

2025-2026



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WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOLS PROGRAMME FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR!

As we start another school year, you'll find within these pages the familiar highlights of the IFI Schools programme, such as new films to support Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) plus our collaboration with Think Languages Week, and recent Irish films and films for Primary school. We welcome the introduction of two new Leaving Certificate subjects - Drama, Film and Theatre Studies and Climate Action and Sustainable Development - and have included films to support both.

A further addition to the programme is our TY Film

Studies strand, offering you and your students the opportunity to experience some must-see films in the cinema, followed by 20-minute taster talk, giving students a foundation in some great cinematic work. There is a discounted ticket bundle for 3 films, see pages 8 and 9.

See you at the cinema!

Alicia, Holly, Ciarda & Daniel

TICKET PRICES:

€6 PER STUDENT

€8 PER STUDENT
FOR SPECIAL EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

TEACHERS GO FREE!

BOOKING:

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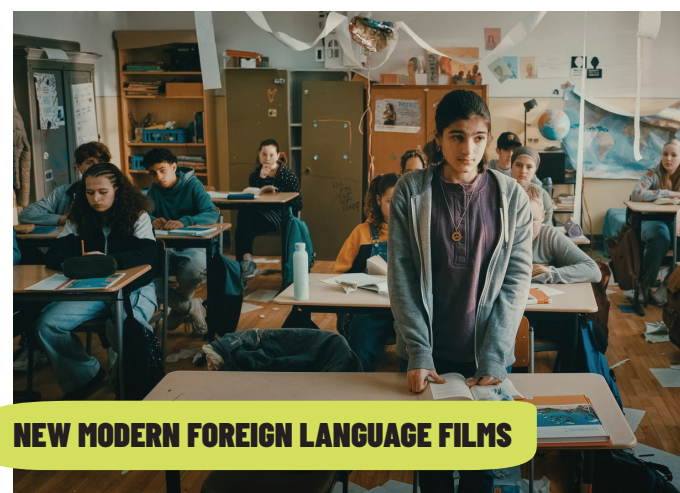
WHAT TEACHERS SAY ABOUT THE IFI SCHOOLS PROGRAMME:

"THE IFI STUDY GUIDES ARE ALWAYS VERY HELPFUL. THE FREE COFFEES FOR TEACHERS WERE ALSO WELCOME! :)"

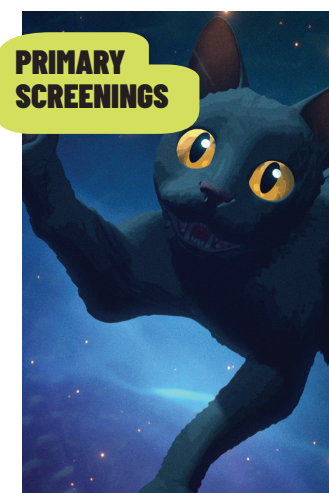
"THE FILM WAS PERFECT FOR MY GROUP'S LEVEL AND INTERESTS."

"HELPFUL INTRODUCTION FOR STUDENTS. AN EXCELLENT PROGRAMME, VERY ENGAGING AND RELEVANT FILMS FOR BOTH OUR 3RD AND 5TH YEAR STUDENTS."

