

Fri 20 & Sat 21 Feb 7.45pm

RENTAL FAMILY (12A)

Phillip Vanderpleog is an unsuccessful American actor in Tokyo, looking for a role, any role. Embracing an unconventional opportunity, he takes a job with a 'rental family' company, which provides clients with actors who play stand-in roles of absent loved ones.

Brendan Fraser stars as Phillip in a moving and sweet natured drama, celebrating connection and the beauty and wonder of forming a chosen family and community.

Japan (English dialogue with English subtitles), 2025, 109mins

Tue 24 & Wed 25 Feb 7.45pm

NO OTHER CHOICE (15)

Old Boy and The Handmaiden director, Park Chan-wook, returns with this black comedy-thriller about a paper mill manager who takes great exception to being made redundant.

An entertaining satire on workplace politics and ruthless status-seeking, No Other Choice is a continually surprising film following Man-soo's ever more absurd acts of violence designed to dispatch the competition.

South Korea (Korean dialogue with English subtitles), 2025, 139mins

Thu 26 Feb 7.45pm

TRUE ROMANCE (18)



When comic-book nerd Clarence (Christian Slater) falls for call-girl Alabama (Patricia Arquette), the two bolt across America with a suitcase of stolen drugs, and half the criminal underworld on their tail, in Tony Scott's wild, stylish collision of love story and crime thriller.

USA, 1993, 116 mins

Fri 27 & Sat 28 Feb 7.45pm

H IS FOR HAWK (12A)

Claire Foy stars alongside Brendan Gleeson in Philippa Lowthorpe's beautifully realised and emotionally charged adaptation of Helen MacDonald's award-winning memoir.

UK, 2025, 114mins

Tue 3 Mar (1 day only) 7.45pm

TWINLESS (15)

Roman and Dennis meet in a support group for twins who have lost their sibling, forming an unlikely friendship, and together, they search for solace and identity. They are soon inseparable, but when Roman develops a relationship with Dennis' colleague, Marcie, all is revealed to not be what it seems...

USA, 2025, 100mins

Thu 5 Mar 7.45pm

GENTLEMEN PREFER BLONDES (U)



The Film Theatre's nostalgic film night, Cinema Ceramica, presents Howard Hawks' iconic musical comedy starring Jane Russell and Marilyn Monroe. The second in our series of 16mm film screenings celebrating film on quite small film.

Dorothy Shaw and Lorelei Lee are American showgirls and companions with different approaches to romance. While Dorothy's eyes are drawn to the attractive Olympic athletes on their Atlantic voyage, Lorelei is convinced that Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend.

USA, 1953, 91mins

Fri 6 & Sat 7 Mar 7.45pm

THE HISTORY OF SOUND (15)

The History of Sound chronicles a decades-spanning romance centred around the power of music, starring Paul Mescal and Josh O'Connor.

Gorgeously made and finely performed, this is a tender, aching chronicle of a love whose echoes are felt for a lifetime.

UK/USA, 2025, 128mins

Tue 10 Mar 7.45pm

THE PRESIDENT'S CAKE (12A)

While people across 1990s Iraq struggle to survive the war and food shortages, Saddam Hussein requires each school in the country to prepare a cake to celebrate his birthday. Despite her efforts to avoid getting picked, 9 year-old Lamia is chosen from her classmates. The young girl must now use her wits and imagination to gather ingredients for the mandatory cake, or face the consequences.

Iraq (Arabic dialogue with English subtitles), 2025, 105mins

Fri 13 & Sat 14 Mar 7.45pm

NOUVELLE VAGUE (12A)

Nouvelle Vague is Richard Linklater's playful and poignant love letter to cinema, reimagining the making of Jean-Luc Godard's Breathless, in an exuberant exploration of the youthful rebellion and creative chaos that shaped the French New Wave.

Shot in luminous black and white and brimming with stylistic nods to the era - cue marks, jagged edits, handheld energy - Richard Linklater's film doesn't simply recount the making of Breathless, it channels its spirit.

France (French dialogue with English subtitles), 2025, 106mins

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HAMNET (12A)

(Presented with descriptive subtitles)

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