

# 2ND LONDON FILM MAKERS CONVENTION

FREE

7-20 DECEMBER 2007



**PORTOBELLO**  
FILM FESTIVAL



**screenings** and **talks** from the cream of London's independent Film Makers

## Friday 7 December

### Westbourne Studios 6–11pm

#### S'tali

Arivind Abraham 70 minutes 12

A passionate interracial love affair, one young woman's struggle against alcoholism, the chasing of dreams and the testing of friendships. Will 5 friends survive love, life & freindship under the gritty suburban lights of Kuala Lumpur? Drama

**The Two Minute Silence** Gart O'Brien 10 minutes 15

During a National Two Minute Silence we hear the thoughts of 10 office workers. Comedy

#### Tumbleweed In London

Ed Hartwell & Claire Blundell Jones 10 minutes U

This short sees a young woman escort a tumbleweed across London with a leaf blower. On her course she recieves genuine reactions from the British public. During her walks she passes Tumbleweed Boy. Art

**Missed** Guy Ducker 5 minutes U

Will is shocked when he's told that his colleague Emma has died while on holiday. He's even more surprised when he sees her walking past the window of the cafe in which he's sitting the next day. Sarah-Jane Potts ('Kinky Boots') stars in a tale of missed opportunities. Drama

**Rotten Apples** Jason Nwansi 15 minutes 15

A young boy is days away from his sixteenth birthday and is being led astray by older negative influences. We follow Jamal on what could be his final fateful journey. Drama

**Centenary** Michael Onder 10 minutes U

At the beginning of the 20th Century a mischievous boy gets hold of a magical stopwatch that catapults him into a time defying adventure. This short film was part of the centenary celebrations of the Tooting Bec Lido. Drama



8–9pm

**Menhaj Huda & Courttia Newland**, the director of Kidulthood and the author of The Scholar & Snakeskin who have been working on the TV series of Courttia's Society Within (being filmed as W10 LDN), discuss writer/director synergy. Especially relevant now in view of the current Hollywood writers strike.

**Salsa Guy** Gus Alvarez 15 minutes 12A

Nigel is a middle-aged wage slave, a lonely fantasist still haunted by his long-failed marriage. Desperate to reconnect with the world, he discovers the vibrant salsa scene and is reborn as Salsa Guy! Comedy



**A Hitch In The Plan** Paul Denny 2 minutes 12

A panic stricken woman is relentlessly persued down a deserted city path late at night – but who is chasing her and why? Only when she arrives home do we find out the terrible truth! Comedy



**The Years in The Desert** Frankie Frears 15 minutes 12A

The life of a young boy living with his father is revealed through a series of vignettes illustrating the effect of outsiders on their dysfunctional family life. Drama

**The Boat People** Rob Curry 90 minutes 15

Alice brings her new boyfriend, Jared, to her seaside cottage. His dreams hint at a tragedy in her childhood. Alice's sister, Cleo, appears. She knows Jared's dreams. Jared's paranoia escalates. He realises his destiny has become tied to the dreams trapped within the house.



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## Sunday 9 December

### Inn On The Green 1:30–5pm

PATHWAYS FOR INDEPENDENT FILMMAKERS

1:30pm–5pm

#### Filmmakers Against War and Highgate

**Digital Arts** brings you an afternoon of knowledge sharing and networking opportunities with Industry and Independent Documentary Filmmakers and Distributors.

Looking at how best to use Established Broadcast Networks and New and Emerging Technology, and where to get training so that you can make high quality films that will be seen.

From Al Jazeera to YouTube, MySpace to Radical Film Societies, Filmmakers Against War and The Highgate Digital Film School bring an afternoon of discussion and hands on workshops exploring what is



happening with new ways of distribution for video activists & documentary filmmakers, with presentations from Cable Channel producers Current TV, & discussion with independent & BBC Producers, find out about online distribution techniques, join in hands-on workshops & enjoy some friendly networking.