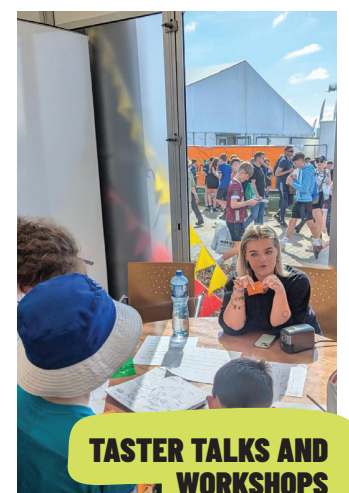
INSIDE THE PROGRAMME



NEW MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGE FILMS



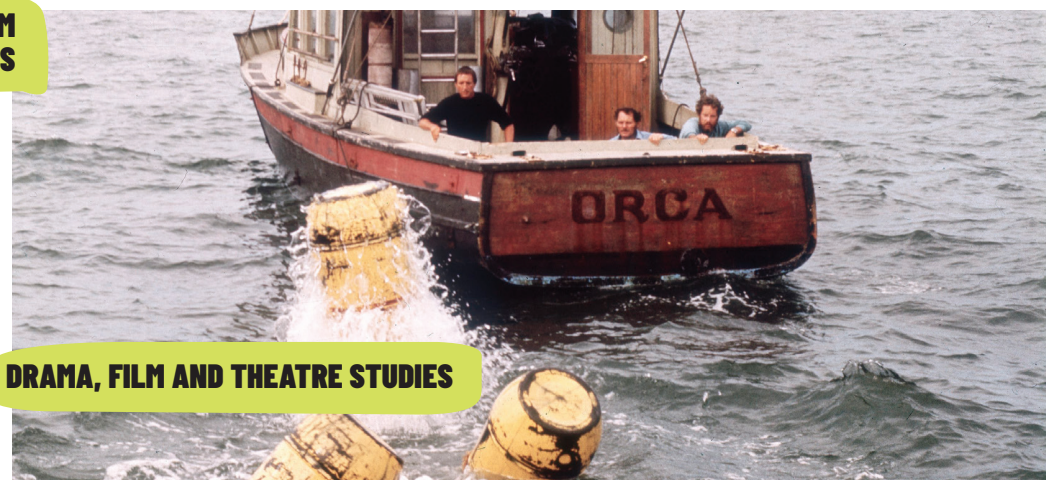
PRIMARY SCREENINGS



TASTER TALKS AND WORKSHOPS



TY FILM STUDIES



DRAMA, FILM AND THEATRE STUDIES

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGE FILMS

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from <https://ifi.ie/studyguides>

SENIOR CYCLE FRENCH

THE MARCHING BAND EN FANFARE



France • 2024 • 103 mins • Drama • Director: Emmanuel Courcol



**Oct 8, Nov 19, Dec 11, Jan 13,
Feb 26, Mar 19, Apr 15 (10:30)**

When prestigious orchestra conductor Thibaut discovers he is adopted following a cancer diagnosis, he connects with his biological brother Jimmy. The seemingly juxtaposed brothers find their connection through Jimmy's marching brass band. A heartwarming and comedic tale of community marching brass band.

Cork, Cork International Film Festival	(021) 427 1711	Nov 10–14
Kenmare, Carnegie Arts Centre	(064) 6648701	Nov 17,19
Letterkenny, Regional Cultural Centre	(074) 912 9186	Nov 17
Athlone, IMC Athlone	Bookings through ifi.ie	Nov 17
Bantry, Cinemax Bantry	(027) 55777	Nov 18
Waterford, Garter Lane Arts Centre	(051) 855038	Nov 19
Listowel, St. John's Theatre & Arts Centre	(068) 22566	Nov 19
Dundalk, An Táin Arts Centre	(042) 9332332	Nov 20
Sligo, The Model	(071) 914 1405	Nov 20
Ballina, Ballina Arts Centre	(096) 73593	Nov 20
Bray, Mermaid Arts Centre	(01) 2724030	Jan 26
Roscommon, Roscommon Arts Centre	(090) 662 5824	Jan 27
The Naul, The Séamus Ennis Arts Centre	(01) 8020898	Jan 29
Navan, Solstice Arts Centre	(046) 909 2300	Feb 25
Dún Laoghaire, Pavilion Theatre	(01) 231 2929	Mar 10
Offaly, Esker Arts Centre	(057) 938 3801	Mar 18
Limerick, Fresh Film Festival	(061) 319 555	Mar 23
Leitrim, The Dock	(071) 965 0828	Apr 15

IFI French Film Festival: 19-30 November 2025

That Summer in Paris/ Le Rendez-vous de l'été

See www.ifi.ie/frenchfilmfest

Spring 2026:

Souleymane's Story/ L'histoire de Souleymane: Feb 4, Apr 23 (10:30)

SENIOR CYCLE SPANISH

GERMANY ALEMANIA



IFI Age Rec: 15+

Argentina-Spain • 2023 • 87 mins • Drama • Director: María Zanetti

Oct 22, Nov 18, Jan 8, Mar 24 (10:30)

16-year-old Lola is offered the chance to study abroad in Germany and is eager for a taste of independence. However, her home life is complicated by her older sister's mental health, and her family are hesitant to let her leave. A gripping Spanish-language coming-of-age drama.



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Bray, Mermaid Arts Centre	(01) 2724030	Nov 17, Jan 12
Dún Laoghaire, Pavilion Theatre	(01) 231 2929	Nov 17, Mar 9
Sligo, The Model	(071) 914 1405	Jan 29
Navan, Solstice Arts Centre	(046) 909 2300	Feb 23
The Naul, The Séamus Ennis Arts Centre	(01) 8020898	Apr 30

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SENIOR CYCLE GERMAN

TWO TO ONE ZWEI ZU EINS



IFI Age Rec: 15+

Germany • 2024 • 113 mins • Drama • Director: Natja Brunckhorst



Oct 21, Nov 18, Feb 5 (10:30)

When a family in East Germany discovers millions worth of soon-to-be-destroyed currency during the 1990s' reunification era, they plot to use as much as they can before it becomes worthless. The comical heist unites and divides the close-knit socialist community, now under pressure to spend, spend, spend.

