



PORTOBELLO
FILM FESTIVAL

21 YEARS

PORTOBELLO FREE FESTIVAL 2016

1-18 September

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FILMS ARE SHOWN IN ORDER LISTED. More precise screening info can be worked out by adding timings from start.

Thu 1 Sept

GRAND OPENING PARTY

@ KPH



PORTOBELLO FILM FESTIVAL

6-10:30pm

Heroes Without Capes

Lia Beltrami 52 mins

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After forty years, surgeon Carlo Spagnoli returns to Uganda to visit the place where he started his career: two hospitals founded and still continued by courageous men and women (heroes without capes) in a country which suffered dictatorship, guerrilla and ebola but where, thanks to these heroes, a burst of hope can still be found. Documentary. Italy



The Cops Don't Know

Sam Cegini 7 mins

12A

After decades racism is still an issue and Police brutality is among the top trending news in the world today. Every single day African-Americans may lose their lives in the hands of the Police for no reason... Sir Lenny Henry takes you to a sad but true world of injustice that we are facing today. Keep your eyes open, listen to the story and judge for yourself, what's going on... Music Video. Iran

Illa (Louis Chan) 10mins

An Iranian Londoner uses football to help a forgotten community of Afghan refugees living in Tehran. Documentary

The Republic Of Frestonia

(Rob Kerr) 11 mins

The unlikely true story of a community of Notting Dale W10 squatters who, faced with eviction, retaliated in a way that inspired the world. Documentary

Floating Anarchy

(Hayley Allardye) 30 mins

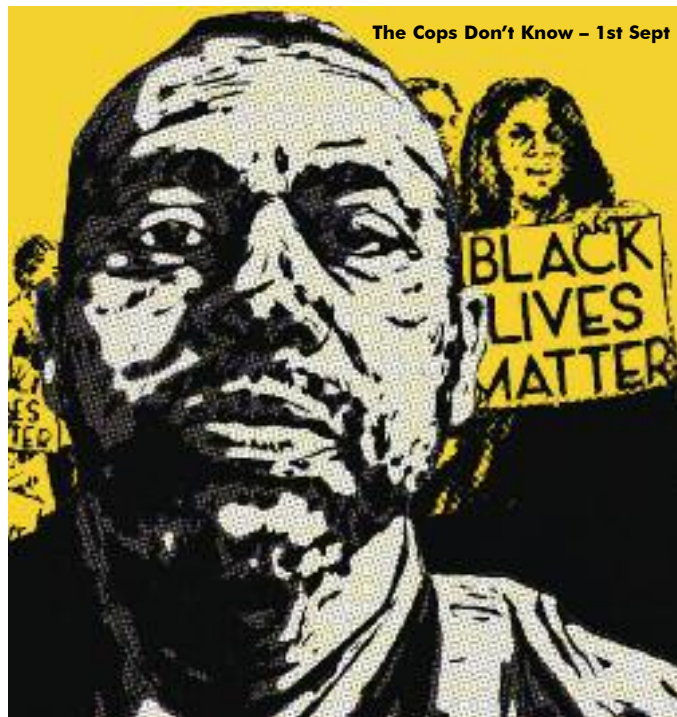
The story of Frestonian band Here & Now, their free tours, their bus, Stonehenge, mentor Daavid Allen, and the whole free festival philosophy. Documentary.

The Ladder (Marc Lucero) 5 mins

Looking at the difficulties facing young urban professionals, Matt & Cat, hoping to get on the housing ladder. Comedy

Albert (Miranda Howard-Williams) 12 mins

Heartwarming story about the innocence of childhood and fear of the unknown. Starring Jason Fleming and Jo Joyner. Drama.



Notting Hill Carnival: Who Started It?

(Dominic Asbridge & Wyn Baptiste) 30 mins

Wyn Baptiste grew up believing his Dad, Selwyn, a Trinidadian steel pan player, was the man who started Carnival. But the truth isn't quite that simple. Documentary

I Am Sorry Teodor Kuhn 17 mins

12A

15-year old Patrick has made a fatal mistake. His bad conscience pushes him away from his loved ones, and Patrick is alone with his guilt. But slowly he realises, that others are facing problems too. And then, it might not be too late to help.

Berceive (Lullaby)

Sarah Quazzani 7 mins

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Water. Sea. Matrix. Amniotic fluid. I'm looking the glowing red sea. The camera moves on the surface of the water. Impressionistic painting appear. The child is born. Experimental. France

Arlotte Mut Ist Ein Muskel

(Courage is a Muscle)

Florian Hoffmann 86 minutes

12A

A journey from Africa to Berlin turns into an unexpected journey from childhood to adulthood. The film centers around Arlette, a 15-year old girl from the Central African Republic who suffered severe injuries during the last war. In Berlin a surgery frees her from her year-long pain. Feature Length Documentary. Germany

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TO ALL EVENTS

Fri 2 Sept

LOCAL & NATIVE SPIRIT FILMS

@ KPH

6-10:30pm

Tales Of Magyar Sadness

Jason Crimp 35 mins

A bored refugee prevents a young painter from working on her North Kensington flat with an urgent need to communicate and learns too late of people's unpredictability. Drama

Her Younger Spirit JF Whitney 4 mins

A two year old girl encounters the spirit of her younger self. Ghost Story

London's Ancient Markets: Their

Fight For Survival Sandra Shevey 30 mins

The crusade to save London's local traditional street markets. Documentary

Lancaster West - The Forgotten

Estate Jacob Barua 60 mins

An intimate portrait of seven residents on Lancaster West Estate in North Kensington. Documentary



A SELECTION OF FILMS FROM THE 9TH NATIVE SPIRIT FILM FESTIVAL INTRODUCED BY CURATOR TWEED.

- Putting On A Pow Wow

Keeley Gould 4 mins. 700 Native American tribes meet in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Documentary

- Call & Response

Craig Commanda 6 mins

A dialogue between contemporary and traditional music from the sacred territory, Wirikuta in Mexico where the peyote grows. Music

- Uprooted Generation

Real Junior Leblanc 8 mins. A young Innu returns to the site of the Indian Reservation in Sept Iles Canada to deliver a poetic tribute. Documentary

- Inuit High Kick

Alethea Arnaquq-Baril 3 mins. An ancient celebration of Inuit culture and a stunning demonstration of timeless athleticism. Documentary

- The Child Who Hammered

Nails Isabelle Kanape 4 mins. A fable about the consequences of our actions depicted in Chinese shadows. Animation

- Second Skin Charlie Manton 20 mins

The story of a girl in a cardboard box stars Lauren McCrostie, who is the lead in Tim Burton's upcoming film 'Miss Peregrine's Home For Peculiar Children'. Fantasy

Golden Genes

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Wolfgang Konrad, Vrsula Haysbaver, & Clemens Stachel 90 minutes

Gene data stored in biobanks - be it from a sheaf of barley, the stem cells of a polar bear or drops of human blood - are frozen, bodiless time travellers. Documentary. Austria

HORROR & INTERNATIONAL

@ THE MUSE

6-10:30pm

Poltergeist David Gilbank 20 mins

Two small time criminals kidnap a psychic medium and force her to contact the gang boss they murdered. Horror

Cake TV Magnus Irvin 23 mins

Things turn strange as the birthday cake grows teeth and bites back. Fantasy.

Solitary Mark Logan 15 mins

Victoria is a vicious hoodlum who finds herself struggling with guilt. Horror

Broken Swords Paul Groom 18 mins

Billy's search for his missing daughter takes him to a strange guest house called The Broken Swords. Horror.

The Late Shift Jonathan Ashdown 11 min

The dread of working the late shift. Horror.

Dolls Keith Allott 4 mins

Babysitter Zoe hears creepy ballerina music playing upstairs. Horror

Lemons Howard Gardner 5 mins

The inspirational tale of one man's struggle with an evil citrus fruit. Fantasy.

The Monkey James Atkins 5 mins

A tenant becomes increasingly frustrated with a landlord speaking Cockney rhyming slang and fantasizes about doing him harm. Comedy.

The Technician James Arden 15 mins

A prying IT technician who steals private files from his clients computers uncovers something best left hidden. Horror



Oscar Desafinado

Mikel Alvario 21 mins

12A

"Face the ghosts from your past". That's all Ana is asking of Oscar so they can be together. Comedy Horror. Spain

Pulsion Sangienta (Sanguire Craving) Gerard Tusquellas Serra 13 mins 18
Marc must kill his first victim but he's afraid not to feel the sanguine craving. Comedy Horror. Spain

Arcana Jerovino Rocha 11 mins 18
Locked away in a dungeon, an heretic prepares a witchcraft to escape. Horror. Portugal

Am Berg Nicole Scherer 7 minutes 15
After having been away for a long time, a hunter returns to his chalet in the Austrian mountains. Up there he discovers terrifying things, but that's just the beginning of a series of sinister events. Music Video. Germany

Suspendu Elie Grappe 15 mins U
At dawn, in a great classical dance conservatory, a boy falls while rehearsing some movements. Something breaks in his foot, causing sharp pain. But it's exams day and the boy refuses to quit: he tries to face his dance partner and classmates, convincing himself his body has no limits. Drama. Switzerland

Zero M2 Matthieu Landour 19 mins U
After a series of unsuccessful flat-huntings in Paris, Paul finds himself finally moving into a nice and affordable studio. However, he soon notices that something must be clearly going wrong considering his neighbours' strange behaviours and the dubious noises during the night. Besides that, what if his apartment was shrinking? Drama. France

Love Comes Later Sonejhi Sinha 10 mins 12A
An unexpected discovery forces an undocumented motel employee to make a life changing decision. Drama. USA-India

To The Top Tizian Büchi 17 mins U
Anna and Maxime are sitting in facing seats in a carriage on a train. They observe the countryside passing by. Not talking, hardly exchanging a glance, their movements and gestures reveal a faltering affection between them. They have chosen to hike up the mountain, re-igniting memories of previous summers, those summers when they were simply full of the joys of love. Drama. Switzerland

Die Verwandlung (The Metamorphosis) Igor Plischke 30 mins 15
Gregor Samsa is an attractive, agile and successful young man. He earns a lot of money, works in the Berlin-based start-up industry and has a beautiful girlfriend, Claudia. His daily routine is clocked through to perfection, he gives everything for his job, does sports and eats healthily. Actually, he's going to achieve everything of which most young people seem to dream, but under the surface his life and confidence begin to slowly slip away. Drama. Germany

Der Himmel Ist Überall Blau (The Sky Is Always Blue) Gina Wenzel 27 mins 18
When Marc is diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, he doesn't know how and when to tell his girlfriend Sophie about it. Drama. Germany

Sat 3 Sept

THRILLERS & ANTWERP DOLLS

@ KPH

2-10:30pm (NB: 2pm start!)