[filmmakersagainstawar.org](http://filmmakersagainstawar.org)

### Inn On The Green 6–11pm

**Lunch Time Jury** Antonio Loyola 10 minutes U

An empty street is a dead soul. A street with a Kid is a lot of power. Drama

**Heaven To Earth** Antonio Loyola 10 minutes 12

A black college girl doing her homework is planning to kill herself, because she can't cope anymore with all the pressures in life. She calls God for help and He sends someone to sort out her conflicts. Drama

#### Caution Wet Paint: What Really Happened At The Bus Stop

Charles Michel Dure 13 minutes U

Meet Jay and Ray, two of the funkiest guys in London. Comedy from an East End bus stop where you can catch much more than a bus.

7.30pm

#### The Canaryman Diaries

Eddie Saint-Jean 140 minutes U

Fifteen lonely hearts sign up for a 6 week dating course that guarantees them a life partner at the end of it. Comedy

**May Nothing But Happiness Come Through Your Door** Chi Yu 85 minutes 18

An American, Chris arrives in London to visit his friend only for his friend to abandon him. Drama

## Monday 10 December

### Westbourne Studios 6–11pm

**The Rebirth Of Rostam** Saied Ghaliari 50 minutes 12

An epic story of love, betrayal & war. A war between a father & son who have never met. Animation

**Dogdom** Rodrigo Estrada Gil 7 minutes 15

The master needs those who need to be enslaved – slaves teaching their children to be slaves, to wag their tails, to stick out their tongues, to bow to their master, waiting for a beating or a reward. Drama

7–8pm

#### Apple Final Cut Pro demonstration



Al Mooney from Apple Europe reveals the mysteries of the magical Final Cut Pro editing system. Al will be taking questions from the audience. Get here early as this strand has been immensely popular in the past. Take a whirlwind tour of the new creative tools inside Apple's production suite Final Cut Studio 2. Rapidly move through editing to motion graphics, audio editing and mixing, colour grading, and delivery – all as a natural extension of the work you already do.

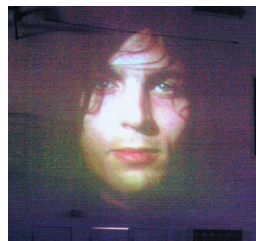
8–9pm

#### Latimer Films

Nick Marq of Lock Stock and Two Smoking Barrels and The Real Notting Hill fame talks about Making Movies On The Street, often with excluded kids. Nick will also be screening Latimer Films' latest work, a re-working of Oliver Twist.



**Red And Green** Kevin Whitney 17 minutes 15



A film shot entirely in red and green and highlighted by a red and green stroboscope. Various characters – artists, models, singers – are filmed in close up being subjected to this 'Light Show' and their reactions recorded. Filmed in the late Sixties. A still from

Kevin's companion piece Psychedelia, featuring Syd Barrett and screened in the Westbourne Studios Courtyard at this summers Aug ust Festival, graces the cover of this brochure. Art

"I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S FREE"



**Want** Richie Winearls 7 minutes 15

A lonely isolated child walks onto the stage of *The Mask*, a mephistophelean symbol. She is lured into the temptations of the modern world via a tunnel where the zenith of human happiness is regarded as the attainment of celebrity, fame, power and money. Drama

**Small Pond** Matt Compton 7 minutes 15

Rat lives life like his namesake doing whatever it takes to survive – whether this is burglary, drug-dealing or mugging. When he steals a briefcase from a mysterious well-dressed stranger he learns that there are worse things than him roaming the city. Much worse. Horror

**Crossing Bridges** Mark Norfolk 90 minutes 15



A suicidal man meets an angel and takes her on a journey across the bridges of London. Drama

**Two Glasses** Charles Michel Dure 5 minutes U

Due to a loveless marriage a husband decides to take matters into his own hands. As his wife finds out about his infidelity what is their future together? Drama

**The Corpse Wore White** Mike Hallett 20 minutes U

A young woman dies on the eve of her wedding in mysterious circumstances. The mystery unravels as her friends and family eulogise at her funeral. Drama

