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# MAIDSTONE FILM SOCIETY

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(Preceded by the AGM)



Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone

Monday Evenings

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

(unless otherwise stated)

LIFT ACCESS TO THE THEATRE AVAILABLE VIA ROSE YARD

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# 74th SEASON 2023-2024

#### 11 September 2023

#### **BRIAN AND CHARLES**

(2022)

UK 91 mins Cert: PG Brian and Charles is a British comedy in which a lonely self taught inventor living in rural England builds an AI robot named Charles who learns English from a dictionary and has an obsession with cabbages. Made with genuine affection and innately British whimsy, this is really just an oddcouple comedy about two lonely blokes - one of whom has a "washing machine for a tummy".

#### 25 September 2023

## **LUNANA (A Yak in the Classroom)**

(2019)

109 mins Cert: PG

**BHUTAN** A Yak in the classroom is a drama in which a teacher is sent to teach at a remote mountain school. Described as 'A breath of Fresh air' and 'Uplifting' with stunning scenery, it explores the true meaning of joy, purpose and connection. Lunana captures a way of life that is rapidly vanishing; Oscarnominated, it shows growing up in a place where prosperity is measured by happiness, not GDP.

#### 9th October

#### THE BANSHEES OF INISHERIN

(2022)

109 mins **IRELAND** Cert: 15

A man is left bewildered when his best friend abruptly ends their relationship in this comedy drama. Director Martin McDonagh (Three Billboards Outside Ebbing Missouri; In Bruges) reunites with Brendan Gleeson and Colin Farrell (In Bruges) in an end-of-friendship breakup movie that swings between the hilarious, the horrifying and the heartbreaking in magnificent fashion.

#### 30th October

#### THE MENU

(2022)

UK 103 mins Cert: 15

The Menu is a horror comedy, in which a group of diners are invited to sample a celebrated chef's lavish tasting menu, only for their meal to take some dark twists. Ralph Fiennes, Anna Taylor Joy and Nicholas Hoult lead the cast in this delightfully wicked feast. Much armchair detective fun is to be had with the age-old setup of strangers brought to an isolated location for a sinister reason.

#### 13th November

#### OFFICIAL COMPETITION

(2022)

**SPAIN** 115 mins Cert: 15

Official competition is a Spanish comedy drama in which a visionary director rehearses a film with her two leads. Penelope Cruz and Antonio Banderas star in this wicked satire of the film-world. The two actors vie for the attention of their autocratic director in this hilarious Spanish-language skewering of the movie-making business.

#### 8th January 2024

#### MRS HARRIS GOES TO PARIS

(2022)

ЦK 111 mins Cert: PG

Mrs Harris Goes To Paris is a drama in which a window cleaner sets her mind on saving up for an expensive couturier dress. Lesley Manville takes on and overcomes all kinds of obstacles in 1950s London and Paris. Manville is utterly convincing as a wide-eyed chirpy cleaner who comes into money and sets her heart on a Dior dress in this charmer of a film, a great family movie.





#### 22nd January

#### **BROKER**

(2022)

SOUTH KOREA 129 mins Cert: 12
Broker is a 2022 South Korean film by Japanese filmmaker Hirokazu Kore-eda. It follows two brokers who sell orphaned infants, avoiding the bureaucracy of legal adoption, to couples who can't have children. After an infant's mother surprises the duo by returning to ensure her child finds a good home, the three embark on a

journey to find the right couple, building an unlikely family of their own in a surprisingly uplifting story.

# 12th February BLUE JEAN

(2022)

UK 97 mins Cert: 15

Blue Jean is a British drama in which a school teacher's struggles to keep her sexuality hidden after the arrival of a new student. Set in the era of Margaret Thatcher and the notorious section 28 of the Local Government Act, this 80s-set drama looking at homophobia during that decade and has a forthright, soap-operatic force that certainly makes its point.

#### 19th February

#### **ALL THAT BREATHES**

(2022)

INDIA 94 mins Cert: 12

All That Breathes is a Hindi language documentary centred on two brothers who run a hospital for birds of prey in Delhi. Variously described as 'A soaring visual masterpiece' and ' a remarkable, vital work of cinema,' this beautiful, meditative film about an Indian bird sanctuary is full of soul-transforming magic. Every minute of this Oscar-nominated documentary is gold dust.

#### 11th March

#### **BELLE**

(2021)

JAPAN 121 mins Cert: 12

An anime romance with fantastical action sequences in which a talented young singer finds fame in a virtual world. Belle is easily one of the best animated films of the last few years. Mamoru Hosoda has taken concept of Beauty and the Beast and made it something truly aweinspiring. We are asked what would happen if digital avatars were truer reflections of the true self in this beautiful film.

### 15th April

#### EO

(2022)

POLAND 88 mins Cert: 15

EO is a Polish drama in which a performing donkey is separated from its loving stage partner and goes on a journey encountering new friends and foes. The circus donkey embarks on a long, lonely voyage, meeting both human kindness and cruelty, in this strangely beautiful Oscar nominated film from veteran director Jerzy Skolimowski, inspired by 1966 French masterpiece Au Hasard Balthazar.

#### 13th May

## MARCEL THE SHELL (With Shoes On)

(2021)

US 91 mins Cert: PG

Marcel The Shell With Shoes On is a US animated comedy in which Marcel the mollusk becomes the subject of a documentary. Full of fun and with a big heart, it's wonderful, the cinematic equivalent of a hug. Poignant, profound, and utterly heart-warming, Marcel is animated entertainment with real heart. Beautiful inside and out, Marcel proves even the smallest, strangest characters can bring joy.





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I apply for membership of the **MAIDSTONE FILM SOCIETY** (please tick the appropriate box)

Full Membership......£52 per person

Full-time Student	£48 per person	
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