



23rd London

Lesbian & Gay Film Festival

25 March – 8 April 2009



Ulrike Ottinger

Eschewing traditional modes of filmmaking German director Ulrike Ottinger emerged from the avant-garde cinema movement of the 1970s with a strong personal voice and arresting visual style. Her narrative films of 1970s serve as a battle cry for the feminist movement, as well as being a site of open declarations of lesbian love at a time in the cinema when such images were in the main controlled by men. While her latter documentary work exposes hidden and forgotten cultures with an anthropologist understanding and care for her subjects, all in her unique visual voice. We look back at a career spanning four decades that has left an indelible mark on both lesbian cinema and the cinema of the avant-garde.



The Image of Dorian Gray in the Yellow Press

Dorian Gray im Spiegel der Boulevardpresse

More wild outrageous goings on in Ottinger's early treatise on media globalisation with a gorgeous supermodel dragged up as the male lead.

Wed 1 Apr 20:00 NFT3



Johanna D'Arc of Mongolia

USA 2008. Dir Debra Chasnoff. 66min

A Sapphic Lawrence of Arabia, this is Ottinger at her sumptuous best.

Fri 3 Apr 17:50 NFT3



Madame X – An Absolute Ruler

Madame X – Eine absolute Herrscherin

Adventure and fun on the high seas awaits these oppressed women in the classic avant-garde film from Ulrike Ottinger.

31 Mar 20:20 NFT3



Prater + Panel Discussion

Culminating our Ottinger retrospective a documentary following the history and modern day workings of world famous Viennese amusement park, the Prater.

Sun 5 Apr 14:15 NFT3

Following the screening of Prater director Ulrike Ottinger will take part in an extended on-stage discussion with some leading British academics including Adrian Rifkin (Goldsmiths, University of London), Angela McRobbie (Goldsmiths, University of London), Mandy Merck (Royal Holloway, University of London) and programmer Emma Smart.



For tickets and further information:

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