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JUNIOR CYCLE FRENCH

SAVAGES SAUVAGES



Switzerland-France-Belgium • 2024 • 87 mins • Animation • Director: Claude Barras



Nov 4, Jan 7, Mar 26, Apr 28

With the tropical forest under threat of deforestation from logging companies, Kéria, Selaï and their rescued baby orangutan Oshi decide to take a stand to save the rainforest and protect its indigenous population. A stunning new animation from *My Life as a Courgette* director Claude Barras.

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Leitrim, The Dock	(071) 965 0828	Nov 18, Feb 11
Waterford, Garter Lane Arts Centre	(051) 855038	Nov 18
Listowel, St. John’s Theatre & Arts Centre	(068) 22566	Nov 18
Kenmare, Carnegie Arts Centre	(064) 6648701	Nov 18
Sligo, The Model	(071) 914 1405	Nov 21
Ballina, Ballina Arts Centre	(096) 73593	Nov 21
Thurles, The Source Arts Centre	(0504) 90204	Jan 22
Roscommon, Roscommon Arts Centre	(090) 662 5824	Jan 28
Navan, Solstice Arts Centre	(046) 909 2300	Feb 25
The Naul, The Séamus Ennis Arts Centre	(01) 8020898	Feb 26
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JUNIOR CYCLE SPANISH

JUMP! ¡SALTA!

IFI Age Rec: 12+

Spain • 2023 • 85 mins • Sci-fi/Comedy • Director: Olga Osorio

Nov 6, Jan 21, Apr 14

Brothers Teo and Óscar become separated when Teo disappears down a mysterious wormhole in 1989. When he reappears exactly the same, 33 years later, he must work together with his now-older brother to find the right wormhole to send him back and find their mother. A terrific sci-fi romp through time.



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JUNIOR CYCLE GERMAN

WINNERS SIEGER SEIN



IFI Age Rec: 12+

Germany • 2024 • 119 mins • Drama • Director: Soleen Yusef



Nov 12, Jan 15, Apr 21

Eleven-year-old Mona has just arrived in Berlin from Syria. She doesn’t speak any German, but she loves football and joins the school team, where morale is at an all-time low and her teammates aren’t particularly welcoming. A tale of teamwork and making friends in new unfamiliar places. *Contains strong language.*

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THINK LANGUAGES WEEK

17-21 NOVEMBER 2025

A CELEBRATION OF LANGUAGES THROUGH FILM!

We are delighted to partner again with
Think Languages Week for 2025.

**1. CATCH OUR NEW MFL TITLES
ACROSS THE COUNTRY AT
OUR PARTNER VENUES.**

**2. BRING THE CINEMA TO
YOUR CLASSROOM WITH
IFI@SCHOOLS. AVAIL OF
A DISCOUNTED BUNDLE AND
A FREE FILM FOR THE WEEK.**

**3. TAKE A CHANCE ON OUR
MYSTERY FILM AT THE IFI
AND AT THE MODEL SLIGO ON
THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER.**

**4. LEARN ABOUT WORKING IN
FILM AND HOW LANGUAGES
CAN SUPPORT A CAREER IN
THE FILM INDUSTRY.**



THINK LANGUAGES WEEK CALENDAR

Bookings direct with each venue:

Monday, November 17th		
Kenmare, Carnegie Arts Centre	The Marching Band	Senior French
Letterkenny, Regional Cultural Centre	The Marching Band	Senior French
Athlone, IMC Athlone	The Marching Band	Senior French
Athlone, IMC Athlone	Two to One	Senior German
Bray, Mermaid Arts Centre	Germany	Senior Spanish
Dún Laoghaire, Pavilion Theatre	Germany	Senior Spanish
Tuesday, November 18th		
IFI, Dublin	Germany	Senior Spanish
IFI, Dublin	Two to One	Senior German
Bantry, Cinemax Bantry	The Marching Band	Senior French
Letterkenny, Regional Cultural Centre	Two to One	Senior German
Leitrim, The Dock	Savages	Junior French
Listowel, St. John's Theatre & Arts Centre	Savages	Junior French
Kenmare, Carnegie Arts Centre	Savages	Junior French
Waterford, Garter Lane Arts Centre	Savages	Junior French
Wednesday, November 19th		
IFI, Dublin	The Marching Band	Senior French
Kenmare, Carnegie Arts Centre	The Marching Band	Senior French
Waterford, Garter Lane Arts Centre	The Marching Band	Senior French
Listowel, St. John's Theatre & Arts Centre	The Marching Band	Senior French
Thursday, November 20th		
Sligo, The Model	The Marching Band	Senior French
IFI, Dublin	Mystery Film	???
Sligo, The Model	Mystery Film	???
Listowel, St. John's Theatre & Arts Centre	Jump!	Junior Spanish
Ballina, Ballina Arts Centre	The Marching Band	Senior French
Dundalk, An Táin Arts Centre	The Marching Band	Senior French
Friday, November 21st		
Sligo, The Model	Savages	Junior French
Ballina, Ballina Arts Centre	Savages	Junior French
Dundalk, An Táin Arts Centre	Two to One	Senior German

SENIOR CYCLE REDEVELOPMENT

DRAMA, FILM AND THEATRE STUDIES

We are delighted to support the new subject, Drama, Film and Theatre Studies, with cinema screenings of prescribed films open to all schools, and online streaming through the new

DFTS channel available to Phase One teachers. Each screening will include an extended introduction from a member of the IFI Education team.

