

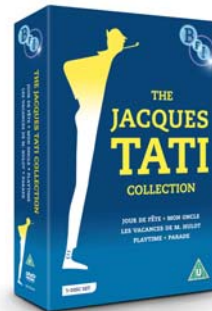
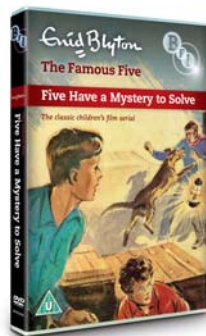


PRESS RELEASE

**The BFI has the ultimate Christmas treats for film lovers
BFI Gift Membership**

**Charlie Chaplin, Tintin, Tati and the Famous Five on DVD
Iconic and rare film posters and film gifts**

**Tron: Legacy, A Christmas Carol and The Polar Express in 3D at BFI IMAX
It's a Wonderful Life at BFI Southbank**



The **BFI** is sprinkling its film magic over Christmas this year, keeping film lovers in the festive mood for the whole season with gifts and film experiences for everyone and the ultimate present for film lovers – year long BFI membership. Nothing says Christmas like the big screen, and BFI IMAX has the biggest, featuring *Tron: Legacy*, *Polar Express* and *A Christmas Carol*, all in IMAX 3D. While at BFI Southbank combine the ultimate Christmas film *It's a Wonderful Life* with a festive feast at benugos restaurant. Gifts galore include incredible DVDs, hard-to-find books, film merchandise and iconic posters.

- **BFI Gift Membership** is an exclusive pass to the world of film and the ideal gift for film fans. Indulge your film-loving friends and family with a BFI Gift Membership giving them a unique chance to get closer to the films they enjoy and the people who make them. **£40.00 for one year.**

BFI Membership offers all this: Priority booking for films, events and festivals at BFI Southbank / Free screenings at BFI Southbank twice a month (Members can apply for up to two tickets, one of which is free) / BFI Southbank Guide delivered to your door / Invitations to Members' events / Ticket discounts at BFI Southbank and BFI IMAX / 20% off BFI products, 10% off everything else at BFI Filmstore / Members' website with exclusive content, competitions and selected free archive films

BFI Gift Membership is available at BFI Filmstore and online at www.bfi.org.uk/filmstore

- **BFI DVDs** have a worldwide reputation and with over 200 titles, you're sure to find just the right gift ideas. Amongst the DVD box-sets on offer are **The British Transport Films Collection** – perfect for Dad; **The Jacques Tati Collection** and the **Kurosawa Samurai Collection**. On DVD, newest releases include from the cult **Flipside** strand **Bronco Bullfrog** (1969) and **Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush** (1968), Yasujiro Ozu's intensely moving classic **Toyko Story** (1953) and the **Charlie Chaplin Keystone Collection** – 32 shorts of pure Chaplin magic to get the grandparents going.

For nostalgic grown-ups and children everywhere, there are **Enid Blyton's** vintage **Famous Five** film serials **Five on a Treasure Island** (1957) and **Five Have a Mystery to Solve** (1964) and two rare Sixties Tintin film adventures – **Tintin and the Mystery of the Golden Fleece** and **Tintin and the Blue Oranges**. New to Blu-ray in High Definition is Visconti's sumptuous epic **The Leopard** (1963) and **The Innocents** (1961), starring Deborah Kerr, one of the greatest of all ghost stories on film.

- **The Filmstore** at BFI Southbank is the best film shop in the country, so drop in for Christmas shopping to choose from hundreds of DVDs, books, posters, toys, stationery – perfect film lovers' gifts. BFI Filmstore also offers mail order online and by telephone at: 020 7815 1350
- **BFI Printstore** gives you exclusive access to reproduction prints from the BFI National Archive's world-leading **Stills, Posters and Designs Collection** for an especially original gift. High quality copies from a huge range of iconic posters and stills can be bought in a variety of formats and sizes or incorporated onto a range of products.