**Runaround** Ian Mansfield 10 minutes 12A

Vic's boss Ross needs a car sale from Vic or else. Vic's customer Bianca test drives the car but wants a discount price and offers sex for it. Vic agrees. Bianca heads for a secluded spot. . . Drama

**Bare Necessities** Kathryn Grey 10 minutes 15

During the filming of a low budget but highly ethical environmental thriller/horror, about bears, the producer, Charlie, discovers to his horror that his film has already been made. Comedy

8pm

**Johnny Oddball, creator of the 24 Hour Film Challenge, screens some of his favourite submissions and talks about the difficulties and triumphs of making a movie from scratch in 24 hours.**

## Tuesday 11 December

### Inn On The Green 6-11pm

**Pickering Station** Nick Fletcher 10 minutes U

A video about Pickering Station which is part of the North Yorkshire Moors Railway. Documentary

**Scarborough Spa Express** Nick Fletcher 5 minutes U

A video showing *The Union Of South Africa* locomotive at Scarborough Station 2007. Two films for trainspotters. Documentary

**Is Everyone Fine?** Ingeo Park & So Jung Ahn 20 minutes U

Your life is protected by surveillance cameras. Are you happy with it? This is a documentation of Korea 2007 in which people are not fine anymore with the 3 million CCTV cameras following their every move.

**For Your Tomorrow** Kyoko Miyake 13 minutes 12A

Every summer British and Japanese veterans gather for Remembrance and Reconciliation. They fought in Burma during WWII. When former enemies meet they began to see the world differently. Documentary

**Ballad Of Belsize** Yakob Jakobowski-Zentner 17 minutes 12

A film about Belsize and its people, shot in the charming style of the late Jacques Tati. Drama

**Morning Praise** Daniel Smalley 10 minutes 15

Alex has just been diagnosed with terminal cancer. At 22 years old, she's been given one month left to live. Prior to her diagnosis she had recently turned to God, but that new found faith is now to be questioned. Drama

### Strange Myths Of King Cross

Rupert Ferguson 60 minutes U

Looks at the curious psycho-geographic topography of King's Cross, and the cannon of mythologies that have attached themselves to landscape and locality in the district since at least the Middle Ages, and most likely before, as well as the origins of one of England's oldest churches, Boadicea's last battle, and the wanderings of Merlin the Magician. The film also looks at the huge number of writers, poets & artists who have worked in the area to from Blake, Shelley, and Yeats to Rimbaud. Documentary



**Voices Of Albion** Rupert Ferguson 60 minutes U

Traces the origins of the Digger and Leveller movements of the 17th Century back to their pre-Norman conquest sources and their primitive Celtic-Druidic democracy in which their institutions were ultimately rooted. The film also shows the direct descent of many '60s, '70s, '80s and near contemporary radical political groupings. Documentary



## Tuesday 11 December

### Paradise 6-11pm

#### Colombia No Way Back

Nike Hatzidimou 25 minutes 12A  
This is the story of the lawyer and Human Rights defender of Unions of the banana plantation workers in Colombia. After he suffered an attempt on his life he had to flee and seek exile in London. This documentary gives an insight of what it means to be forced to abandon your house and family and live a life in Exile. Documentary

#### Letter To Lloyd

Veronica Cordeiro 25 minutes U  
Subject, objects, self' and other fuse and blur in Lloyd's 30-year old Jamaican Barbershop, located in the heart of Peckham, SE London. Set in the Barbers that originally inspired Desmonds sitcom in the '80s, this film addresses issues of power of the cinematic gaze and the Afro-Caribbean diaspora in the UK. Art Documentaries

#### Roman Postcard

Silvia Gigliodro 20 minutes 15  
A journey through a gay cruising park in the heart of Rome – in exploring the sensuality of the place and confronting the hypocrisy of a public secret, it reveals the human, mythological, contradictory voices within it. Documentary

#### Love You London It Breaks My Heart

Mary Jane De Belen 13 minutes 15  
Do you remember your first kiss? Your first love? Who first broke your heart? How many people have you slept with? Moving and affectionate; eight Londoners share their insights on life, love, friendship and heartbreak in this extraordinary city.