JAWS

USA • 1974 • 115 mins • Drama • Director: Steven Spielberg



Nov 5 (10:30)

For the Style of Steven Spielberg, his seminal film is enjoying its 40th anniversary and remains a thrill for new and old audiences. The plot,

visuals, characterisation, slow-building tension, and horror made it an early blockbuster that ultimately changed the film industry.

AN CAILÍN CIÚIN

Ireland • 2021 • 95 mins • Drama • Director: Colm Bairéad

Jan 14 (10:30)

As an example of the European Arthouse genre. *An Cailín Ciúin* focuses in on the small farming household and the day to day in which Cáit takes part during her fostered summer. With no great tension or rigid plotting, the narrative unfolds slowly as the young girl blossoms under unfamiliar care.



PAST LIVES

USA-South Korea • 2023 • 105 mins • Drama • Director: Celine Song



Feb 11 (10:30)

The prescribed film in the Romance genre is an ode to first love and missed chances. This non-linear story is set between South Korea and New York, where these two childhood friends meet again, with the 'What If' question always hanging in the air.

CHECK OUT THE DFTS CHANNEL

The new streaming platform, supported by the Dept. of Education & Youth gives teachers in Phase One schools access to the prescribed texts and supplementary materials.

CLIMATE ACTION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

LOWLAND KIDS

IFI Age Rec: 15+

USA • 2025 • 94 mins • Documentary • Director: Sandra Winther



Oct 14 (10:30)

On Louisiana's rapidly disappearing Isle de Jean Charles, teenagers Howard and Juliette, along with their Uncle Chris, are facing the reality of becoming America's First Climate Refugees. A captivating insight into

global climate crisis including its impact on people and place.

**TAKE A LOOK AT TEACHERS CHOICE
ON PAGE 11, AND TURN THE CINEMA
INTO YOUR CLASSROOM!**

SENIOR CYCLE

ENGLISH

MACBETH

IFI Age Rec: 15+

UK • 2025 • 114 mins • Drama/Theatre • Director: Max Webster



Dec 2 (10:30)

David Tennant (*Doctor Who*, *Broadchurch*) and Cush Jumbo (*The Good Wife*) lead a stellar cast in a captivating production of Shakespeare's Scottish play, filmed live in London at the Donmar Warehouse, especially to be enjoyed on the big screen.

SMALL THINGS LIKE THESE

I2A

Ireland-Belgium • 2024 • 96 mins • Drama • Director: Tim Mielants

Jan 20 (10:30)

Set in New Ross in 1985, coal merchant Bill Furlong (Cillian Murphy) grapples with a dark secret in the local convent and must face his own conscience as well as the influential presence of the Church. Adapted from Claire Keegan's short novella.



HISTORY

RIEFENSTAHL

IFI Age Rec: 15+

Germany • 2024 • 115 mins • German/English • Documentary • Director: Andres Veiel



Feb 12 (10:30)

Though regarded as a talented and groundbreaking filmmaker, Leni Riefenstahl's legacy is inseparable from the propaganda films she created for the Nazi regime.

The filmmaker's controversial story is explored through first-time access to her personal archive and ultimately her lifelong claim to political naivety is questioned.

ART

E.1027: EILEEN GRAY AND THE HOUSE BY THE SEA

I2A

Switzerland • 2024 • 89 mins • Documentary/Drama • Director: Beatrice Minger

& Christoph Schaub

Jan 29 (10:30)

An artistic journey through Irish architect Eileen Grey's most famous house E.1027, the film depicts the house in use and the ideas behind her design. Includes dramatic reenactment of conversations between Grey and Le Corbusier.



GAEILGE

FRÉWAKA

I5A

Ireland • 2024 • 103 mins • Drama • Subtitled • Director: Aislinn Clarke



Mar 10 (10:30)

Proving Irish Language cinema can cover any genre, Aislinn Clarke's folk horror follows Shoo as she goes to care for Peig, a cantankerous old woman living in a big house on

the edge of a remote village. Irish mythology meets horror, ensuring to keep you on the edge of your seat.

Please note: contains some scenes of harmful behaviour.

MATHEMATICS/BUSINESS

BEAT THE LOTTO

G

Ireland • 80 mins • 2025 • Documentary • Director: Ross Whitaker



Nov 27 (10:30)

Can you increase your chances in the Lotto using mathematical analysis? Ross Whitaker's new film covers the 1992 National Lottery scandal, where an entrepreneurial syndicate decided to fix it in their favour. The catch – they need to buy every single ticket combination and fast, or risk losing all the cash invested.