Lost And Found Claudia Seibl 26 mins U
What's further? There or back again? Or maybe just standing still? These are questions that Neil Goldman, an aging travel book author from the USA, and Janek, a young Estonian emigrant, have to face the night before Christmas at Tallinn Airport. Their flight to New York gets bumped to the next morning due to a snow storm, and as they wait together, they discover that, although they are quite different from each other, they need to learn from the other's characteristics in order to solve the major problems in their respective lives. They find out that it is never too late to make the right decision. Drama. Germany

Burned Jaime Valdeuza 18 mins 15
Jason hides in a motel room afraid of coming out. The only person he trusts is his girlfriend Lila, who takes him to meet a friend in a remote house in the



desert. At their arrival, an unexpected guest asks too many questions. Jason's trust for Lila begins to fade. Drama. Spain

Con La Bocca Cerrada (Mouth Shut) Anna Farré Año 9 mins 12A
Emma is 15. Emma has a strong personality, which she doesn't know how to manage. Today she got herself in troubles again, but in the principal's office there are two people that she is not expecting: Her parents. Drama. Spain

Vizitatorul (The Visitor) Jamil Hindi 115 mins 12A
Luca si Otilia, two young people just beginning their lives, move in the big city, in an old apartment. One night, Lucas notices that his wife has disappeared just like the previous tenant of this house, without any warning. Thriller. Romania

Dream Seller Shane Lee Kit 8 mins 12A
A man catalogs a weekend he spends with the girl of his dreams, but can this perfect woman really exist, or is it just a facade? Drama. Trinidad And Tobago

Sofia B. Didn't Sleep Well Lea Triboulet 20 mins 15
Sofia runs away from boarding school, carrying the address of her grandmother who she has never met. Strangers to one another, hurt by their respective pasts, the two women will learn to tame one another. Relationship Drama. France

Nordstadt, Was Los Mo Jäger 27 mins 15
Melli (19) is getting out of juvenile hall after a good 5 months. She promised herself: no more trouble. But first she realizes that someone specific is not there to pick her up — her boyfriend Yuri, the one being responsible for all that trouble. He's not even answering her calls. Fortunately her girls are prepared to cheer her up — with sparkling wine in heaps and a surprising performance from a stripper. But her friends already know that Yuri has a new girlfriend. They try to hide the bad news — obviously. The situation escalates. Drama. Germany

Sty Rex Russell 13 mins 15
Focus on Solomon and explores the battle he faces with his alcoholic father and the insidious manner in which his controlling, volatile action ruminates into Solomon's world. Drama. Britain

Art In Heaven Jessica Elisa Boyd 30 mins
Music, loss, and faith restored through unexpected friendship. Drama



Balcony Toby Fell-Holden 18 mins
When good people do bad things and bad people do good things. Drama

The Antwerp Dolls Jake L. Reid 90 mins
A ruthless businessman's payoff to the Belgian mafia is intercepted by revenge seeking former associates launching a deadly war of violence and double dealing. To be introduced by cast and crew. Drama

S.R.L.I.T. Robbie Walsh 82 mins 15
We follow 2 hitmen in Dublin as they show us how they do their jobs, and share their thoughts on life. This is the office meets Leon. 2 Hitmen, 2 Days, 1 Camera crew. Crime Comedy. Ireland

SPANISH & INTERNATIONAL @ THE MUSE

6-10:30pm

Irina In Wonderland 12A
Silvana Ceschi & Arnulfo Gonzalez 25 mins
Irina, a young immigrant from eastern Europe is happily married to handsome and successful Stefan. When he loses his job, she decides to take destiny in her hands by getting a job as a taxi driver. When she proudly presents her husband with the good news he reacts badly to it. He does not think that driving a taxi is a decent job for his wife. Irina remains undeterred, in fact the challenge only spurs her on. But then her first work day in multicultural Zurich turns into a nightmare... Drama. Switzerland



Fallen Leaves Masha Kondakova 21 mins 12A
It's autumn in the outskirts of Kyiv. One morning Valya, a lonely 40 year old caretaker, is burning fallen leaves in the forest. Before long she bumps into a charming stranger who manages to seduce his way into her flat. Once inside, Valya subtly becomes a hostage in her own home. Drama. Ukraine

Getting Fat In A Healthy way Kevork Aslanyan 22 mins 15
In a world where gravity is weak and skinny people fly into the sky, Constantine has never left the apartment he shares with his father Atanas. But one day the beautiful stewardess who moves into the building will change Constantine's life forever. Drama. Bulgaria & Germany

Norma David Rodriguez Aguilera 29 mins 12A
Silvia arrives at a motel after a long journey. After debating all night the course of his life, he decided to start working as a waitress at the motel. In this motel there is a strange person, Antonio, a polite and quiet host who seems to know very well who is the new waitress, which will try to find out who is that man. Drama. Spain

Artun GUÐMUNDUR ARNAR GUÐMUNDSSON 21 mins 15
Arnar, a boy from a small town has never kissed a girl. His best friends tell him about girls in the city that get high and easy to make out with when they smoke cigarettes. Arnar questions their story but decides to go with them to find out for himself. Drama. Iceland & Denmark

One Shot Andrea Casaseca 10 mins 15
One shot is enough to trigger a series of dark events: an unsettled drug deal, a prostitute who shouldn't have been there or even a young man who asked the wrong person at the wrong time. Drama. Spain

They Will All Die In Space Javier Chillan 15 mins 12A
The starship Tantalus drifts through space. Science Fiction. Spain

We Can't Live Without Cosmos Konstantin Bronzit 16 mins 12A

Two cosmonauts, two friends, try to do their best in their everyday training life to make their common dream a reality. But this story is not only about the dream. Animation. Russia

Risky Game Stefan Plepp 11 mins 15
17 years old Melanie gets beaten by her father when she has bad grades. When she fails completely in a test in physical science, she tries to blackmail her teacher. But he's not the nerd she seemed to be. He has his own violent history. Who's victim, who's the offender? Drama. Germany

Russian Roulette Ben Aston 5 mins 15
London seems a little less lonely when Lucy meets a libidinous cosmonaut on Chatroulette.com... Drama. United Kingdom

A Passion Of Gold And fire SEBASTIEN PINS 6 mins U
A beekeeper shares his worries about the future of his apiary school. A passion of gold and fire which definitely helps our environment to keep on living. Documentary. Belgium



40 Aniversario (40 Anniversary) J. Enrique Sánchez 15 mins 12A
Forty years of marriage does time for a lot of things. Sometime too much things. Comedy. Spain

Lila Carlos Lascano 9 mins U
Armed with her sketchbook, Lila walks off to the world, convinced that she has the power to make it a better place. Sitting at a bar, hanging out at a park or walking down a street, Lila draws the lines that fill up the magic lost by those around her. Animation. Argentina & Spain

Lasy Memory Juan Luis Moreno Somé 10 mins 15
John goes every day to find food for Laura. She is hungry, every day more... Horror. Spain

Fur Eilse Albert Ventura 25 mins 15
Ashin meets Elise at a night market. She looks like an innocent girl until she involves him in a mysterious game that consists in catching her. They run through the streets until she leads him to this apartment. Not knowing whose house he is stepping in, Ashin then realizes that the game has gone too far... Elise is not there, and he gets caught by the police. Drama. Taiwan & Spain

Cambio De Sentido (Turnaround) Alfonso Diaz 15 mins 12A
Ana and Andrés meet at a rural hotel. Step by step a mutual attraction grows. Will this meeting be the turnaround point in their lives? Drama. Spain



FREE ENTRY TO ALL EVENTS

Sun 4 Sept

DAY OF GERMAN MOVIES

@ KPH

2–10:30pm (NB: 2pm start!)

PAWO Marvin Litwak 120 mins 15
After the death of his father, young Dorjee realizes what it means to be Tibetan in his own country, which is now called China. During the Tibetan uprising in 2008, Dorjee is caught by the Chinese police and spends 6 months in prison. After his release, he has no choice but to leave his family and go into exile to India on a long and dangerous track. There he has to decide between a new life outside his homecountry or the ongoing fight for freedom in Tibet. PAWO (Tibetan 'Hero') is based on a true story. Feature Film. Germany

Batagur Baska (music by Guido Mobius) 15
Berud Lützel 8 mins U
They gather here every day. They come from far and without purpose. They don't know each other and they won't come to know each other. They carry their gadgets to optimize the experience, they engage with the world through a small frame. They believe that this moment will remain unforgotten. Music Video. Germany

Traveling With Maxim Gorkly 12
Bernd Lützel & Kolja Kunt 11 mins
As so often, also it's rather about allusion than description. This also applies to the persons represented. Flat silhouettes of people. their heads depicted in profile. Faces with no expression, formal gestures. In the background, a little bit of everyday life. The hard, square, stone architecture arises from other-coloured, brownish, blackish mud of colour or mud. A demonstration of the function of the central perspective. An idealized representation of a topical paradise. Strangely, there's no absurdity in this. Experimental Documentary. Germany

Seele Ohne Sorge (Soul Without Sorrow) 12A
Atheer Adel 11 mins
It's another crowded and rowdy afternoon at the saloon, and everybody seems intent on being at their worst. But soon it becomes apparent that something is off. The prostituted are a bit too jealous, the fights a little to staged and everyone's reactions don't quite match. Someone has made a mistake, and someone will end up getting hurt. But everyone remains in their role... Drama. Germany



Something About Silence 13mins
Patrick Buhr 13mins
My wife doesn't like my movies. She says they are a waste of time. But she is an ignorant and hateful person. Don't be like my wife..

