

Me and Me Dad



A new documentary by Katrine Boorman screens 5-25 April at BFI Southbank to complement a comprehensive retrospective in tribute to John Boorman

On 25 March **John Boorman** will be awarded a **BFI Fellowship** – the highest accolade that the nation’s leading organisation for film can give. This occasion will launch a comprehensive retrospective of his work in film and television.

As part of this tribute, which comes two months after his 80th birthday, there will be an exclusive run of the documentary *Me and Me Dad* (2011), a candid portrait of John Boorman directed by his daughter **Katrine Boorman**. The film, which premiered at the Cannes Film Festival and went on to play in many other festivals, will be previewed at BFI Southbank on **27 March**; after the screening, there will be a Q&A with Katrine about the making of the film. *Me and Me Dad* will then play for three weeks in the Studio at BFI Southbank from **5 to 25 April**.

Exclusive presentation:

Me and Me Dad Preview plus Q&A with Katrine Boorman on Wed 27 Mar 18:10 NFT3

UK 2011 Dir Katrine Boorman With John Boorman, the Boorman family 66min Digital
Katrine Boorman’s quietly remarkable documentary about her father is very different from most filmed portraits of artists. While it does deal with his career and the making of the films, it’s essentially a movie about life, as lived both by John Boorman the director and one of his several offspring. Her intimate knowledge of her subject and her warm but far from uncritical relationship with him make for an unusually frank and revealing look at the effects of Boorman’s work, his needs, obsessions and personality on herself and the rest of the immediate family. At the same time, as we see Katrine, her siblings and their mother in conversation with John, both at the family home in Ireland and in London, we also see how this man – a cineaste through and through to this day – tends to take control of any shoot. Brave, funny, touching – and quite special.

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