NOMADLAND

12A

USA • 2020 • 107 mins • Drama • Director: Chloé Zhao

Dec 9 (10:30)

The film for which Chloé Zhao (Hammnet) became the first woman of colour to win an Oscar for Best Director. Frances McDormand excels in this glimpse of hardship, the gig economy, chances of love, fortune and kindness, making for an unforgettable cinema experience.



IN THE MOOD FOR LOVE

PG

Hong Kong • 2000 • 98 mins • Subtitled • Romance/Drama • Director: Wong Kar-Wai

Jan 22 (10:30)

In Wong Kar-Wai's classic romance, two new neighbours begin to spend more time together and realise their spouses are engaged in an affair. They must come to terms with their own feelings for each other in this delicate and colourful modern classic.



**NEXT CLASSIC -
TO BE DECIDED
BY STUDENTS!**

NEW IRISH FILM

CHRISTY

15A

Ireland • 2025 • 99 mins • Drama • Director: Brendan Canty

Oct 9 (10:30)

The winner of Berlinale Generation's top prize concerns teen Christy who moves in with his estranged older brother Shane. Caught on the brink of adulthood, he is haunted by the past and adrift, as he tries to figure out his future. This new film from Brendan Canty is witty and moving in equal parts, and stars breakout Cork rapping tribe, The Kabin Crew.



TRANSITION YEAR FILM STUDIES

Introduction to Film Studies through 4 key films. Experience these great films in cinema with a 5th film chosen by students. **Book 3 films for €15, email schools@irishfilm.ie**

**BUNDLE PRICE - €15 PER
STUDENT FOR 3 SCREENINGS**

VERTIGO

USA • 1958 • 128 mins • Thriller • Director: Alfred Hitchcock



Oct 16 (10:30)

A former detective (James Stewart), plagued with crippling vertigo, takes on the role of private investigator when he is hired by a friend to investigate the behaviour of his wife (Kim Novak), in this psychological thriller considered by many to be Alfred Hitchcock's magnum opus.



ADAM & PAUL

Ireland • 2004 • 86 mins • Drama • Director: Lenny Abrahamson

15A

Mar 12 (10:30)

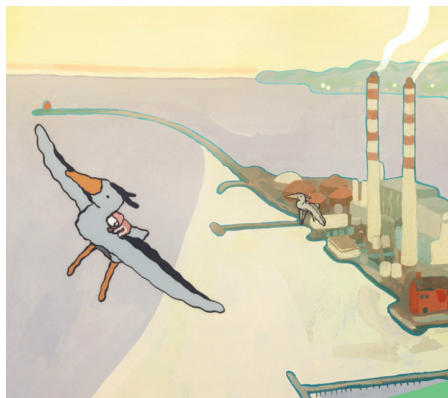
Lenny Abrahamson's first feature is the story of two addicts wandering the city, in search of their next fix. Funny, poignant, heartbreaking, the film marked a new era in Irish filmmaking. An excellent introduction to Irish cinema and the stories that are being told on screen.



JUNIOR CYCLE

GAEILGE

GEARRSCANNÁIN



Boglach (2025)
Director: Sarah Benson

IFI Age Rec: 12+

Mar 11 (10:30)

A selection of Irish language short films curated for students to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge 2026.

CHECK IFI@SCHOOLS FOR SNAG BUNDLE!

MUSIC

AMADEUS

USA • 1984 • 161 mins • Biography • Director: Miloš Forman

I2A



Nov 11 (10:15)

A fictionalised portrayal of the rivalry between 18th Century composers Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and the lesser-known Antonio Salieri. Salieri, driven mad by his jealousy and admiration of Mozart, vows to ruin his career.

+ POST-SCREENING WORKSHOP ON THE LIFE AND MUSIC OF MOZART.

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A COMPLETE UNKNOWN

I2A

USA • 2024 • 141 mins • Biography • Director: James Mangold



Feb 3 (10:15)

The tale of Bob Dylan (performed with phenomenal accuracy by Timothy Chalamet) and his journey from the folk-scene of New York to his electric performance at the 1965 Newport Folk Festival.

+ POST-SCREENING WORKSHOP ON THE AMERICAN FOLK MUSIC REVIVAL.

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HISTORY/CSPE/ENGLISH

TESTIMONY

I2A

Ireland • 2025 • 105 mins • Documentary • Director: Aoife Kelleher

Dec 10 (10:30)

The new Junior Cycle Module on Mother and Baby Homes is a rich addition to curricula. This stirring documentary, which chronicles the fight for justice by survivors of the various institutions, offers personal stories and a useful background to approaching the Module in class.



+ GUEST INTRODUCTION!

