

# MAIDSTONE FILM SOCIETY

75th SEASON

2024-2025

“SHOWING A WIDE RANGE OF FILMS FROM AROUND THE WORLD TO AUDIENCES IN MAIDSTONE SINCE 1948”

- THE GREAT ESCAPER
- PERFECT DAYS
- CAIRO CONSPIRACY (BOY FROM HEAVEN)
- IO CAPITANO
- THE OLD OAK
- THE COW WHO SANG A SONG TO THE FUTURE
- ONE LIFE
- THE PROMISED LAND
- AMERICAN FICTION
- SCRAPPER
- MONSTER
- VINDICATION SWIM



LESS THAN **£4.50** PER FILM

Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone  
Monday Evenings

Theatre Bar opens at 7pm. Film starts at 7.30pm

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9th September

## THE GREAT ESCAPER (2023)

UK 97 mins Cert: 12

"The Great Escaper" stars Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson in their final films, a poignant drama that captures the indomitable human spirit through the true story of an elderly war veteran's daring escape from his care home to attend a D-Day commemoration in France. With stellar performances and a touching narrative, the film beautifully captures both his adventure and the enduring bonds of camaraderie and love.

23rd September

## PERFECT DAYS (2023)

Japan/Germany 125 mins Cert: PG

"Perfect Days" is a beautifully meditative film that finds profound beauty in the simplicity of everyday life, anchored by Koji Yakusho's subtly powerful and award-winning performance. Wim Wenders' direction transforms mundane moments into a visual and emotional symphony, celebrating the quiet dignity of ordinary life.

7th October

## CAIRO CONSPIRACY (BOY FROM HEAVEN) (2022)

Sweden/France/Finland 121 mins Cert: 12

"Cairo Conspiracy" is a gripping political thriller that explores the intricate web of power and religious intrigue within one of Egypt's most prestigious Islamic institutions. The film masterfully combines suspense with cultural insight, delivering a gripping narrative that resonates deeply with contemporary issues.

18th November

## IO CAPITANO (2024)

Italy/Belgium/France 122 mins Cert: 15

"Io Capitano" is a powerful journey of resilience and hope that follows the perilous journey of young Africans as they strive to seek for a better future in Europe. The film expertly captures the heartrending hope of its protagonists, delivering a deeply moving and unforgettable cinematic experience. Filming took place in Senegal, Morocco and Italy and is based on actual stories of migrants.

6th January

## THE OLD OAK (2023)

UK 113 mins Cert: 12

"The Old Oak" is a stirring and compassionate drama that delves into the struggles of a declining pub in a former mining town, poignantly addressing themes of community and resilience. Ken Loach's masterful direction and the film's many strong performances bring to life a story of hope and solidarity in the face of adversity.

20th January

## THE COW WHO SANG A SONG INTO THE FUTURE (2023)

Chile 99 mins Cert: 15

"The Cow Who Sang a Song into the Future" is an unusual yet mesmerizing blend of magical realism and environmental commentary, weaving a hauntingly beautiful narrative about the interconnectedness of all life. Francisca Alegría's directorial debut is both visually stunning and emotionally profound, leaving a lasting impression on its audience.

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27th January

### ONE LIFE (2023)

UK 105 mins Cert: 12

“One Life” is a biographical drama that re tells the extraordinary story of Sir Nicholas Winton, who ended up by saving hundreds of children from the Holocaust by means of the ‘kindertransport’ trains. Anchored by powerful performances from its leads (Anthony Hopkins and Johnny Flynn), the film is both inspiring and profoundly emotional, celebrating the enduring impact of the compassion and bravery of one man in a dark time.

10th February

### THE PROMISED LAND (2023)

Denmark/Germany/Sweden 122 mins Cert: 15

“The Promised Land” is a visually stunning and emotionally rich epic that explores the complexities of ambition, power, and survival in 18th-century Denmark. With a compelling central performance from Mads Mikkelsen, meticulous direction from Nikolaj Arcel and written by Anders Thomas Jensen (The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo), the film immerses viewers in a gripping narrative of resilience and transformation.

17th February

### AMERICAN FICTION (2023)

USA 119 mins Cert: 15

A Black writer’s attempt to condemn literature that plays on racial stereotypes backfires on him in this witty US comedy drama. “American Fiction” is a provocative exploration of identity in contemporary America, blending dark humour with poignant commentary. The film’s unique narrative style and strong performances create a thought-provoking and hugely enjoyable experience.

10th March

### SCRAPPER (2023)

UK 84 mins Cert: 12

“Scrapper” is a gritty thriller that delves into the morally ambiguous world of a man who retrieves possessions from repossessed homes. With a tense, character-driven plot, the film offers a compelling exploration of desperation and redemption. This British comedy drama deals with sometimes difficult themes with warm offbeat humour. It premiered at the 2023 Sundance Film Festival, where it won a Grand Jury Prize for World Cinema.

14th April

### MONSTER (2023)

Japan 123 mins Cert: 12

“Monster” by Hirokazu Kore-eda is an exploration of family dynamics and the moral complexities that arise when a child’s innocence is challenged. The sensitive direction of Kore-eda (director of last year’s Broker) and the heartfelt performances create a deeply affecting narrative. It received widespread critical acclaim with praise for its screenplay, acting, editing and musical score, appearing in many lists of last year’s top ten year’s best films.

12th May

### VINDICATION SWIM (2022)

UK 98 mins Cert: PG

“Vindication Swim” is a compelling biographical drama that dives into the inspiring journey of Mercedes Gleitze, the first British woman to swim the English Channel. With strong performances and evocative storytelling, the film captures both the physical challenges and the emotional triumphs of Gleitze’s historic achievement.



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