

NEW BRITISH FILM FESTIVAL

26 NOVEMBER –

2 DECEMBER

KYIV CINEMA



SUFFRAGETTE dir. SARAH GAVRON

THE LOBSTER dir. YORGOS LANTHIMOS

SET FIRE TO THE STARS dir. ANDY GODDARD

45 YEARS dir. ANDREW HAIGH

THE LADY IN THE VAN dir. NICHOLAS HYTNER

BAFTA SHORTS 2015

New British Film Festival is the annual showcase and special events celebrating the best new films from the UK, held by the British Council Ukraine in partnership with Arthouse Traffic.

In 2015 the festival presents its 15th edition and features five full-length films and the best short films, nominated at this year's BAFTA (BAFTA).

New British Film Festival runs in Kyiv from 26 November to 2 December. Traditionally, the festival venue is Kyiv Cinema.

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SUFFRAGETTE

Historical drama

UK, 2015 / 106 min

Director: Sarah Gavron

Starting: Carey Mulligan, Meryl Streep, Helena Bonham Carter, Brendan Gleeson, Ben Whishaw

Maud is a working wife and mother whose life is forever changed when she is secretly recruited to join the growing suffragette movement. Galvanized by the outlaw fugitive Emmeline Pankhurst, Maud becomes an activist for the cause alongside women from all walks of life. The authorities, shocked by wide civil disobedience that triggers the debate on women's rights all over the country, carry out their increasingly brutal resistance.





THE LOBSTER

Melodrama

Ireland, UK, Greece, France, Netherlands, USA,
2015 / 118 min

Director: Yorgos Lanthimos (Dogtooth)

Starring: Colin Farrell, Rachel Weisz, Léa Seydoux, Ben Whishaw, John C. Reilly

Jury Prize, Cannes Film Festival, 2015

A love story, unfolding in a dystopian near future, where single people, according to the laws, are taken to The Hotel, where they are obliged to find a romantic partner in forty-five days or are transformed into beasts and sent off into The Woods.





SET FIRE TO THE STARS

Biography, drama

UK, 2014 / 97 min

Director: Andy Goddard

Starting: Elijah Wood, Celyn Jones, Kelly Reilly, Shirley Henderson

In 1950s, John Brinnan invites the highly acclaimed poet Dylan Thomas to New York for a series of poetry readings. Ignoring rumors of Thomas' frivolities back home, Brinnan has his hands full when the poet arrives. Desperate to get his watchful university chaplains off his back, Brinnan takes Thomas to his family retreat in the woods of Connecticut. But even in the middle of nowhere, the resourceful Thomas finds an audience for his art, passion, love and aggression.





45 YEARS

Melodrama

UK, 2015 / 95 min

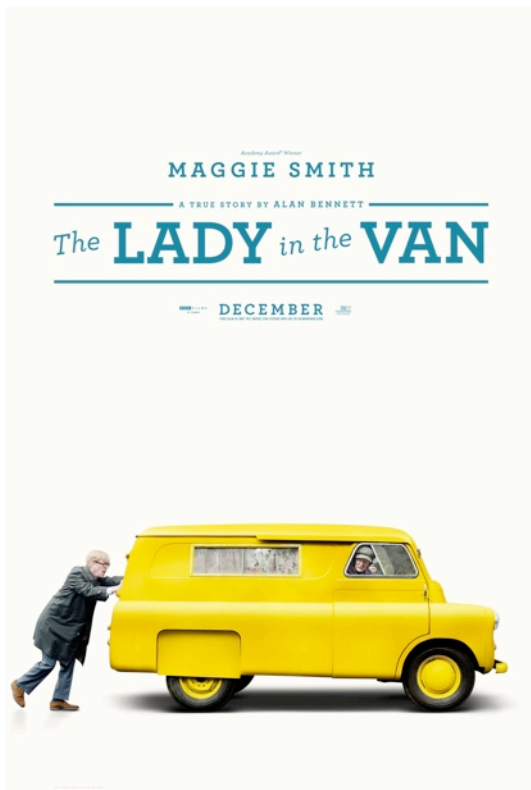
Director: Andrew Haigh

Starring: Charlotte Rampling, Tom Courtenay, Geraldine James

Silver Berlin Bear for Best Actress and Best Actor, Berlin International Film Festival, 2015

In the week leading up to their 45th wedding anniversary, a couple receive an unexpected letter: the body of husband's first love who died tragically on the glacier in Swiss Alps has been found. All of a sudden it turns out that Mr. Mercer has been keeping something back to his wife. Will the ghost from the past ruin the marriage idyll on the anniversary's eve?





THE LADY IN THE VAN

Comedy

UK, 2015 / 104 min

Director: Nicholas Hytner

Starring: Maggie Smith, Dominic Cooper, James Corden, Jim Broadbent

Screening of an autobiographical comedy play by Alan Bennett about the singular old lady he met in London. Miss Shepherd, a woman of uncertain origins who 'temporarily' parked her beaten yellow van in Bennett's London driveway, proceeded to live there for 15 years. Eventually, she became a favorite of the whole district, a local attraction and, ultimately, the heroine of Bennett's play written in 1999.



BAFTA SHORTS 2015

The British Council in Ukraine and the British Academy of Film and Television (BAFTA) present a special project within the framework of the 2015 New British Film Festival. It's a collection of short films, nominated for BAFTA Award in 2015, a delight for all short film lovers, that comprises the variety of genres and topics.



THE BIGGER PICTURE

UK / 2014 / 8 min

Director: Daisy Jacobs

Life-size animated characters tell the stark and darkly humorous tale of caring for an elderly parent.

BOOGALOO AND GRAHAM

UK / 2014 / 14 min

Director: Michael Lennox

Jamesy and Malachy are over the moon when their soft-hearted dad presents them with two baby chicks to care for. Raising their tiny charges, declaring themselves vegetarian and dreaming of running a chicken farm, the two boys are in for a shock when their parents announce that big changes are coming to the family.

EMOTIONAL FUSEBOX

UK / 2014 / 15 min

Director: Rachel Tunnard

Anna lives in her Mums garden shed making videos with her thumbs. Her Mum wants her to come out but Anna doesn't want to.

THE KARMAN LINE

UK / 2014 / 24 min

Director: Oscar Sharp

When a mother is hit by a rare condition that sees her lift off the ground at a slow but ever increasing rate, her husband and daughter are forced to come to terms with losing her.

MONKEY LOVE EXPERIMENTS

UK / 2014 / 9 min

Director: Ainslie Henderson, Will Anderson

Inspired by love, a misguided monkey believes he's destined for the moon.

MY DAD

UK 2014 / 6 min

Director: Marcus Armitage

A short film depicting a dad's influence on a young boy's life. His judgmental character mixed with the boys fondness for his dad prove to be a toxic mix that tears away at a world of opportunity and experiences.

SLAP

UK / 2014 / 25 min

Director: Nick Rowland

A teenage boxer searching for self-definition gives in to his true colours at the risk of losing everything.

THREE BROTHERS

UK / 2014 / 17 min

Director: Aleem Khan

Hamid struggles to care for his younger brothers when their father abandons them for Pakistan. A story inspired by true events.

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