...Let Them Eat Cake! 12A
Alexander Lony 5 mins
Music video for the rockband "Letters From Eden" based in Berlin. The song "Blind" is about indifference in our society, preferring being blind about what happen. Marie Antoninette is used as a symbol, as a metaphor... Music Video. Germany

Nelly 12A
Chris Raiber 17 mins
A car drives through the snow. Behind the wheel is Nelly. She is thirteen years old. Nelly wants to go home. Separating her from her goal are three questions, two keys, a diving tower and a racing heart. Drama. Germany

Winter Hymns 15
Dusty Mancinelli 15 mins
Ten-year-old Joshua is spending his winter break at home in the backcountry of Northern Ontario. His dull afternoon is shattered when his volatile older brother Cain shepherds him outside for the day. Killing time before a Christmas party later that night, the boys journey through the countryside looking for adventure

and performing reckless antics. While hiking through the woods on their way home, the boys stumble across an empty cottage. Striving to win his older brother's affection, Joshua breaks into the cottage in search of alcohol. But when things go horribly wrong, Cain is left to pick up the pieces. Drama. Germany

Wintersreise 12A
Susanne Boeing 27 mins
Walter is waiting at the last station of his journey through life. His family and friends all know what is best for him. But in the end they have to understand that his ending belongs only to him. Drama. Germany

Der Damm (The Damm) 12A
Nikolaus Müller 30 mins
Catherine and Chris have been together for many years. To escape the city and the routines of their everyday life, they decide to go on a hiking trip. Amidst the dramatic setting of the Austrian Alps, their relationship is put to the test when they encounter an abandoned child. Drama. Germany

Im Schatten Europas 15
Florian Schnell 65 mins
In 2014 a group of film makers together with Elias Bierdel, much experienced in migration issues, took it upon themselves to tour the external borders of the EU. Elias Bierdel commentates throughout the film and meets refugees from different countries and activists. The film gives them a voice. Documentary. Germany

Change In The Weather 15
Muiris Crowley 17 mins
Michael, a young man living in rural Ireland, struggles to adjust to a sudden change in his furtive lifestyle. Drama. Germany

Die Hochzeitspolizei 15
(The Wedding Patrol) Christen R Timmann 15 mins
The Russian expat Mikail lives happily in a civil partnership with his husband in Berlin, when chief inspector Böhnenkamp accuses him of not being gay and leading a green card marriage. A witness saw him kissing a woman! But as it turns out, things are not always what they seem. Drama. Germany

Eisenherz U
Franz Maria Quitt 20 mins
Jacob, a nine-year-old shy dreamer, falls instantly in love when Mailin (11) and her father moves into the apartment across the yard. Although his best friend advises him against it, he tries to get in touch with her. After a failed attempt and romantic insight from his mother, he wins her attention with a letter. While Jacob longs for Mailin's answer, he realises that his parents' relationship is no longer what it once was... Drama. Germany

Vive La Mort 15
Thomas A. Welte 110 mins
1945. After an anonymous tip, Wehrmacht deserter Paul Gmeiner is questioned by the French occupation and accused of the murder of a resistance fighter. Under interrogation, he must prove his own version of the events and refute the false accusations. Feature Film. Germany

Mon 5 Sept

INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTARIES

@ KPH

6–10:30pm

First Time In Rio U
Marcelo Paganini 35 mins
Marcio And Borges founders of world know club da Esavina (Corner's club) and top musicians welcome back Marcelo Paganini on Brazil. I tour 2014 to release his album there. Music Documentary. France

Luz A La Deriva (Drifting Light) 12A
Inigo Salaberria 18 mins
Iceland lives in darkness for much of the year. The good thing about night is that it's like a backdrop which erases the set and leaves you looking at the bare essentials, like looking at a sheet of paper you have to draw on. Documentary Spain

Wo Das Gras Am Hochstern Wacht (Where The Grass Grows Highest) U
Philip Hallay & Christian Spieß 51 mins
Begzuren lives in the ger district of Ulan Bator,

Mongolia. Due to a lack of space, survival is very difficult. Still tourists from all over the world come into his modest ger to exchange life experiences. Dala's lives in Bayangol Sum, a two hours drive from Ulan Bator. Instead of living in a chaotic metropolis, he enjoys the vastness of the veldt. His son, destined to inherit his father's nomadic tradition, is secretly dreaming of Ulan Bator. Feature Length Documentary. Germany

Idomeni Nikos Kourou 16 mins U
According to official UN figures, more than 500.000 Syrian refugees entered Europe from the islands of Greece in 2015. Of these, nearly 95% had actually arrived in Idomeni... Documentary. Greece



Muska Ruth Biller 53 mins 12A
Six musical artists from Berlin have composed a free interpretation of their associations to an individual place in Berlin - Lichtenberg. The area was filmed from several perspectives - independently of the music. Music Documentary. Germany

Pit Stop Loving Noam Osband 5 mins 12A
A quest to understand American views on love in the most American place of all: the gas station. Documentary. USA

Through The Pane U
Dawn Westlake 7 mins
The pain of loss reflected in the panes of glass. Documentary. USA

Anoranza Flo Flamme 71 mins U
Documentary. Belgium

Tue 6 Sept

COMEDY INC. SKANKED

@ KPH

6–10:30pm

The Factory Sean Keaney 22 mins
The lengths people will go to follow the carrot and how far those holding it are willing to dangle it. Comedy

Baby Blue Colin Greenall 3 mins
A bounty hunter searches for her prize in a woodland landscape. Comedy.

The 400 Breathless Blows Of Jules And Jim Molly Brown 4 mins
A film of the French Nouvelle Vague made 50 years too late. Comedy.

The Seventh Zombie Molly Brown 8 mins
Vaguely Swedish sounding gibberish sprinkled with product names chosen at random from the Ikea catalogue. Comedy.

WiFi Wife Diana Taylor 4 mins
A man separated from his wife turns to the internet for solace. Comedy.



2.40 To London (Gavin Irvine) 13 mins
Spies, beards, lumberjack shirts, and derrieres. Comedy

Drunk Dialling (Rosie Grant) 12 mins
Lucy causes chaos when she drunkenly dials the wrong number. Comedy

Vending (Stephen Gallacher) 5 mins
The timeless battle of man versus machine as homeless man struggles to outwit a vending machine. Comedy

Self Control (Stanislava Buervich) 15 mins
Lily finds it more and more difficult not to murder her co worker. Comedy



Futurity Stuart Collinge 8 mins
Peter never had much luck with the ladies until he met Charlotte, the world's first time traveller. Comedy

The Worst Of Skanked Bobby Joseph 22 mins.
The cult, underground comic book sketches that caused controversy from the naughties return for one nite only! See Scotland Yardie dish out his own brand of 'rude boy' policing. Watch Mary Mampy show off her panties to complete strangers. Then there's the Urban Minstrels... Comedy



Counsellor Venetia Taylor 1 min
A very short comedy about regret.

Venice Venetia Taylor 4 mins
Josh is in Venice. Mum is in Sydney. Mum doesn't understand Skype. Comedy

Curtains Nathan Evans 11 mins
Set in London's theatreland, an unlucky love triangle between two men and a lesbian. Comedy

Heaven Knows Florence Hyde 10 mins
An aspiring artist finds being miserable makes her more creative. Comedy

Guy's Guys Lee Butterfly 11 mins
Following hapless newcomer Guy on disastrous dates and encounters in gay London. Comedy

The Window Cleaner Dan Eycott 7 mins
Jake is a new and enthusiastic window cleaner.... Comedy

This Could Happen To You Ivana Rados 15 mins
Mr Zabritski wants to get himself sectioned but can't get past Lauren, the receptionist at the local mental hospital. Comedy

Sublime Disillusion

Sylvain Robineau 29 mins 12A
Franc lives carefree between good times with his friends... and Laura... whose love overwhelms. Faced with commitment she expects of him, he hedges... and without realising makes his choice. Romantic Comedy. France

The Revenge Georgy Soldatov 19 mins 15
The film is based on the short story "The Revenge" by A.P. Chekhov with the events transferred to our time. Pavel is an actor in a small theatre in a backwoods town. His career is in decline but he still wants to be acknowledged and hopes the new play will bring him the success he desires. He's got one of the leading roles in the play, but one small accident turns everything upside down. Though a light comedy, "The Revenge" is about the internal conflicts. So typical for an artistic world, they can lead to tragic rivalries. Comedy. Russia

Yuri On The Phone

Rene Nuijens & Steve Korver 6 mins 12A
A dry tragic short comedy featuring Serbian film diva Rada Duricin (1934) as a woman whose passion for Yuri Gagarin (1934-68) is still as strong as when it was first set aflame after Gagarin's launch in 1961. Comedy. Holland

Guantanamo Baby

Dieter Primig 3 mins 12
This is the great story of a hero baby, trapped and imprisoned it is trying to avoid another portion of green spinach in the arms of its over-caressing mom, only hoping for the big escape. Comedy. Germany

Nachspiel (Aftermath)

Ralf Beyerle 10 mins 12A
When you wake up in a strange bed the morning after a party, you find that it's often the small things that raise the questions of greatest importance. A film about the time between yesterday and today. Comedy. Germany

Une Bonne Affaire

Laurent Arndt & Stephane Duprat 9 mins U
Roger Martin is a private investigator completely broke. A woman asks him to investigate her husband she suspects is having an affair. Comedy. France

Serval And Chaumier

Bastien Daret & Arthur Goisset 20 mins 12
1896. In a small French village, Jules Chaumier, professional magician, runs into Marcel Serval, his former disciple who left 10 years ago with his wife Jacqueline. They get into a fight, which should lean them to know who actually is the true "Master of Shadows". Comedy. France

ANACHRON FILM NIGHT

@ THE MUSE

7-10:30pm

Naughty: A Report On Pornography & Erotica

18
(Stanley Long) 1971. A look at sex and pornography through the ages from the liberal ancient Greeks to the hypocritical Victorians and on to modern times. X

Cool It Carol (Peter Walker) 1970

18
British sex comedy directed starring Robin Askwith and Janet Lynn. This story is true but actual names and places are fictitious, the credits tell us. It was known in the USA as "Dirtiest Girl I ever Met". X



Brash Young Turks – 7th Sept

Wed 7 Sept

LONDON DRAMAS & THRILLERS INC. BRASH YOUNG TURKS

@ KPH

6-10:30pm

Orhan Gunalp Kocak 14 mins

A young man returns to the city of his forgotten love and finds he has a son. Drama

Jasper Dean Anderson 11 mins

A troubled father tries to save his relationship with his daughters. Drama

After You Have Gone

Jemshaid Ashraf 4 mins
Three siblings reunite on the anniversary of their father's death. Drama

Building Blocks Jonathan Ashdown 5 mins

Jessica leaves her abusive husband Josh for another man. Drama

Blue Borsalino Mark Lobatto 17 mins

When his first and only client recovers from a coma, a private investigator reveals a 50 year old secret. Drama

The Trip Sophie King 20 mins

James' fiancée mysteriously disappears on a weekend away in the countryside.. Thriller

Shopping Layke Anderson 12 mins

A love letter to a disappearing Soho. Drama

Brash Young Turks

Naem Mahmood 91 mins
Highly praised debut feature from Portobello regular telling a fast paced struggle of love, crime, and power against all odds. To be introduced by cast and crew. Thriller

Vocemail Erec Brehmer 30 mins U

Based on the News Of The World scandal. The ambitious junior editor Stefan has to write about a vanished young girl. How far is he willing to go as a journalist? Drama. Germany

Les Animaux Ne S'Enterrent Pas

(We Don't Bury Animals) Thibaut Charlut 32 mins 15
Enzo is 19 years old and lives in a disinherited town in east of France. It is in a violent and gathered universe that Enzo and his best friend Hugo look to kill time. Drama. France



Spectrum

Dimitris Gkotsis 12 mins 15
Spectrum is used to classify something in terms of its position on a scale between two extreme points. Documenting a slice in the life of five different people

living in the heart of the city of Athens and the power relations between them. Priorities entwined, leading to misunderstandings and finally the absolute brutality. Drama. Greece

Foxes Mikel Gurrea 22 mins 12A

In London, a young estate agent has to juggle making a crucial sale with looking after his ten year old son. Malcolm and Aron struggle to understand each other, while an urban fox follows them around on a rainy night. Relationship Drama. Spain

Thu 8 Sept

OCTAVIA FOUNDATION, NFTS, & INTERNATIONAL

@ KPH

6-10:30pm

OCTAVIA FOUNDATION FILM RETROSPECTIVE

"A Decade of Dedication"

The Octavia Foundation is a charity working to transform local lives. We support isolated older people, those on low incomes, people seeking work and creative young people so that they can reach their full potential. Ten years since the Octavia Foundation was started, with one staff member working out of a redundant cupboard in North Kensington, we have gone on to work with over 10,000 people in Central and West London.

