of Puffin books, we are delighted to present this newly remastered digital print of E Nesbit's sumptuous Victorian tale which sees a wronged family forced to move from London to Yorkshire, where they experience a new life with hardship and adventure dished out in equal measure.

UK 1970 Dir Lionel Jeffries With Jenny Agutter, Bernard Cribbins, Sally Thomsett 109min Digital U

Sun 11 Apr 13:30 NFT1 We hope to welcome some special guests to this anniversary screening

MOVIE MAGIC

February

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Burton's candy-coloured adaptation of Roald Dahl's much-loved children's classic with Depp as a creepy, germophobic Willy Wonka, and ingeniously designed sets obviating the need for CGI.

USA 2005 Dir Tim Burton With Johnny Depp, Freddy Highmore 115min PG

Tue 16 Feb 11:00 NFT2 - Parent & Toddler screening

Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl

The first and definitely the best of these swashbuckling epics introduces us to Johnny Depp as Captain Jack Sparrow, the off-centre anti-hero with more than a few skeletons in his closet. Who needs a story when it's already stuffed with pirates, sea battles, romance, ghosts and buried treasure.

USA 2003 Dir Gore Verbinski With Johnny Depp, Keira Knightley, Orlando Bloom 143min 12A

Sat 20 Feb 13:30 NFT3

March

Mia and the Migou *Mia et le Migou*

Mia is a determined and good-natured girl who sets out to find her father, trapped in a vast and beautiful forest. En route, she meets the Migou, creatures who protect a special tree that holds the key to the balance of life. The tree is under threat and Mia must do her best to save it.

France 2008 Dir Jacques-Remy Girerd 92min EST

Sat 6 Mar 14:00 NFT2, Sun 7 Mar 16:00 NFT2

Brendan and the Secret of Kells

Young Brendan finds himself an unlikely hero when he leaves the safety of his home to complete the Book of Kells. With war-hungry vikings and a serpent god standing in his way, Brendan is forced to confront his worst fears with the help of a fairy wolf-girl named Aisling. This award-winning animation is a visual treat.

Ireland 2009 Dir Tomm Moore With voices of Evan McGuire, Mick Lally, Brendan Gleeson 75min

Sat 13 Mar 14:10 NFT3, Sun 14 Mar 16:20 NFT2

April

Star Trek III: The Search for Spock

With the USS Enterprise set to be decommissioned and Spock's living spirit being carried within a member of the crew, Kirk is left with the dilemma of whether to carry out orders or to make an ill-advised trip to the planet Genesis in order to search for his lost friend.

USA 1984 Dir Leonard Nimoy With William Shatner, DeForest Kelly, James Doohan 105min PG

Sat 3 Apr 13:30 NFT3

Cars

An opportunity to come and watch the astonishing animated antics of shiny racing car Lightning McQueen and his rusty pick-up truck pal Mater, and their adventures in Radiator Springs, a neglected town off the beaten track. Paul Newman (whose career we celebrate this month) more than makes his mark as Doc Hudson, the 1951 Hudson Hornet who represents both the law but also a touch of sanity to the eager-to-impress automobile residents of the town.

USA 2006 Dir John Lasseter With voices of Owen Wilson, Paul Newman, Bonnie Hunt 117min PG

Sat 10 Apr 15:40 NFT3

The Magic Garden

A chance for families to take part in our South African cinema programme. *The Magic Garden*, a light-hearted tale of stolen money that keeps passing from hand to hand, bringing fortune on those it passes by, moves at a licking pace. Shot on location in the sprawling shanty town of Alexandra, gives a valuable picture of segregated township life in the 50s.

+ **Christmas with Granny** (SA 1999 Dir Dumisani Phakathi 26min) On a train journey to see his evangelical Christian granny, young Madlozi meets a cross section of South Africa. A gentle, magical short.

South Africa 1950 Dir Donald Swanson With Dolly Rathebe, Victor Cwai 63min PG

Sat 17 Apr 16:10 NFT3

Her Majesty

This outstanding and rarely seen gem tells the story of 13-year-old Elizabeth, a girl who befriends an old Maori woman who has been ostracised by the local community in their small town in New Zealand during the early 1950's. The announcement that the young Queen Elizabeth II is to visit from the UK brings out the worst snobbery in some of the locals but also offers an opportunity for some of the town's problems to be addressed and for something joyful to occur.

New Zealand 2001 Dir Mark J Gordon With Sally Andrews, Mark Clare, Anna Sheridan 105min PG

Sat 24 Apr 13:30 NFT3

Screenings for adults with young children

Our *Parent & Baby* screenings are especially for parents and guardians with under-2s in tow. You can watch the film without worrying about noise coming from the audience. *Parent & Toddler* screenings are for parents and guardians with under-5s. These are always family-friendly titles.

Parent & Baby Screening:

Bright Star - Tue 2 Mar 11:00 NFT2

Psycho - Tue 13 Apr 11:00 NFT2

Parent & Toddler Screening:

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory - Tue 16 Feb 11:00 NFT2

Alice in Wonderland (1949) - Tue 9 Mar 11:00 NFT2

Cars - Tue 20 Apr 11:00 NFT2

Admission is only for adults accompanied by a baby/toddler. Tickets £2 (babies/toddlers go free)

Special menu at benugo Why not make a day of it and enjoy a roast at benugo bar & kitchen with a specially tailored children's menu including kiddies' cocktails and lunch boxes. Call benugo to pre-order on 020 7401 9000.

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Booking information

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