#### Cold Calling

Daniel Quinones & Jesse Quinones 7 minutes 12A  
Michael Watson is a cold-calling machine. He tries to reel in his next recruit. But does he still have what it takes to close the deal? Comedy

#### Outside

Hedi Young 5 minutes 15  
David is a hospitalised mental patient. When his doctor leaves during a session, he takes the opportunity to escape, with fatal consequences. Comedy

#### Best Laid Plans

Ben Kent 17 minutes 12  
John wants to meet the girl he sees every day at the bus stop. His friends devise some ideas to help him – but things don't go entirely to plan. Comedy

#### Bad Juju

Matt Compton 10 minutes 15  
A seance held by a journalist and her friends in the name of research unexpectedly succeeds and soon the group learns that it isn't just children who shouldn't play with dead things. Horror

#### The Brain Of Dr Storm

Kevin Maynard 10 minutes 15  
The mad scientist, Dr Storm, is visited by a curious dream which shows him the error of his lunatic ways. Will he be able to halt his fiendish plan, or is the undead monster in the smart tweed suit destined to walk once more? Horror

#### Five Minutes To Five Steps

David Lumsden 5 minutes 15  
This is the story of one man's schizophrenic journey into the creation of power as he finds and moulds his own personal army of five soldiers. Horror

#### Worm Hotel

Chris Hayward & Nat Saunders 17 minutes 12A  
Step inside the animated world of Worm Hotel and meet the guests in this oddball animated comedy. Animation

#### Sun In The Night Time

Anne Wilkins 3 minutes 12  
A mother mourns her lost son, oblivious to her lonely daughter, who seeks her own solace in an imaginary friend. But, in the twilight that surrounds the house, dreams merge with reality to reunite the family. Animation

#### Girl With A Calculator

Donald Takeshita-Guy 5 minutes U  
Homage to The Cabinet Of Dr Caligari from the director of Go Go Spankettes & Bikini Blitzkrieg. Drama

#### Undertow

Neil Mcenery-West 30 minutes 12A  
Undertow explores two journeys. The first is a perpetual nightmare set in a deserted city. A heightened and increasingly fragmented visual/sound environment serves to create a physical world reflecting the protagonists' disturbed psychological landscape. In the same city, only now populated and overcrowded, a woman grieving begins to find the world around her increasingly claustrophobic and unbearable. Drama



#### Creating Karma

Jill Wisoff 105 minutes 12  
Karma, an uptight fashion editor, becomes a poet after moving in with her new-age therapist half-sister. Experience shallow friends, a rapping nun, a gay sitarist and dysfunctional romance! You'll leave the theatre singing "Pass the Puppet". Cast includes Saturday Night Fever co-star Karen Lynn Gorney. Comedy

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"KEEP GIVING ACCESS TO GOOD STUFF"

## Wednesday 12 December

### Inn On The Green 6-11pm

**The 8th Bullet** Marcelo Paganini 15 minutes 12A

Experimental documentary about the execution of Jean Charles de Menezes by the police inside Stockwell tube station in London... Art Documentaries

**Remember** Daniel Johnson 5 minutes 12

A short film about the importance of memories. Drama

**Discombobulation** Daniel Johnson 7 minutes 12A

After a bizarre incident at a birthday party an unexpected love triangle forms. Comedy

**Suspect** Steven Dorrington 10 minutes 15

After Larry Lucky is bizarrely murdered, his apparently innocent neighbour Sally Bash has to face some unorthodox police questioning. Comedy

**Shades Of Black** Alizeh Imtiaz 7 minutes U

A short film about the life of a poor and orphaned prisoner released from Karachi Central Jail. Focusing on his journey around the city when he is released, bringing attention to his miserable life and its hopelessness. Drama

**In A Drawer** Vesna Marich & Darko Predanic 3 minutes 12

The story about the love and marriage, the good times and the bad times – which is filmed entirely in a marriage bed. Drama

**68 Degrees & Clear** Dawn Westlake 13 minutes 12A

An 11 year old black mugger saves the life of a suicidal 40something white woman. Just another day in LA, where it's always 68 degrees and clear.