THE MOST PRECIOUS OF CARGOES LA PLUS PRÉCIEUSE DES MARCHANDISES

I2A

France-Belgium • 2024 • 81 mins • Animation • Subtitled

Director: Michel Hazanavicius



Jan 27 (10:30)

Marking Holocaust Memorial Day 2026, we are showing this recent French animated fable from *The Artist* director Michel Hazanavicius. On a train to a concentration camp, a father in desperation, throws his baby out into the snow, where she's discovered by the Woodcutter and the Woodcutter's Wife.

TEACHERS CHOICE

TURN OUR CINEMA INTO YOUR CLASSROOM!

Teachers Choice offers you a private screening of a film of your choosing subject to film and screen availability.

Email schools@irishfilm.ie to enquire about Teachers Choice.



TEACHERS CHOICE OFFERS:

PRIVATE SCREEN FOR YOU AND YOUR STUDENTS

INTRODUCTION FROM IFI EDUCATION TEAM

FLAT RATE FEE WITH NO MINIMUM STUDENT NUMBER REQUIREMENT

OPTION FOR EXTRA 30 MINUTES IN CINEMA TO DISCUSS THE FILM WITH YOUR CLASS (DEPENDING ON FILM LENGTH).

"GREAT FILM IN A CINEMA ALL TO OURSELVES. CHILDREN NEVER EXPERIENCED CINEMA LIKE THIS BEFORE. JOY."

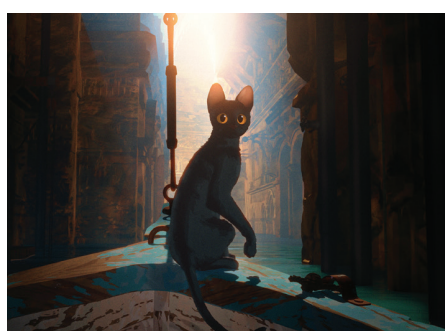
- Teachers Choice attendee 2024

PRIMARY

FLOW STRAUME



Latvia • 2024 • 84 mins • Dialogue-Free • Animation • Director: Gints Zilbalodis



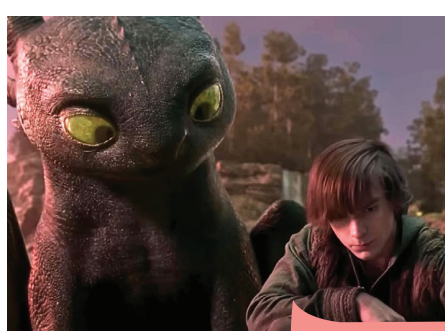
Oct 23 (10:30)

A lonely cat traverses a quiet and mysterious land in the aftermath of a great storm. Taking refuge on a boat and joined by a crew of different animals, the group must learn to work together to survive in this mysterious and often dangerous world.

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON



UK-USA-Ireland-Iceland-Canada • 2025 • 125 mins • Drama • Director: Dean DeBlois



Mar 5 (10:30)

Based on the 2003 novel by Cressida Cowell, largely shot in Northern Ireland, this live action faithfully tells the story of the unlikely friendship of young Viking Hiccup and dragon Toothless. **Screening in collaboration with Children's Books Ireland.**

WORLD BOOK DAY 2026

FUTURE COUNCIL

IFI Age Rec: 8+

Netherlands-Australia • 2024 • 81 mins • Documentary • Director: Damon Gameau



EARTH DAY 2026

Apr 22 (10:30)

Director Damon Gameau (2040) takes eight community activist young people on an adventure across Europe to better understand the global climate emergency. Together they decide to act as a voice for nature and bring nature to the boardroom of global multinational companies.

THE PENGUIN LESSONS



USA-UK-Spain • 2024 • 111 mins • Drama • Director: Peter Cattaneo



May 5 (10:30)

Amusing, heartfelt tale of a disgruntled English teacher in Argentina during the military regime, who finds himself secretly caring for a penguin. At its best when focussing on the animal antics, Coogan is excellent as the foreigner abroad.

IFI NEXT GENERATION: 15-19

From Dingle to Derry, young people across Ireland are involved in hundreds of activities in all aspects of film, from watching to writing to shooting and screening their work. IFI's Next Generation (15-19) Programme, funded by Screen Ireland and led by IFI Education, supports the future of Irish film through a dynamic series of activities, aimed at inspiring and engaging young people in film culture, film watching, and filmmaking.

Together with stakeholders, we are building the picture of how young people can get involved in film where they live and continue to collaborate with festivals and organisations to offer great film experiences that will help teenagers to succeed on their film journey.

For further information, contact ctobin@irishfilm.ie

CAREERS EVENTS

CREATIVE CAREERS

SEPTEMBER 17-19, 2025

Keep an eye out for us at the Creative Careers area at Higher Options and World Skills at the RDS.