Our documentary film work with local young people has won awards at the United Nations, received critical acclaim in the Observer and the Guardian and

one film was even translated into Mandarin and screened in China!

To mark this 10 year milestone we have teamed up with the Portobello Film Festival, a longstanding and important local partner, to present a retrospective of some of the highlights of our decade in film. Some of the young people we have worked with throughout this time will be there to discuss the films, their experiences and what they are doing now. Please come early to avoid disappointment and to join us for some 10th birthday cupcakes!

18:00-18:05

Introduction and evening overview from Reena Mukherji, Director of the Octavia Foundation (5 mins)

18:05-18:48

Grove Roots (43 minutes)

Gritty neorealist documentary which tells the story of the 1958 race riots, community resistance and activism. Carnival, the building of the Westway and interviews Richard Curtis about the Notting Hill film. It starts with Caribbean immigrants greeted with signs declaring "No Blacks, No Irish, No Dogs" and ends with the arrival of rich "Notting Hillbillies".

18:48-18:50

Quick **Q&A** with film-makers

18:50-19:23

Hidden Herstories: Octavia Hill (15 mins)

Hidden Herstories: Jayaben Desai (18 mins)

Documentary films that uncovers two of history's most significant, yet unsung heroines has been made by 20 young people in an extraordinary community project featuring big names including Gurindha Chadha, Jeremy Corbyn and Bob Crow.



Octavia Foundation Film Retrospective – Grove Roots – 8th Sept



Unterdruck – 9th Sept

'Hidden Herstories, women of change' unveils how the achievements of Octavia Hill and Jayaben Desai had significant international impact on the issues of race, gender and trade union relations and social poverty. Octavia Hill was a pioneer in social housing and one of the founders of the National Trust and Jayaben Desai, who made unprecedented advancements for workers' rights, led the famous Grunwick strike.

19:23-19:25

Quick **Q&A** with the film-makers

19:25-19:30

Black to Yellow (5 mins)

Young performer and photography graduate Chris Lamontagne performs a poem in his self-directed debut short film in response to Charles Booth's Map Descriptive of London Poverty. He examines how people are still stereotyped according to race and class and the inequalities of today's society. This film won 2 awards at the United Nations.

19:30-20:25

R Story (55 mins)

Explores the highs and lows of QPR during the R's 133-year existence, charting the history of the club from its very beginnings in 1882 to the present day including promotion back to the Premier League in 2014. Includes interviews with sports psychologists, local historians, lifelong fans and players past and present such as Joey Barton and "Sir" Les Ferdinand.

20:25-20:30

Wrap up **Q&A** on the evening's presentation

8.30pm



Shola Amoo and directors introduce work from the **NFTS/BFI Film Academy** – a collaborative scheme between BFI and NFTS that takes the best 66 young film makers between the ages of 16 and 19 and enables them to develop and shoot 6 short films: 2016 Showcase (45 mins)

- **AA503**
- **The Fall**
- **Paralysis**
- **Arcadia**
- **The Fighting Irish**
- **Silver**

4 Days In Calais

Edward Longmire 50 mins U
A tense, January 2016 visit to The Jungle refugee camp in Calais, France, accompanying a party of relief workers. Do they help, or are they postponing the inevitable? Social Documentary. Czech Republic

Daughter Sarah Jayne 29 mins

12A
Explores the way women are viewed in society by following three females on a Friday night in St Kilda. Each varies in age, culture, wealth, education and social status, but on this fateful night, the women's lives will become entwined by an act of violence. Watch again if you have time. Social Drama. Australia

PORTOBELLO 21ST BIRTHDAY GROUP ART SHOW W/ MUTOIDS, TOM VAGUE & HEATHCOTE WILLIAMS

@ THE MUSE

From 7pm

See Art At The Muse on page 12 for more details.
FREE - Open to All.

Fri 9 Sept

GERMAN MOVIES

@ THE MUSE

6-11pm

Entre La Tierra (Inside land)

Sofia Quirós Ubeda 25 minutes 12A
Marta always lived in the same house in complete isolation. Maya, a young traveler, settles nearby. Once the boundaries between them are dissolved, an unexpected ritual triggers Marta's confrontation with her deepest fear. Drama. Germany

Fliegen (Flight)

Marcus Hanisch 19 mins 15
It's Nadia's 15th birthday. Instead of celebrating with her friends she takes care of her drug addict mother. To earn their living Nadia is working in a chinese restaurant. Due to the clash of hope, fights and reconciliation the life with her drug addict mother becomes an intoxication for Nadia herself. Trapped between responsibility and the thoughts to escape Nadia's loving care is put to the test. Drama. Germany

Grummet Sonja Kellner 38 mins

15
Germany 1916. In a little village the outsider Marga (45) is fighting for everyday survival. Hans (12) is fascinated by the lady and literally follows her, which culminates into a severe accident. As a result Marga has to take care of the boy. A friendship evolves from this difficult relationship but only lasts shortly and is abruptly ruined due to the arrival of Hans' brother Friedrich (22). Drama. Germany

Karmarkonto

Lukas Klaschinski 1 min U
A man is heading ruthlessly towards his goal and loses connection to what he once was: A child! Drama. Germany

Rose Claudia Franke 18 mins

12A
Two completely different women, reliant on each other, struggle to get along for one evening. When Rose is released from prison, her former prison guard, the lonesome Marie, offers her a place to sleep and work. They enjoy their first night in Marie's apartment. But soon it turns out that the two women have completely different plans: Marie tries to lock Rose in a new prison. Drama. Germany

The Culprit

Michael Rittmannsberger 3 mins 15
A young man is accused of a crime. He confesses and doesn't show a sign of regret. On the contrary – the young man seems to be proud and fully convinced of what he did... Drama. Germany

Unterdruck

Lilli Schwabe 34 mins 15
Clara, an aspiring gynecologist, is enthusiastically supporting her patients, no matter if they are bringing a child into the world or are making the decision to have an abortion. At the same time, she is attempting to be a good wife and loving mother to her two little children. However, with the increasing pressures of daily life, her self imposed belief systems are beginning to falter, her duties in the clinic suddenly seem insurmountable and her family life is slipping away. Drama. Germany

Warum Hast Du Kein Taxi

Genommen (Why didn't you take a taxi?) Caspar Kaeser 14 mins 12A
Alfred Krohn (66) and his son Paul are on the way to the hospital. During the drive, Paul realises that Alfred's illness is far more serious than his father wants to admit. Being afraid he could lose him for good, Paul suddenly decides to leave the designated route... Drama. Germany

Wass Wisst Ihr Denn Eigentlich

Song Davon? Nina Mielitz 9 mins 15
Totally different people are meeting each other in six scenes. All of them have one thing in common: They all think that they already know everything there is to know about each other without having ever spoken a word with one another. They judge each other by stereotypes and the external appearance, avoid each other instead of making a step towards the other person, which leads them to missing the chance of solving a problem, the truth or just a little smile. In the end it is a child who gives new hope to a world full of adults with prejudices. Drama. Germany

Zu Klein Fur Diese Welt

Keno Bültena 9 mins 12A
Anne (25) wants to spend the day in the park with her little sister. She is being watched by a shy boy, who draws her repeatedly without her permission. In the meantime her ex boyfriend is harassing her. As the shy boy tries to intervene, he confronts the ex boyfriend. Induced by the pain of his past, the boy gathers all his strength. He comes through for Anne, with whom he has got more in common than Anne assumes in the first place. Drama. Germany

Freedom & Independence

Björn Melhus 15 mins 12A
Questions the current global ideological paradigm shifts towards new forms of religious capitalism by confronting ideas and quotes of the self-proclaimed objectivist philosopher and novelist Ayn Rand with evangelical contents of US-American mainstream movies. This contemporary fairy tale, in which Melhus performs all characters himself, was partly shot in a Berlin morgue and new urban environments in Istanbul. Experimental. Germany

Scooter Accident

Philipp Kälbohrer 5 mins 12A
"Solitude is bad company, it had me mislead" – One night, one action, one consequence. The song "Scooter Accident" and its accompanying video stay true to the title and demonstrate how solitude, frustration and violence are not necessarily the best ingredients for a rosy future. Music Video. Germany

Metube 2 - August Sings

Carmina Burana Daniel Moshel 6 mins 15
After Elfie and her nerdy son August successfully proved themselves on their home webcam in MeTube 1, the odd pair venture onto the street to present the biggest, boldest, and sexiest operatic flash mob the internet has ever witnessed! Music Video. Germany

Dot Tali Barde 28 mins

15
While crossing against the red light, a man gets hit by a car. Five days after the fatal accident he wakes up under the shower with eleven marks on his wrist. He slips, breaks his neck and suddenly stands in an elevator – with only ten marks left. A fight for survival against and through time has begun... Drama. Germany

Mikelis Marc Bethke 15 mins

15
Mikelis, a mathematician working for the European Union, is sitting in a hotel room in Brussels, one day after his retirement. He is waiting for what he knows

will be his last visitor, Carl. But only through meeting the maid Ada, the dark secret of his life's work is revealed. Ada is going to be Mikelis' last and most personal victim. Drama. Germany

Esel (Carry On) Rafael Haider 23 mins 12A
It is wintertime. The landscape is bare and grey. An isolated farm is located next to the woods. An old married couple lives there. Their life consists of every day activities which they are not capable of coping with any more and, furthermore, mostly of boredom. For his daily work the farmer has an old donkey to help him. When the pragmatic farmer learns that the death of his longtime companion is near, he notices that he loves the animal more than he can admit. A parable about death and parting, a fairy tale for grown-ups. Drama. Germany