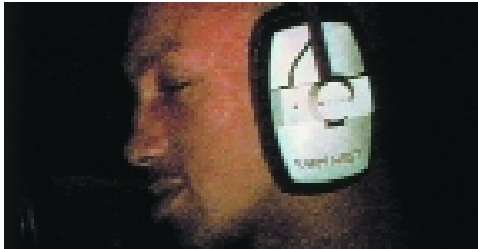
**Six films** Paula Rae Gibson 60 minutes 15

A sensual journey of a young woman using word, image and music as she grieves in the arms of other men. Art

8pm

**Tricky – Brown Punk** Tricky 60 minutes 15

Trip Hop musical from new music collective formed by Tricky from Massive Attack.



**The Good, The Bad and The Queen**

Stephen Pook 5 minutes U

Pakistani Dervishes move to the music of Damon Albarn, Paul Simonon and the boys.

**Hearing Colours, Seeing Sounds** / Teaser

Susanna Laune 5 minutes 15

Hearing Colours, Seeing Sounds feature documentary is the story of

Psychedelic trance

music, and its

subculture. In this teaser

version the former

Killing Joke bass player

and record producer,

Youth, gives an insight

into Psychedelic Trance

culture. Music

Documentaries



**The Neo-Psychology of the Notting Hill Area** Hugh Nott 15 minutes 15

This Rockumentary features Steve "The Oracle" Buckley with his outspoken views on the Notting Hill Gate & Portobello area. He illustrates his narrative with live guitar tracks. He talks on history, and bands – The Who, The Clash etc. Music Documentaries

**Apeth** James Martin Charlton 7 minutes 18

An affluent gay man arranges a threesome with a chav from the local council estate and an ape from London Zoo. Mike Leigh meets Luis Bunuel. Comedy

**The 8th Bullet Samba** Marcelo Paganini 3 minutes 12



Jean Charles de Menezes comes back as a ghost and sings a samba about what happened since his tragic death July 22nd 2005 in London when he was shot dead by the British police. Music Videos

**Mask 2** John Wheeler 20 minutes 18

Made over 2 years, this frankly insane journey into the deepest part of the human soul is probably

unlike anything you've seen before or want to see

again. Be warned this film is overly explicit and

graphic: it's not for people of a nervous disposition.

10pm



**The Exam** Maximilian Day 45 minutes 15

A coming of age / rites of passage story about a teenage boy who walks out of his exam and meets the girl of his dreams... Drama

**War Fever** Antoine Douchet 5 minutes 12A

A duel between George Bush and Osama Bin Laden. Music Videos

**The Grime** Ersel Ulutash 13 minutes 15

A teenager struggles to make friends on a rough estate, where the only people he has to look up to are criminals. Drama

**B@!!@ck\$** Robert Bertrand 7 minutes 15

A man finds out that he may have cancer. And the consequences of dealing with it with his partner. Drama

## Friday 14 December

### Westbourne Studios 6-1 1pm

**Plan B** Murdo Barker-Mill & Horace Page 13 minutes 12

Two boys who are arch enemies have an ongoing conflict over territory, with amusing results. A film made by two twelve year olds. Comedy

**Jonah's Quids** Adam Watkins 13 minutes U

Jonah is 13 years old, £50 rich, and ready to impress. Drama

### London's New Equilibrium

Michael Kalopedis 5 minutes U

Exploring multiculturalism through the eyes of children. Documentary

**Brixton Beach** Nigel Lesmoir-Gordon 17 minutes U

Thirty years ago Lambeth Council commissioned the biggest skate-park in London. It's still popular now. We study the art and talk to skateboarders and BMXers. We celebrate its survival and its contribution to the community. Documentary



**Hooded** Adam Randall 20 minutes 12

Layabout Marlon is reluctantly persuaded to play detective when he crosses paths with a dangerous gang. This dark comedy thriller sees Marlon swept into an urban old west, a world of criminals. And all he wanted was an ice cream. Comedy

