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8 September 2008

**ONCE**

Ireland 85 mins Cert: 15  
Witty and appealing, *Once* charts the relationship between an Irish busker and a Czech immigrant musician. They meet, she takes to his music, they fall in love, she raises the cash, organizes a studio and some session musicians... A simple plot, but that's all that is needed for this modern day musical that won the hearts of audiences at the Sundance festival.

29 September 2008

**DAS LEBEN DER ANDEREN (THE LIVES OF OTHERS)**

Germany 137 mins Cert: 15  
This multi-award winning film is a powerful examination of the Stasi – the secret police that observed, catalogued and ruled over everyone's lives in the former East Germany. Ulrich Mühe is the conscientious agent picked to conduct surveillance on a successful playwright. Gripping and intelligent, *The Lives of Others* is a highly relevant warning of the dangers of excessive state interference.

27 October 2008

**MICHAEL CLAYTON**

USA 119 mins Cert: 15  
George Clooney is Michael Clayton, a hotshot fixer in a New York corporate law firm, the sort of lawyer you engage when you are rich and want something unpleasant sorted out. He also happens to hate his job, but is called in when his friend and colleague (Tom Wilkinson) starts to go off the rails. What follows is a highly effective thriller where everyone's loyalties are under the microscope.

10 November 2008

**TEN CANOES**

Australia 90 mins Cert: 15  
A young Aboriginal is out on an expedition with his fellow hunters stripping bark from trees that will eventually be turned into ten canoes. The young man is unmarried, but has an eye for his brother's youngest wife, so one of the elders tells him a story about another young hunter from a time long ago. This remarkable tale stars possibly the most famous Aboriginal actor ever, David Gulpilil, of *Walkabout* fame.

17 November 2008

**NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN**

USA 122 mins Cert: 15  
A drugs deal gone wrong, a briefcase containing \$2,000,000, an implacable hitman with an unusual line in weaponry and a disenchanted sheriff who is one step away from giving it all up: if by now you are thinking of the Coen brothers you would be right. Javier Bardem stars as the hitman who is having the mother of all bad hair days in this chilling portrait of life and lawlessness in modern day America.

8 December 2008

**JOYEUX NOËL (MERRY CHRISTMAS)**

FR/DE/UK/BE/Rom 116 mins Cert: 12A  
In 1914, with the First World War just three months old, a spontaneous truce breaks out between the opposing forces which culminates in the singing of carols, exchange of gifts and a game of football between French, German and Scottish troops. Their superior officers are not pleased. Based on actual events, this is a moving tale about the day that the fighting stopped.

5 January 2009

**THE KITE RUNNER**

USA 128 mins Cert: 12A  
Amir and Hassan are two friends growing up in 1970s Kabul. When Hassan is brutally raped by bullies, Amir, who comes from a prosperous liberal family, does nothing. Just before the Soviets invade, Amir and his father escape to America but Amir retains his feelings of guilt over what happened. Easily the most requested film by members last season, *The Kite Runner* is a haunting story beautifully told.

19 January 2009

**3:10 TO YUMA**

USA 122 mins Cert: 15  
When outlaw Ben Wade is captured, he has to be taken to meet the prison train at the aptly named town of Contention, Arizona. Only one man can be found who's willing to take him. Russell Crowe stars as the mysterious, charming outlaw and Christian Bale as the hardworking rancher who does what a man's gotta do in this stylish remake of the 1957 Classic Western.

2 February 2009

**THE BAND'S VISIT (TBC)**

Israel/France/USA 87 mins Cert: 12A  
A police band from Egypt travel to Israel to play at an inauguration ceremony for an Arab cultural centre. Following a mix up, or perhaps a series of mix-ups, they get on the wrong bus and end up at a small town precisely in the middle of nowhere. This nicely filmed debut feature from Eran Kolirin charmed audiences at Cannes and will surely charm you too.

23 February 2009

**THIS IS ENGLAND**

UK 101 mins Cert: 18  
Director Shane Meadows excels at bringing tales of disaffected youth in unfashionable parts of England to the screen and *This is England* is no exception. This gripping movie about loneliness, friendship and growing up set against a backdrop of skinhead culture in the early 80s does not make for comfortable viewing. The untrained actor Thomas Turgoose is fantastic as the young lad in danger of losing his way.

16 March 2009

**NE LE DIS À PERSONNE (TELL NO-ONE)**

France 125 mins Cert: 15  
This is the kind of movie for which the adjective 'Hitchcockian' is well-suited. A paediatrician receives emails that seem like they must have come from his wife – only she was killed eight years ago. When more bodies turn up, the police begin to think that maybe the good doctor is implicated. Nothing is quite what is seems in this French thriller based on a story by US crime writer Harlan Coben.

6 April 2009

**IT HAPPENED ONE NIGHT (PRECEDED BY THE AGM)**

USA 1934 105 mins Cert: U  
An Oscar winner that regularly features on critic's must-see lists, *It Happened One Night* is a glorious mixture of screwball comedy, opposites-attract romance, and showcase for the talents of Claudette Colbert and Clark Gable. The plot? Well, there's an heiress on the run and a newly unemployed cynical reporter. Will circumstances throw them together? I couldn't possibly comment.



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