Real Soldiers Andrew English 14 mins 15
Ambitious journalist Leo is working for Russian state TV, covering the war in Ukraine. At the '2013 Ukraine Peace Talks' in Berlin, Leo's camera man Felix happens upon a secret conversation recording between politicians. Both political and moral values come into question for these two journalists. Drama. Germany

Sat 10 Sept

DOCUMENTARIES

@ KPH

2-10:30pm

Full Throttle III - End Times

Renger van den Heuve 43 mins U
Dutch cult author Geerten meijsing travels through Calabria (Magna Graecia) once more, in the foot steps of George Gissing and Norman Douglas. Experimental Documentary. Holland

Senza di Voi Chiara Cremaschi 52 mins 15

Chiara has decided to leave Italy. It won't be the first time someone leaves in her family. Senza di Voi is also the portrait of a generation of Italians born in the 1970s. Documentary. France

Le Maroc Lia Beltrami 49 mins U

Shows the extraordinary coexistence between the three main monotheistic religions in Morocco by looking at each religion's presence in the community in order to show how dialogue is possible, even in a world where fear and violence want to break the bonds between religions. Morocco is the proof that different religions can live together harmoniously. Documentary. Italy

Angry Buddha Stefan Ludwig 98 mins U

Janos Oksos is of Romani descent he founded a school in a small Hungarian village with the goal of enabling teenagers from the poorest Romani ghettos to attend universities. Documentary. Austria

From Pizza to Piste

Sharon Woodward 5 mins
Activity at a Ataxia-Telangiectasa (A-T) disease weekend for young adults. Documentary

More Than Just A Mirror

Sharon Woodward 9 mins
Ritual and magical beliefs of Ancient Britons. Documentary

Zarathustra - Yellow Star

Mazin Sherabayani 30 mins
Recent atrocities by so called Islamic State have lead to a revival of the ancient Kurdish religion of Zoroastrianism. Documentary



Christine Belinda Harman 11 mins
After the London riots, this shows a more positive portrayal of Hackney through the life of Christine. Documentary

Hammer And Mirror
Tim Bishop 10mins

A naturist photographer reflects on his career while photographing a model on a farm in Essex. Documentary

Barefoot On The Catwalk

Judith Roberta Darko 13 mins
Model Aaron Miller's pursuit of success despite the odds thrown at him. Documentary



Drag - A Story Of Two Queens

Ilona Kalina 11 mins. Experimental docudrama about real life drag queen Silver Summers and fictional character Chris. Documentary

Zombies...We Just Love Them To Death

John Neil Park 25 mins
Director Park talks to directors and zombies at the UK Festival of Zombie Culture. Documentary

Ogaden - Ethiopia's Hidden Shame

Graham Peebles 17 mins
Interviews with victims of military abuse who have fled the Ogaden region of Ethiopia where state terrorism is rife. Documentary



Everything Is Going To Be Alright

Poppie Runa Skold 7 mins
A 10 day Buddhist Meditation Retreat at Adhithana, home of the Trivatra Community in Herefordshire. Documentary

The Road Home

Dominic Brown 53 mins
Film about Benny Wenda: Nobel Prize nominee, musician, activist, human rights activist and leader of West Papua Independence movement. Documentary

Positive Hell

John Shenton 30 mins
Five individuals who have defied their doctors and lived for 30 years with a diagnosis of HIV death in the province of Galicia, northern Spain. Documentary

Living Without You

Anna-Lisa Wickham 17 mins U
Documentary that delves into the lives of three individuals that are forced to learn to cope with a void which stemmed from having to live without a person of significance. Documentary. Trinidad And Tobago



The Road Home – 10th Sept

ART INC. LANGUAGE IS A VIRUS FROM OUTER SPACE @ THE MUSE

6–10:30pm

Never Seen Diana Taylor 3 mins

The poet tells of a natural phenomenon never seen. Poetry

The Mother Diana Taylor 5 mins

Before he died for his part in the 1916 Dublin Easter Rising Patric Pearce wrote a poem to his mother. Poetry

The Raving Mad Film

Duncan Gisby 4 mins
Just has thoughts, no script. Animation

Alone Duncan Gisby 4 mins

My sad and lonely life without my special friends, the Fantasy Bears. Animation

Feeling Just Wonderful All Over

Liliana Colombo 15 mins
Past life regression. This film is not meant to hypnotise you. Art

The Symphony Of The Square Root

Mark Eve 20 mins
A tour of the South Bank Centre in London. Art

Light And Shadows 6

Andrew Payne 1 min. Time lapse of light and shadows on a wall as the sun sets. Art

Blue Screen - The Documentary

Dominic Wade 16 mins
Bristol's longest running short film night. Blue Screen welcomes any genre of film. Documentary

The Ego's Eye She Rocola 7 mins

A romantic relationship in early stages. Poetry

Titled Lana Maciver 4 mins

Music video starring one of UK's only high wire walkers, Ellis Grover. Music

Beyond The Photo Cathy Hassan 5 mins

Trailer for documentary tracing the journey of the photo through the political landscape of the 70s and 80s featuring Charlie Phipps. Documentary

Stay Alive Hyunjee Song 10 mins

Skaters life & culture in Bristol. Documentary

You Are A Memory John Dunn 6 mins

A story about how life can give and take away. Music

This-That Constantine Gras 32 mins

A student's obsession with the myth of Icarus. Drama

Imago Jason Marsh 15 mins

I am a makeshift woman. It feels better than being a dysphoric man. Art

Language Is A Virus From Outer Space

Richard Strange 25 mins
R. Strange and Gavin Byers' cantata based on life and work of William Burroughs. Art

Starry Starry Night

Cara Aparicio Yoldi 3 mins
Abstract movements based on Van Gogh's painting. Art



Language Is A virus From Outer Space – 10 Sept

Iconosphere Cara Aparicio Yoldi 5 mins

Saturation of image and media manipulation. Art

Efficient Story Cara Aparicio Yoldi 4 mins

Perspective is primarily masculine. Art

Circadian Rhythms Cara Aparicio Yoldi

Describing the passing of time in the life of a person for 24 hours. Art

Fragment Edmemory

Cara Aparicio Yoldi 4 mins
The fragmentation of narrative discourse. Art

Hey George Cara Aparicio Yoldi 4 mins

Holloway Road is spied on by 100 CCTV cameras. Art

One Thousand And One

Teardrops Fateme Ahmadi 17 mins
Should Louly wear her school uniform or whatever she wants. A magic teardrop keeper from Iran helps her make a choice. Animation

Even Invisible Things Hide

Themselves Jean-Baptiste Durand 30 mins U
Not a documentary film about Abdelkader Benchamma or a film about his exposition in Carre Saint Anne, but a film inviting into the depth of the artistic creation. Art Documentary. France

Life Classes On The 2B Bus

David Nevin 6 mins. David reads poems to passengers while working as a bus conductor. Art

Tel Post Anton Houtappels 30 mins

Acava artist Barbara Nicholls creates a watercolour on the Rhine in real time. Art

Quarry Doll & The Colour Of

Magic Phoenix Coyle 3 mins
In the year 3000 as flickers of light twinkled across the Camden Wasteland the beautiful Quarry Dolls paraded their vices. Fashion/Art

Sun 11 Sept

SPANISH & INTERNATIONAL

@ KPH

2–10:30pm

O Tremor Oscar Vincentelli 23 mins U

In a coal mine in Spain, our gaze focuses on the hypnotic cadence of work revealing the continuous movement of the machinery devouring workers: the very last gestures of the mythical mining labor slowly disappearing. Perhaps it is one of the last active coal mines in Europe. We do not know, but the miners are still trying to salvage the unstoppable. Documentary. Spain

I Said I Would Never Talk About

Politics Aitor Onederra 11 mins 15
Mr. Mariano travels by aeroplane and goes to dine at prestigious restaurant which specialises in natural, quality red meat that is low in fat and cholesterol. Animation. Spain

Marceline Blurr

Nadia Mata Portillo 16 mins 12A
Inspired by the movies of the French New Wave, Marceline Blurr is the story of a young woman who was born with a vision impairment extremely out of the ordinary. For her the world is a magical place. A big unfinished tableau upon which she finds it not only amusing but absolutely essential to paint. Drama. Spain

Araan Jorge Dayas 6 mins 12A

A little girl is waiting at home the arrival of his father. In a snowy forest, paratroopers face an enemy who surprised them with machine gun fire and artillery. All of them fall into the ambush except one, which has endured the attack, entrenched among the trees. Drama. Spain

Silente Jesus Mendez 9 mins U

One of these normal days, one afternoon as many others, my son, my daughter in law, their house, my silence... Drama. Spain

Al Pelae Oscar de Julián 22 mins 15

Too many memories for just a man. Drama. Spain

El Pescador (The Fisherman)

Alejandro Suárez 20 minutes 12A
Mr Wong is a third generation fisherman in Hong Kong, struggling to keep this tradition alive. One night, he decides to leave the crowded waters of Victoria Harbour, and fish in calmer waters. His luck changes when he catches something that does not belong to this world. Drama. Spain

La Propina Esteban Crespo 10 mins U

Life is incredible! The encounter between a bygone movie star and a flower delivery boy turns into a fable with unexpected endings. Spain

Todo Lo Demas

Federico Untermann 30 mins 12
Laura and Miguel discover the limits of their love. Spain

112 Wenceslao Scyzoryk 6 mins U

A Christmas Tale inspired on a true story. Spain

Algo Que Decir (Something to say)

José Ángel Lázaro 18 mins 15
Twenty years and more than a thousand concerts after, The Monkey Rumburs split up. They haven't been able to make a living with music, and their relationships, illusions and needs are not the same they used to be. The night of the last concert, in the audience, there's someone special. Spain

Milkshake Express

Miguel Casanova 21 mins 15
Follows the last day of the campaign of the PNC (New Change Party), the favorite one to win next Spanish general elections, and its charismatic leader, Valentina Garrido. Spain

Nowhereland

Guillermo Madurga 6 mins 15
Where would you go if you could go anywhere? Nowhereland it's a trip through the imagination of a young couple who dreams to escape and share their privacy far away from the world that they are living. Spain



Vainilla Juan Beiro 10 mins 12A
Life is talking about silly stuff with the people you love. Spain

Sin Tu Latido
Maria Posada, & Adrián Iglesias 8 mins 12A
A taxi driver kidnaps singer Luis Eduardo Aute so that he sings to his dying wife. Spain