Creative Careers is an initiative of Screen Ireland, Cultural & Creative Industries Skillnet, Creative Ireland, Coimisiún na Méan, and The Arts Council.

IFI CAREERS IN SCREEN

MARCH 4, 2026

Our annual Careers in Screen Day will introduce students to the industry through screenings, illustrated talks with established filmmakers, and demonstrations of aspects of filmmaking.

IFI CAREERS IN ANIMATION

OCTOBER 15, 2025

This half-day event will feature Nora Twomey of the multi-award winning studio, Cartoon Saloon, and director of *The Breadwinner*. Also featuring Screen Ireland's National Talent Academy for Animation panel. It is an ideal event for young people thinking about futures in the animation industry.



To book IFI careers events visit <https://ifi.ie/learn/ifi-careers-in-screen/>

ROADSHOW

Through the Next Generation 15-19 Roadshow we continue to connect young people with filmmaking in their area, we build on local programmes and interact with the regional film industry with guests and activities. Next Generation Roadshow panels will take place in Cork and Dublin.



CORK INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER 13, 2026

See <https://corkfilmfest.org/> for further information. For bookings email schools@corkfilmfest.org.

DUBLIN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

FEBRUARY 21, 2026

Keep an eye out on <https://www.diff.ie/> for news

COLLABORATIONS

Throughout the year we will develop partnerships, cultivate new relationships and offer film workshops, masterclasses and opportunities for 15 – 19-year-olds and their leaders.

For more information, contact ctobin@irishfilm.ie

THE NATIONAL YOUTH FILM AND ANIMATION (NYFAN) NETWORK DAY

Youth Film groups and leaders will meet in November to explore film and filmmaking.

For more see <https://yifm.com/nyfan-nationallyouthfilmmandanimationnetwork/network/>

ATTICUS EDUCATION

Applications are open for schools across Ireland to partake in Future Leaders of Screen: Screen Careers for TY Students – a free initiative where selected students attend seminars with Oscar® winning film producer David Puttnam and learn more about filmmaking.

For more information: <https://www.atticusedu.com/TY2026> and contact TY@davidputtnam.com

TY AND NEXT GEN

TY work experience programmers start their journey at IFI. Check out these activities:

TY WORK EXPERIENCE AT IFI

JANUARY 19 – 23, 2026

If your students are interested in learning about how a cultural cinema works and would like to programme a screening at IFI for their peers, apply for our TY work experience week through the online form.

To apply visit <https://ifi.ie/learn/work-experience-and-volunteering/>

TY SELECTS SCREENING

APRIL 30, 2026

Transition Year students will introduce and screen their chosen feature film for schools.

For further information, contact ctobin@irishfilm.ie

YOUTH THEATRE IRELAND'S YOUTH THEATRE PRACTICE SYMPOSIUM

NOVEMBER 14-15, 2025

The 10th annual Youth Theatre symposium for leaders will take place at TU Dublin, in partnership with TU Dublin School of Media and TU Dublin Conservatoire.

For more information see <https://www.youththeatre.ie/>

FRESH INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL IFI SHOWCASE

DECEMBER 4, 2025

Start your journey in filmmaking at this showcase of award-winning films with a panel of young filmmakers at the IFI.

For more information www.freshfilm.ie To book visit Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/fresh-film-8641237183> or email: info@freshfilm.ie



IFI 25 & UNDER CARD

The 25 & Under card offers young people 16-25 cinema tickets for €5.00 at IFI.

Further details at <https://ifi.ie/25under>

IFI YOUTH PANEL

The IFI Youth Panel is compiled from 25 & Under cardholders.



For further information contact hfurlong@irishfilm.ie

GAISCE

Link elements of the Careers programme with your Gaisce Award, 'Personal Skill'. IFI is a Gaisce challenge partner.

Discuss with your PAL <https://www.gaisce.ie/challenge-partner/> and email hfurlong@irishfilm.ie for more information.

OCTOBER

1	Launch Event	IFI	
8	The Marching Band	IFI	Senior French
9	Christy	IFI	TY
14	Lowland Kids	IFI	Climate Action
15	Careers in Animation	IFI	TY
16	Vertigo	IFI	TY Film Studies
21	Two to One	IFI	Senior German
22	Germany	IFI	Senior Spanish
23	Flow	IFI	Primary

NOVEMBER

4	Savages	IFI	Junior French
5	Jaws	IFI	Drama, Film and Theatre Studies
6	Jump!	IFI	Junior Spanish
11	Amadeus + workshop	IFI	Music
12	Winners	IFI	Junior German
10-14	The Marching Band	Cork	Senior French
10-14	Savages	Cork	Junior French
10-14	Two to One	Cork	Senior German
10-14	Winners	Cork	Junior German
10-14	Germany	Cork	Senior Spanish
10-14	Jump!	Cork	Junior Spanish