There are stylish London Film Festival posters dating back to 1957; contemporary BFI Southbank season posters; classic Hollywood and European portraits from the 1920s and 30s; Academy Cinema posters; the magical art of Lotte Reiniger and stills from Mitchell and Kenyon, BFI Flipside and Free Cinema. Products range from a 7"x5" print for just £4.99 to a 40-inch box canvas print for £129.99. Products that can be personalised include mugs, t-shirts and jigsaws.

BFI Printstore is at www.bfi.org.uk/printstore

- The **BFI IMAX** is home to Britain's biggest screen and with **BFI IMAX Gift Vouchers** you can give someone the chance to enjoy a unique, immersive cinematic experience in 2D or 3D; on sale now in £10 and £5 denominations at the ticket desk.

For family outings in December there are four fantastic IMAX features to see. Opening in November and playing into December is **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1**, the first part of the final instalment in the Harry Potter film series. On 17 December comes the cinema event of the year; **Tron: Legacy** is a **3D** high-tech adventure set in a digital world. Garrett Hedlund and Jeff Bridges star as a father and son who embark on a life-or-death journey across a visually-stunning cyber universe. Converted into stunning IMAX 3D, **Tron: Legacy** should not be missed. Early booking advised!

Last year, 50,000 people visited BFI IMAX to see **A Christmas Carol - An IMAX 3D Experience**, Disney's version of the classic Dickens tale. Featuring the talents of Jim Carrey and Gary Oldman, the film returns for limited performances along with **The Polar Express 3D**, back on the big big screen for an incredible **7th year** due to demand.

BFI IMAX box office is 020 7199 6000 or book online at www.bfi.org.uk/imax

- The centrepiece of the seasonal film offering from **BFI Southbank** is a retrospective of films by **Frank Capra**. This director of classic Hollywood fare is probably best known for well-loved, heart-warming gems such as the Christmas classic **It's a Wonderful Life** (1946); **It Happened One Night** (1934); **Mr. Deeds Goes to Town** (1934) and **Arsenic and Old Lace** (1944). The truly romantic Christmas comedy **The Shop Around the Corner** (1940), by Ernst Lubitsch and starring James Stewart, receives a welcome release in selected cinemas.

BFI Southbank box office is 020 7928 3232 or book online at www.bfi.org.uk/southbank

- **BFI Southbank** is also home to the popular **benugo bar & kitchen** and the **riverfront bar & kitchen**, so when it's time for a well-earned rest from Christmas shopping you can eat, drink and be merry in bright and airy surroundings. benugo bar & kitchen offers an all day dining menu with a range of drinks from our famous coffee to our classic range of cocktails. The riverfront bar & kitchen is open all day for informal dining and quick snacks, with a great bar serving benugo's usual selection of beers and spirits and creative soft drinks.

To find out more or make a reservation, visit www.benugobarandkitchen.com

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Images of the BFI Gift Membership pack, DVDs, prints and films are available at www.image.net under BFI > Christmas 2010

The **BFI Southbank** is open to all. BFI members are entitled to a discount on all tickets. BFI Southbank Box Office Tel: 020 7928 3232. Unless otherwise stated tickets are £9.00, concs £6.65 Members pay £1.40 less on any ticket. Website www.bfi.org.uk/southbank

The **BFI IMAX** is at South Bank, London SE1. Tickets can be bought in advance from the ticket desk in person, by telephone on 020 7199 6000 or online at www.bfi.org.uk/imax. Ticket prices (from 15 October): Standard seats – Adults £15.00, Concessions £11.00, Students £10.50, Children (4-14) £10.00. Premium seats including double seats – Adults £17.00, Concessions/Students/Children £13.00. We now also offer money-saving Family Tickets for our standard seats. A Family Ticket for two adults and two children is £42.00, saving £8.00, and for one adult and two children is £28.50, saving £6.50. Double seats can be booked by telephone only.

Discounts for group bookings at BFI IMAX: Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more and the flexibility of the cinema enables groups of 40 or more to arrange their own morning screening of IMAX films. Contact Charlie Roberts, Group Sales Manager at charlie.roberts@bfi.org.uk or Tel: 020 7960 3120.