Sophie's Story
Christos & Alex Hatjoulis 6 mins 15
Developed from an edited interview with Sophie Morgan; a reformed crack cocaine addict. The film set out to explore addiction from a user's perspective and explore the social and background factors involved in dependency. Sophie's Story uses animation to describe an often disjointed and surreal journey from a background of domestic abuse and troubled adolescence into adulthood and having a family and examines what constitutes the catalyst for change along an incredible life journey. Spain

Rainbow Party
Eva Sigurdardottir 15 mins 15
Sofia, who realizes that if you can't beat them, well then you better join them. In her quest to be accepted by the popular girls in her class, Sofia finds herself sacrificing her true friendships and morals. Whoever said that teenage girls were innocent... well, they were so wrong! Spain

Lucie Ran Li 19 mins 12A
After a big fight, teenage girl Lucie steals her boyfriend's dearest motorcycle for revenge. She rides out into town but later realizes the journey might be easy to start but hard to end. Drama. Czech Republic & China

Euroman
Gabriel Tzafka 22 mins 12A
Euroman is happy. His wealthy father and kind mother are proud of him. The bank loves him. He loves stylish clothes, fancy restaurants and cyber dates. He is running his own business, an innovative, environmental friendly and awarded start-up company. But the coffee is over and the noisy demonstration disturbs him while he is having his beard taken care of by an elegant barber. All these piling up to a reunion with his friends, the Euromen. Spain

She Is Waving From The Train
Kameliya Petrova 29 mins U
Arman travels in a train with Christine, who is in love with him. To make him jealous she waves from the train to a village man and to a young pointsman. Arman makes her see how her waving radically changed the life of the two strangers. Drama. Bulgaria

Void
Milad Alami & Aygul Bakanova 17 mins 15
Exploring feelings of emptiness, the film is set on a ferry during a night trip. At the bar, Daniel starts a conversation with Amir. But Daniel is not looking to make small talk. He is after something else from Amir, something entirely more personal. Spain

Tandem
Leandro Alastuey 14 mins 12A
A young couple suffers a hard economic situation. They have spent all their savings and cannot find any job. They incur lots of debts. Their love and hope are the only things that keep them together, but will it be enough? Spain

Just Like You
Philip W. Da Silva 26 mins 12A
The day has arrived - the big operation! What will life be like with only one arm? Tanja runs away from the hospital in a panic, tying her arm to her body with a belt and hiding it under the shirt. She needs to be convinced that nothing will change. Sweden

El Lugar Adecuado
Fernando Franco & Begoña Arostegui 3 mins 12
Does life, perhaps, consist in being in the right place at the right time? Could it consist in interpreting and following the signs? Animation. Spain

Camera Obscura
Gheorghe Preda 120 mins 18
During communist era in Romania, the cine-clubs were very active. A cine-club was a film-club where non-professional filmmakers made short films on 8 or 16 mm in primitive conditions. However many of those films was subversive and provocative in the conditions of brutal dictatorship. My film is one about resistance and passion for making film in front of insurmountable obstacles (political, social, and especially technical). Documentary. Romania

Mon 12 Sept

INTERNATIONAL DRAMAS

@ KPH

6-10:30pm

Die Burgschaft
Kerstin Höckel 30 mins 15
The Hostage fetches Friedrich von Schillers ballad about a friendship beyond death to highly topical today's Berlin: Two refugee girls exchange their identities, because one of them shall be deported and desires to say goodbye to her lover. The airplane with her best friend is about to start. But she runs to free the hostage. This act of true love moves the passengers. And they stand up for the girls to prevent the take off. Drama. Germany

Fu Guo (Floating Melon)
Roberto F. Canuto & Xu Xiaoxi 19 mins 18
In a day of passion and nightmare, a young guy must confront the reality of the Chinese society after breaking it's laws. The guy with whom he spent the afternoon is dead on his bed from the effects of a drug. But in a place where everything is fake, anything can happen. LGBT Drama. Spain

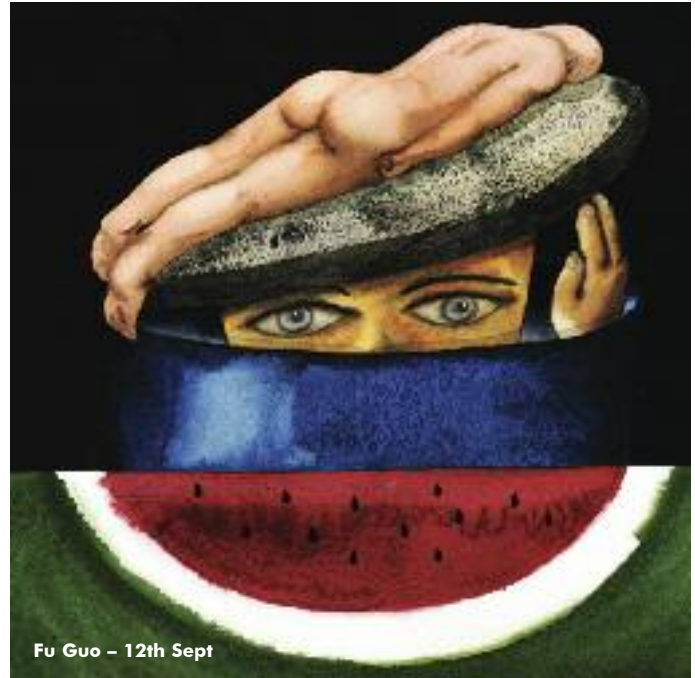
Feinkost Felix Wollner 14 mins 15
Guest Meier is every restaurant owner's worst nightmare. He sharply criticizes his ordered food after just a single bite. The restaurant's chefs Harald and Tim feel their professional honor is grossly insulted. Together with waiter Peter, they discuss how to put this "problematic guest" in his place, working themselves meanwhile into a rage. Will diplomacy triumph over barbarous brutality or is violence indeed a solution? And what does an instant photo camera have to do with all this? Drama. Germany

La Chair Et Les Volcans
Clemence Demesme 21 mins 12A
Laura, a young teenager, lives alone with his father in the little village in Auvergne (France). At 14, she faces the daily constraints and makes her way thanks to her own refuges. Drama. France

Letter To God
Maria Ibrahimova 17 mins U
Letter to God is a film about the power of faith — irrespective of belief or religion. A lonely widower discovers that he is dying and after a series of mysterious encounters decides to do the only thing he can think of: write a letter to God. Drama. Germany

Wolfe (Wolves)
Juliana Neuhuber 15 mins 15
1472. Now. Always. Who gives you the right? A family displaced by war is ambushed by highwaymen. The encounter takes a turn when one of the robbers recognises the father as his old brother in arms. Drama. Germany

The Return Of Erkin
Maria Guskova 29 mins 15
Erkin gets out of prison and wants to return to his former life. But everything has changed and he does not know if he can live as a free man. Drama. Germany



Fu Guo – 12th Sept



London: A Love Story – 13th Sept

Food, First Pol Ponsarnau 11 mins 12A
Food first, then morals! Comedy about two couples in a stylish Berlin Tapas restaurant. Tension grows with each dish. All seems lost when the question "who waters your plants?" comes on the table. Drama. Germany

Circle Alexander Heringer 12 mins U
The short film "Circle" depicts a young woman in despair, who after experiencing a tragic loss escapes into the seemingly perfect past. She loses herself in vivid memories and starts to neglect her real life. A constant inner struggle emerges between past and present, distorting her perception of reality. Ahmad Saleh, a young Palestinian screenwriter wrote "Circle" to cope with the losses he endured during the crises in Palestine. Drama. Germany

Monica Dimitris Argyriou 5 mins 15
Monica wanted to become a hair dresser, when she was young... things went wrong... This is her story... (Based on a real interview with a human trafficking victim.) Drama. Germany

Palaontologie
Pablo Callisaya 13 mins 18
The two students Rafi and Alex fall themselves into a new Forschungsgebiet: The paleontology. From now on it must be at least 10 years older. Drama. Germany

Hold back Steffen Geypens 19 mins 12A
When a young introvert skater falls in love with the girlfriend of one of his best friends, he's pushed to his limits by the people who are most close to him. Drama. Belgium

Against The Tide
Gaetan d'Agostino 18 mins 12A
Disappeared five years ago, Tom, came back for the funeral of the wife of his old friend David. Tom invites David to spend a few days in the country, David is accused Tom of being left without a trace... Drama. Belgium

Hilde Felix Knochen 21 mins 15
After an accident at the lake, 11 year old Melly seems to metamorphose strangely. Her Mother Hilde wants to keep normality. Drama. Germany

Tue 13 Sept

LONDON FILM MAKERS

@ KPH

6-10:30pm

Volatus George Bennett 12 mins
Shaun has Aspergers. Chris' mother is dying. An unusual friendship is formed. Drama

The Singing Teacher
Inshra Russell 12 mins
A girl auditioning for a bad tempered teacher sings a song that strikes a magical chord. Drama

The Stranger Donald Kerr 10 mins
A woman is accosted on Halloween by a captivating gentleman. Drama

London: A Love Story
Susanna Hellden 30 mins
A musical celebration of the hustle and bustle on the streets of London. Documentary



Wolfe – 12th Sept

Wuthering Heights - A Radio

Play Stuart J Parkins 7 mins

Two ex lovers are reunited during a production of Wuthering Heights. Drama

Drift Aimee Powell 17 mins

Two homeless migrants are imprisoned together in a derelict room. Drama



Brackenmore Christopher Kemble 72 mins

Kate returns to her ancestral home deep in rural Ireland and becomes entrapped in a world of pagan and ritualistic beliefs. Horror



Alphonso's Jaw

Sarahjane Swan & Roger Simian 10 mins 12A
Examining identity and distorted forms in the era of modern warfare. Inspired by the prosthetic Silver Jan constructed for French Gunner, Alphonse Louys, disfigured at the siege of Antwerp, 1832. Experimental. Britain



Lars the Emokid

Joe Grisaffi 100 mins 12A
Lars has lost his best friend, is being bullied at school, his parents are divorcing... It takes a group of misfits to show him what real friendship is. Comedy. USA

Wed 14 Sept

SCIFI & FANTASY INC ZERO

@ KPH

6-10:30pm

Ecce Homo Dermot Daly 15 mins

When logic and reason replace feeling and emotion, does the world become a colder and inflexible place? Sci Fi

The Word Of Magic James Atkins 5 mins

Childrens fantasy about a badly behaved child, a rude princess and a goblin. Fantasy

Flawless Keith Allott 6 mins

A deep fracture changes the lives of Inko and Angel forever. Sci Fi

The Pigman Rik Gordon 18 mins

An outcast creature pines to be accepted by his local village. Fantasy

Zero - 14th Sept



Detriment Trevor Hayward 7 mins

After reforming from a drug filled past, Amanda meets up with some familiar faces. Her fate becomes as terrifying as her future. Fantasy

Electric Faces Johnny Herbin 11 mins

Stealing Asham Kamboj 7 mins

Jude steals a USB with a video clip leading to a dark set of circumstances. Sci Fi.