Think Languages Week 17-21 November			
17	The Marching Band	Kenmare	Senior French
17	The Marching Band	Letterkenny	Senior French
17	The Marching Band	Athlone	Senior French
17	Two to One	Athlone	Senior German
17	Germany	Bray	Senior Spanish
17	Germany	Dún Laoghaire	Senior Spanish
18	Germany	IFI	Senior Spanish
18	Two to One	IFI	Senior German
18	Savages	Leitrim	Junior French
18	The Marching Band	Bantry	Senior French
18	Savages	Waterford	Junior French
18	Two to One	Letterkenny	Senior German
18	Savages	Listowel	Junior French
18	Savages	Kenmare	Junior French
19	The Marching Band	IFI	Senior French
19	The Marching Band	Kenmare	Senior French
19	The Marching Band	Waterford	Senior French
19	The Marching Band	Listowel	Senior French
20	The Marching Band	Sligo	Senior French
20	Mystery Film	IFI	???
20	Mystery Film	Sligo	???
20	Jump!	Listowel	Junior Spanish
20	The Marching Band	Ballina	Senior French
20	The Marching Band	Dundalk	Senior French

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025/2026

21	Savages	Sligo	Junior French
21	Savages	Ballina	Junior French
21	Two to One	Dundalk	Senior German
27	Beat the Lotto	IFI	Business

DECEMBER

2	Macbeth	IFI	Senior English
4	Fresh Showcase	IFI	TY
9	Nomadland	IFI	TY Film Studies
10	Testimony	IFI	History/CSPE
11	The Marching Band	IFI	Senior French

JANUARY

7	Savages	IFI	Junior French
8	Germany	IFI	Senior Spanish
12	Germany	Bray	Senior Spanish
13	The Marching Band	IFI	Senior French
14	An Cailín Ciún	IFI	Drama, Film and Theatre Studies
15	Winners	IFI	Junior German
15	Jump!	Sligo	Junior Spanish
20	Small Things Like These	IFI	Senior English
21	Jump!	IFI	Junior Spanish
22	In The Mood For Love	IFI	TY Film Studies
22	Winners	Sligo	Junior German
22	Savages	Thurles	Junior French
23	Winners	Thurles	Junior German
26	The Marching Band	Bray	Senior French
27	The Most Precious of Cargoes	IFI	History
27	The Marching Band	Roscommon	Senior French
28	Savages	Roscommon	Junior French
29	E.1027: Eileen Gray and the House by the Sea	IFI	Senior Art
29	Germany	Sligo	Senior Spanish
29	Two to One	Roscommon	Senior German
29	The Marching Band	The Naul	Senior French
30	Winners	Roscommon	Junior German

FEBRUARY

3	A Complete Unknown + Workshop	IFI	Junior Music
4	Souleymane's Story	IFI	Senior French
5	Two to One	IFI	Senior German
5	Two to One	Sligo	Senior German
11	Past Lives	IFI	Drama, Film and Theatre Studies
11	Savages	Leitrim	Junior French
12	Riefenstahl	IFI	Senior History

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025/2026

23	Germany	Navan	Senior Spanish
23	Jump!	Navan	Junior Spanish
24	Two to One	Navan	Senior German
24	Winners	Navan	Junior German
25	The Marching Band	Navan	Senior French
25	Savages	Navan	Junior French
26	The Marching Band	IFI	Senior French
26	Savages	The Naul	Junior French

MARCH


4	Careers in Screen	IFI	TY
5	How to Train Your Dragon	IFI	Primary
9	Germany	Dún Laoghaire	Senior Spanish
9	Two to One	Dún Laoghaire	Senior German
10	Fréwaka	IFI	Gaeilge
10	The Marching Band	Dún Laoghaire	Senior French
11	Gearrscánnain	IFI	Gaeilge
11	Winners	Leitrim	Junior German
12	Adam & Paul	IFI	TY Film Studies
18	The Marching Band	Offaly	Senior French
19	The Marching Band	IFI	Senior French
19	Savages	Offaly	Junior French
23	The Marching Band	Limerick	Senior French
24	Germany	IFI	Senior Spanish
25	Two to One	Offaly	Senior German
26	Savages	IFI	Junior French
26	Winners	Offaly	Junior German
26	Two to One	The Naul	Senior German

APRIL

14	Jump!	IFI	Junior Spanish
15	The Marching Band	IFI	Senior French
15	The Marching Band	Leitrim	Senior French
16	Winners	The Naul	Junior German
21	Winners	IFI	Junior German
22	Future Council	IFI	Primary
23	Souleymane’s Story	IFI	Senior French
28	Savages	IFI	Junior French
30	TY Selects Screening	IFI	TY
30	Germany	The Naul	Senior Spanish

MAY

5	The Penguin Lessons	IFI	Primary
7	Jump!	The Naul	Junior Spanish
13	Jump!	Leitrim	Junior Spanish



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