**Wednesday** Rob Sorrenti 25 minutes U

Two babies born the same day at the same time in the same hospital, whose paths cross again years later in the very same place. Drama

**Project AGAU** Donald Takeshita-Guy 15 minutes 12A

Bikini clad babes battle evil genius Dr Drongo. Partly filmed in the Portobello Film Festival offices. Comedy

**Time Patrol** Jasmin Jodry 3 minutes 12

Grey men walk around in the metropolis and steal time from everyday people. Like parasites the grey men need time as a drug to fuel their own existence. They are essentially vampires of time. Soon, life in the metropolis becomes motionless. Art



**Dominant Culture** Stuart Pound 15 minutes 15

Sequences of frames sampled from a Big Brother broadcast on Channel 4, are repeated three times each in rhythmic succession. Nothing is slowed down or speeded up, but the movement becomes unreal and fractured, parts of spoken words tumble out into a new stream of image and sound, and Reality Television begins to look like Pop Art. Art



### Safe Zone

Carlo Ortu 17 minutes 15  
A soldier returns from the war in Afghanistan and finds the peace he wants is hard to find. Drama

**The Noon Gun** Anthony Stern 30 minutes U

Record of Anthony Stern's 1971 journey on the hippie trail. A portrait of an Afghanistan that has since been destroyed. Art Documentaries

**Skyscape & Prelude** Eric Schockmel 10 minutes 12

Skyscape & Prelude is a 3D motion graphic short film exploring notions of spatial animation, cartography, and immersive cinematics. Issues addressed are contemporary urbanism, the dynamics of topography, and the scale and impact of human interaction in general. The project



attempts to achieve a contemplative point of view through a synthetic pictorial space. Animation

**Celestial** Esther Johnson 15 minutes U

Taking the form of an experimental portrait, Celestial explores the poetry of the sky, a space of fascination and contemplation. Art Documentaries

**Broken** Vicki Psarias 15 minutes U

It's 1968 and 14 year old Chrystalla arrives in London to meet her father, after 4 years apart, only to find he's not the man he seems to be. Award winning short from FilmFestivals Magazine editor Psarias featuring Michelle Collins. Drama

**The Feral Generation** Andrew Jones 90 minutes 18

Nikki and Vincent come from broken homes. On the streets is where they found each other. They are wild, unwanted and in love. They are The Feral Generation. From the producer of Kidulthood. Drama



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A special seasonal opportunity for the public and film makers to watch the best in London movies, meet up and plot the future of Brit film.

PLUS! Masterclasses/Q&As and crucial work by the biggest talents on the London film scene today.

Timings for films are worked out by adding up film lengths from start time. You don't need a ticket, just turn up early. Free delegate accreditation, give-aways and special events available from information desk at all events.

## HIGHLIGHTS / VENUES

**7th December** – Opening Party with Menhaj “Kidulthood” and Courttia “The Scholar” Newland  
6-11pm Westbourne Studios, 242 Acklam Road W10

**9th December** – Film Makers Against War plus Eddie Saint-Jean’s Canaryman Diaries and Chi Yu’s May Nothin But Happiness Pass Through Your Door.  
1:30-11pm Inn On The Green, 3 Thorpe Close W10

**10th December** – Al Mooney from Final Cut Pro and Nick Marq from Latimer Films  
6-11pm Westbourne Studios, 242 Acklam Road W10

**11th December** – Johnny Oddball on 24 Hour Film Challenge  
6-11pm Inn On The Green, 3 Thorpe Close W10  
London shorts plus a US premiere  
6-11pm Paradise, 19 Kilburn Lane W10

**12th December** – Music films, including Tricky – Brown Punk and Max Day’s The Exam  
6-11pm Inn On The Green, 3 Thorpe Close W10

**14th December** – Awards Ceremony with Apple iPod Touch prize and premiere of The Feral Generation.  
6-11pm Westbourne Studios, 242 Acklam Road W10

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### 20th December

Special screening of Barney Platts-Mills’ Moroccan romantic comedy  
Looking For Tomorrow  
8pm Inn On The Green W10