Native Daniel Fitzsimmons 86 mins

Two scientists travel across the universe to the source of a distant transmission and possibly alien life. Sci Fi

No Guarantee

Stuart Black/Nick Mather 5 mins. A couple living in the ruins of London 2056 must decide whether to upload their consciousness onto Cloud 9. Sci Fi.

They Will All Die In Space

Javier Chillon 15 mins 12A
The starship Tantalus drifts through space. Science Fiction. Spain

Juliet Marc-Henri Boulter 12 mins 15

In the near future, the SEED company launches with a great fanfare, JULIET 1, the first generation of synthetic pleasure beings. But as technology evolves and new styles come and go, it becomes more and more difficult for mankind to find their own place. Science Fiction. France

Zero David Victori 29 mins 12A

Father and son are emotionally and physically separate the day that Earth loses gravity intermittently. The child wanders the city obsessed in responding to the recent death of his mother, while his father tries to find him in a world that is collapsing around him. Drama. Spain, USA, Mexico & UK

Kryo Christoph Heimer 32 mins 15

David (41) tries to cheat the death of his wife Evelyn (37) through the help of cryonics. When they wake up from cryo sleep in the far future, they find themselves alone and trapped inside a deserted cryo facility. But even after hundreds of years David has to learn the hard way that death is an undeniable part of life. Drama. Germany

The Pigman - 14th Sept



Not The End

César Esteban Alenda & José Esteban Alenda 30 mins
David decides to live once again with Nina the day they first met. Drama. Spain

Thu 15 Sept

FRENCH, BELGIAN & RUSSIAN

@ KPH

6-10:30pm

Fairytale For Average People

Chloe Mazio 14 mins 12A
Traumatised by a painful breakup. Joseph decides on stepping out of the house, and finding some sugar to remove bitterness from his life. Animation. France

Daphne Or The Lovely Specimen

Sebastien Laudenbach & Sylvain Derosne 15 mins 15
As any pretty plant, Daphne buds, open, fills with fragrance and loses leaves. But is never allowed pick... Animation. France

Besos Frios Nicolas Rincon Gille 15 mins 12A

In Bogota outskirts, young voices are echoing all around Leonade, Omar, Jaime, Estiven, Diego, and so many others are still there, although murdered by the army 6 or 7 years ago. Documentary. Belgium

I Don't Belong Anywhere -

Le Cinema de Chantal Akerman
Marianne Lambert 67 mins 15
From Brussels to Tel Aviv, from Paris to New York, the documentary takes us to all the places Chantal Akerman visited on her travels. Documentary. Belgium

Dal Ritorno Giovanni Cioni 92 mins 15

Dear Silvarno, when we first met in December, you asked me to come with you. You wanted to return there, to this place you outlived. I'm still there, you said. Documentary. Belgium

Dancehall Is Us

Egor Papulov 19 mins 12A
Study of the nature of the style of dancehall, street culture and the style of life of the citizens brings the viewer to understand the country as a whole. The film is, in a sense, a portrait of Jamaica today. Art Documentary. Russia



g Roman Safin 14 mins 15

Skydivers are jumping out of a plane - a young couple and their best friend. Sunset, freefall, the ground is closer and closer. One of the parachutes fails to deploy. Rushing down in freefall they realize that it is all about trust that has been lost... Sporting Drama. Russia

Lieu Trouble Lata Masud 17 mins 12A

A young runaway woman enters an empty building. She experiences strange manifestations while wandering in the building, and she spies on the couple and their little girl... until she witnesses a terrible accident. Drama. France

Crimea. The Emperor's Dream

Daniel Dlouhy 15 mins U
A political film about the future of the Crimea and Europe. Our heroes play war in a real war zone and the borders between fiction and reality become blurred. Documentary. Russia



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Fri 16 Sept

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Brilliance – 18th Sept



Sat 17 Sept

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@ THE MUSE

6-11pm

Standing At The Crossroads

(Digital Works) 50 mins
Documentary made by 5 children at St Thomas'
Primary School W10 and digital works about art and
music in North Kensington. Documentary



Schwerelos (Zero-G)

Jannis Lenz 10 mins 12A
A group of Tracers, presenting their idea of weight-
lessness in the big city through body language. Poetry
Slammer Fatima Moumouni is supporting the collage
with a poem on mental redomation of the city and the
youth movement's attitude towards life. Documentary.
Germany

The Mother Without A Womb

Oradol Kaewprasert 37 mins 15
The story of Day Freeman (Dechawut Chantakaro or
Puksupa P.) a transgender. Day had a tough
childhood. Struggling with poverty she worked as a
construction worker, and then as a hairdresser. With
her artistic ability she became a cabaret dancer and
later an actor. On a visit to her former school she
asked her teachers if there was anything she could do
for the students there and that was the beginning of
her new role... Documentary. Thailand

Save The Scene Jian Hennings 28 mins 15

A short moment in time when the Trinidadian music
scene meant more than one thing.
Music Documentary. Trinidad And Tobago

Mostly Waiting Thandi Sebe 30 mins 12A

Cape Town. Three men from Zimbabwe who came to
South Africa in search of work and a better life, now
spend their days on the side of a street, hoping for a
job. An intimate look at what it is like to be a
homeless refugee living on the streets of an
atrophobic country and the dreams that the men have
for their futures. Documentary. Germany

**9 days From My Window
In Aleppo**

Thomas Vroege & Floor van der Meulen 9 mins 15
Portrays the first nine days of the rapidly changing
uprising in Aleppo, observations recorded by the
renowned Syrian photographer Issa Touma from his
window in the old city. Documentary. Holland

I Want To Fly

Mariya Ibrahimovani 22 mins U
Kamal has a dream: he wants to fly, but many say
paragliding is an impossible dream for a man in a
wheelchair. An inspiration in the Paralympic
community, he's helped many beat the odds. Now it's
his turn to try. Documentary. Germany

Extraordinary People

Orhan Tekeoglu 45 mins U
People living in Turkey's eastern Black Sea region,
along with their traditions, unique lifestyle and
uncommonly practical solutions for life. Achieving the
impossible requires an extraordinary self-transcending
intelligence. Wit and stubbornness combined with
creativity inevitably make these local people perform
extraordinary things. Documentary. Turkey

Uber Druck (Over Pressure) 15

Sebastian Binder & Sebastian Fred Schirmen 13 mins
Everyone knows it, everyone has it. No pressure in the
kettle means deadlock. Nevertheless it always seems
to strong. Pressure is not tangible, pressure is mostly
transparent. A colourful atmospheric picture to think
about. Documentary. Germany

Djado Ivan Silke Meya 20 mins 12A

The 70 year old Djado lives in Grivitsa, a small
Bulgarian town. In close communion with nature and
his many animals, he spends his life on his small farm
and thereby maintains his very own rhythm of life. In
order to portray his life, Silke Meya (Director) and
Laura Mentgen (Director of Photography) spent one
month with Ivan in Bulgaria where they were able to
capture his philosophy of life. Documentary. Germany

Die Beschützer (The Guardians)

Benjamin Rost 26 mins 15
53-year-old Konstantin, ex-soldier Robbe and young
mother Ana are fighting with anxieties triggered by
their past. The documentary "The Guardians"
accompanies them during their training towards being
bodyguards. A portrait on the quest for security.
Documentary. Germany

Sun 18 Sept

**GOLDEN TRELLICK
FILMS
& DUTCH/
INTERNATIONAL
SHOWCASE**

@ KPH

2-6pm

**A SELECTION OF THE
AWARD WINNING FILMS**

6-10pm

DUTCH & INTERNATIONAL FILMS

Yaadikoone Marc Picavez 22 mins U

Approaching the rainy season, Yaadikoone, a nine-
year-old boy accidentally brakes his house roof with his
soccer ball. Yaadi decides to fix it himself. In his quest,
he learns the story of another "Yaadikoone", a
famous 50's bandit, remembered in the popular
memory as the Senegalese Robin Hood... Drama.
France

Who Doesn't Have A dark Side?

Leo Favier 15 mins U
The budget minister finds himself cornered by
journalists. That's it, they've found evidence of his
secret Swiss bank account. Scandal! To come up with
an exit strategy, the minister dives into his past. Made
using video clips taken from image banks, the film
gives a humorous and exact account of the life of a
politician. Drama. France

Cassandre Joffrey Renambatz 20 mins U

Reunion island. Cassandre, a 12 year old girl, has just
lost her father. One morning she runs away on her
own in the direction of the Cicus of Mafate. She wishes
to honour the last will of her dead father. But on her
way back home, she gets lost. Drama. France

Silent Words Zoe Wittock 9 mins 12A

When two souls wake up in each others arms,
everything seems to be of the obvious: they're in love.
But Laurence sees it differently... A mystery that Sacha
cannot seem to wrap his head around. Drama. France

HOLLAND / DUTCH NIGHT AND OTHERS

Bingo Patrick Schoenmaker 3 mins 12A

In a joyless nursing home, a feisty elderly woman
embarks on a maniacal quest to recover a lost bingo
ball. Animation. Holland

Brilliance Miles Roston 13 mins 15

Six lives collide in a flash of sunshine, bullets and
jewels. Drama. Holland

Kings Day (Konings Dag)

Steven Wouterloot 25 mins U
Younes is selling at a lively street market but when the
young folk singer Kelvin arrives the atmosphere
deteriorates fast. Holland

Ninnoc Niki Padidar 19 mins 12A

A film about exclusion and inclusion, about being your
own and group pressure. Holland

Otto Job, Joris & Marieke 10 mins U

A childless woman steals a girl's imaginary friend.
Holland. Animation

Paniek (Panic)

Joost Lieuwma & Daan Velsink 6 mins U
Panic attacks are surprising Marja's holiday. Or is it
just her imagination? Holland

Pien, Queen Of The Bees

Ellen Vloet 16 mins U
Beekeeper Pien (10) is determined to save the bees
from extinction. In the meantime she is also treated
for cancer. Documentary. Holland

Red-End And The Factory Plane

Robin Noorda & Bethany de Forest 16 mins U
Red-end has to rescue Redback out of a meat factory.
Animation. Holland

Supporting Film - Voor Film

Douwe Dijkstra 12 mins U
A short film about film. Holland

Under The Apple Tree

Erik van Schaik 19 mins 15
A horror comedy about a farmer, a priest and worms.
Animation, comedy. Holland

Voices Of Finance

Clara van Gool 35 mins 12A
Short film based on the banking blog Joris Luyendijk
wrote for The Guardian about the heart of finance:
the City of London. Experimental. Holland

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1966 The year the decade exploded in Notting Hill - Dir. Phoenix Bay - Local history talk by Tom Vague featuring the London Free School and Lord Kitchener's Valet, with Brian Nevill reading from 'Boom Baby' and Rosamund 'Casino Blue' musical interlude at Book & Kitchen, All Saints Road. 9 minutes

Plus Four Films by Heathcote Williams and Alan Cox including The Beast Of Brexit, a portrait of Boris Johnson. 20 mins & Films of the early Mutoid Waste Company 1985-1993 by Festival Director Jonathan Barnett. 30 mins

THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE ARE FREE

BY TOM VAGUE

Portobello Film Festival celebrates its 21st Birthday this year with a feast of independent local, London, UK and international movies from 1-18 September. Uniquely Portobello has been an annual Free - both for film submissions and entry to all events - Festival for 21 years.

Time Out and NME are now free and making more money than before, higher readership, more advertising, being free is also karmically cleaner, and saves us the trouble of having to sell tickets and do returns, more people come, people who can't afford it can come so there's no economic fascism, also people who are interested can come and check it out without being out of pocket.

FREE - as in the Notting Hill Free Library, free food kitchens, the London Free School, Pink Floyd's Free School and Free Games for May gigs, free love, the groups Free at Last and Free, Bowie's 'Memory of a Free Festival', free gigs in Hyde Park, the Glastonbury Fayre free festival (organised at 307 Portobello Road), Portobello Green free gigs by Hawkwind and the Pink Fairies, the Notting Hill People's Free Carnival, the White Panthers' free food stall, the Free Shop, free housing c/o the Ruff Tuff Cream Puff squatting estate agency, Heathcote Williams' Albion Free State Meat Roxy squatted cinema on Lancaster Road, the Windsor and Stonehenge free festivals featuring the 101'ers and Here & Now, 'Stay Free' by the Clash, the Free and Independent Republic of Frestonia and the Portobello Free Film Festival.

The Notting Hill Free Library - The North Kensington Library on the corner of Ladbroke Grove and Lancaster Road - currently under threat of conversion into a private school - was originally known as the Free Library of Notting Hill when it was founded at Notting Hill Gate in 1874 by James Heywood. After the Kensington Vestry eventually adopted the Public Libraries Act in 1887, the Notting Hill Gate library reopened as 'Kensington's first publicly-owned free library', before moving to the purpose-built Ladbroke Grove premises in 1891.

Free food kitchens - In the early 20th century free food and clothing was provided to the needy by local churches and missions, including the Venture Hall (on the site of the Portobello Court estate), the Salvation Army Hall and the Latymer Road Mission.

The London Free School - 50 years ago, when Notting Hill was still known as a slum area, the concept of a free school was also very different to what it is today. This year is the 50th anniversary of the 1966 London Free School community action project, which encompassed adult education, the first Notting Hill Carnival/Fayre procession, a Muhammad Ali visit, auto-destructive art on the Westway site adventure playground and Pink Floyd gigs in All Saints church hall.

Inspired by American Free Universities or Anti-universities, the London Free School offered 'free education through lectures and discussion groups in subjects essential to our daily life and work.' The Free School building was 26 Powis Terrace, a former jazz record shop and brothel, across the road from David Hockney's studio. The Free School music group set up the DNA label to release an album by the free improvisation jazz group AMM. Their newsletter The Gate/Grove evolved into the underground paper IT/International Times.



On May 15 1966 the Free School children's group, run by Rhaune Laslett at 34 Tavistock Crescent, was visited by Muhammad Ali at the time of his second Henry Cooper fight. 50 years ago this month the London Free School Fayre and Pageant featured the first Notting Hill Carnival procession, organised by Rhaune Laslett on September 18. Half a century later the Carnival remains free despite recent ticket proposals.

Pink Floyd's Free School Sound/Light workshops/Free Games for May - After the Fayre, at the Free School Sound/Light workshops in All Saints hall, Syd Barrett's Pink Floyd went into psychedelic 'Interstellar Overdrive', with accompanying 'light projection slides liquid movies.' Pink Floyd's second single 'See Emily Play' was inspired by the Free School activist Emily Young. The line 'free games for May' refers to their Games for May surround sound gig at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on May 12 1967.

Free Love - Notting Hill in the 1967 summer of love is recalled as the UK's equivalent of Haight Ashbury, a utopian hippy society with free food, housing and love. In the late 60s All Saints church hall hosted gigs by Hawkwind, Quintessence, and David Bowie at the time of the Beckenham festival that inspired his 'Memory of a Free Festival' track.

Free at Last - The jazz/blues group Free at Last was formed in 1966 by the Blues Incorporated founder Alexis Korner, who lived at 4 Burnham Court on Moscow Road and appeared at a Free School gig in All Saints hall.

Free at Basing Street Studios - 'Free at Last' is also the title of an album by the group Free, of 'All Right Now' fame, who recorded at the Island

studios on Basing Street.

Hyde Park free gigs - In the wake of the London Free School, Pete Jenner, who acted as the first Carnival treasurer, went on to be Pink Floyd's manager and set up Blackhill Enterprises management company, with Andrew King and the band members, at 32 Alexander Street.

In the late 60s and early 70s Blackhill put on free gigs in Hyde Park, beginning in 1968 with a bill featuring Pink Floyd, Tyrannosaurus Rex, Roy Harper and Jethro Tull. The following year they put on Blind Faith and the Rolling Stones, after Brian Jones died, along with the Third Ear Band and Alexis Korner's New Church, which had an estimated half million attendance. There were also free appearances in Hyde Park by the likes of Traffic, Fleetwood Mac, Crosby, Stills and Nash, Jefferson Airplane, Soft Machine, Gong, the Deviants, Quintessence, Humble Pie and King Crimson.

Glastonbury Fayre Free Festival - The 1971 Glastonbury Fayre was organised at 307 Portobello Road by Arabella Churchill (Winston's hippy granddaughter) and her Revelation Enterprises. The 71 free festival was the first with a pyramid stage, which hosted Hawkwind, Pink Fairies, Quintessence, Bowie, Traffic, Gong, Mighty Baby and Skin Alley. The 'Glastonbury Fayre' album sleeve was designed by Barney Bubbles at 307 and the festival was filmed by Nic Roeg and David Puttnam.

Portobello Green free gigs - As the North Kensington Amenity Trust was set up to develop the land under the Westway, the first director Anthony Perry described the initial stage: 'At that time Portobello Green, as I named it, was completely fenced in with a high corrugated iron wall. Over the weeks that followed we slowly cleared it up. We tarmaced the part immediately adjacent to Portobello Road and started a charity market. The thing to do was to get people to use the land and consider it theirs.'

In his account of working for the trust in the early 70s a picture of a rock band (thought to be Clover) playing on Portobello Green is captioned: 'Not everyone loved us or shared the idea of using the green for entertainment. The residents had had a particularly hard time while the motorway was being built. What they felt about the future of the green was important and a small group of the residents immediately took against the Saturday rock concerts that had started early on.'

Hawkwind free gigs under the Westway - Through the summer of 71 Hawkwind played a series of free gigs in different locations under the flyover, including the green, featured on the gatefold sleeve of their 'X In Search of Space' album.

Notting Hill People's Free Carnival - Frendz underground paper, whose office was at 305 Portobello Road, promoted the 1971 'People's Free



Carnival', proclaiming that 'the Streets of Notting Hill belong to the People.'

The White Panthers Free Food stall under the Westway - The UK branch of the radical hippy White Panther Party (founded in solidarity with the Black Panthers) was launched by Mick Farren at the 1970 Isle of Wight festival, in protest at ticket prices, as Hawkwind and the Pink Fairies appeared at the alternative 'Desolation Row' free festival site.

Farren summed up the White Panthers West London chapter as "a bunch of street kids on the Grove doing the free food thing." Their proto-food bank venture under the Westway was featured in a local press report as a free 'eat-in', at which: 'kids swarmed around a table under the motorway in the Portobello Road last Friday, attracted by the smell of cooking.'

The Free Shop - The Free Shop on the corner of Acklam Road under the flyover is described in the mid-70s book 'Soft City' by Jonathan Raban as 'a locked shack with Free Shop spraygunned on it, and old shoes and sofas piled in heaps around it.'

Free housing/squatting c/o the Ruff Tuff Cream Puff squatting estate agency - Heathcote Williams' squatting estate agents magazine advertised Notting Hill properties available for free.

Albion Free State Meat Roxy - In the mid-70s the Royalty Cinema, on the site of Royalty Studios on Lancaster Road, became the squatted Albion Free State Meat Roxy venue of gigs by the local squat rock groups Here & Now and Joe Strummer's 101'ers. The name was concocted by the fire-breathing impresario Heathcote Williams from his William Blake-inspired 'utopian vision of an England free from government and bosses.'

Here & Now/Windsor and Stonehenge free festivals - The free festival stalwarts Here & Now took the Hawkwind and Pink Fairies tradition on to another level with a free ethos that 'no one should ever pay to see or hear them.' As they inhabited various squats in the area including one on Stoneleigh Street,

Here & Now appeared at the Stonehenge and Windsor free festivals, along with the 101'ers and Nik Turner from Hawkwind. They travelled between festivals and lived in a former police bus, which later became the Mutoid Waste Company's skull bus.

The Clash Stay Free - In 1977 the Clash posed by the Free Shop on Portobello Road under the Westway and railway bridge. The following year they recorded 'Stay Free' on their second album 'Give 'Em Enough Rope' at Basing Street Studios.

The Free and Independent Republic of Frestonia - On Freston Road in 1977 hippy and punk squatters declared themselves independent of Britain and appealed to the UN for assistance against threatened eviction. Their national anthem proclaimed: 'Long live Frestonia, land of the free - not the GLC.' Graffiti in the area included 'Strictly Free Range Reality'. Freston later hosted the free festival Peace Convoy hippy travellers' site.

Portobello Film Festival - Following in the local free tradition, Portobello Film Festival was founded in 1996. It was decided from the start that the festival would be free and would try to show all films submitted and never charge admission. Festival Director Jonathan Barnett says: 'Art should be kept as far away from money and corporate ethics as possible, the best art has always been done for love not money... that's not to say artists shouldn't be paid, of course they should - they make the world a more wonderful place, just that the prime motivation, the muse, the inspiration is always clearer from the soul than the management consultant. An art history landmark would be the emergence of Dutch genre painting in the 17th century recording the lives of ordinary people rather than commissions from the rich and powerful.'

An unedited version of this appears on the Talking Pictures page of the Portobello Film Festival website: www.portbellofilmfestival.com/talkingpics.html

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