

Welcome to our 2024-2025 programme

SFS is an independent voluntary organisation, which aims to give people living in and around Swindon the opportunity to see a wide-ranging programme of international films.

Our film programme for 2024-25 includes some of the best of recent releases on the World Cinema circuit, from multiple prize-winners to little known gems.

All of the films in this brochure will be shown at:

Swindon Arts Centre

Devizes Road, Swindon SN1 4BJ

Films start at 7:45 pm

Box office and bar open from 7:15 pm

Please see the back page for information about SFS membership and admission to films.

You will find more about the films in this programme on our website swindonfilm.org.uk

Please ensure to always check the website for additions or late changes to the published programme!



Membership and Admission

You have to be a member, or the guest of a member, to see films screened by SFS.

You can join as a Season Ticket member or Pay As You Go member.

Type	Membership Fee*	Ticket Price	Concession
Season Ticket	£70	FREE	n/a
Pay As You Go Ticket	£5	£8	£7
Guest	n/a	£10	n/a

*the membership fee is payable annually and must be renewed for each SFS season.

How to join

Just come along to Swindon Arts Centre to join on any SFS film evening – doors open from 7:15 pm, half an hour before films start. For more information, phone the Membership Secretary on 01793 522261, or email membership@swindonfilm.org.uk

Please note that we cannot take advanced bookings or reservations for films in this programme.



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Swindon
Film Society

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Programme 2024-2025



THE OLD OAK

4 September 2024

UK | 113 mins | Cert 15 | Community Drama

The Old Oak is the last pub standing in a once thriving mining village in northern England. A group of Syrian refugees move into the village, causing a rift with the community. In an unlikely friendship TJ meets a young Syrian named Yara which helps the situation.



NOSTALGIA

18 September 2024

Italy | 113 mins | Cert 12 | Thriller/Drama

Felice returns to his hometown of Naples after spending 40 years living in Cairo with his wife. He begins to reconnect with his past, visiting his frail elderly mother, but soon faces consequences of choices he made long ago.



FALLEN LEAVES

9 October 2024

Finland | 80 mins | Cert 12A | Comedy/Romance

An off-beat rom-com about two down-on-their-luck people, Ansa and Holappa, who keep encountering one another. When they go on a proper date, their romancing is upset by misfortune and mis-matched expectations.



FULL TIME – Followed by AGM

23 October 2024

France | 88 mins | Cert 12 | Thriller/Drama

Julie is a divorced working mother constantly torn between her work and home duties. When she tries to secure a better job, a national transportation strike throws a wrench into her plans.



THE ZONE OF INTEREST

13 November 2024

UK/Poland | 105 mins | Cert 12A | History

The year is 1943. Commandant Rudolf Höss and his wife Hedwig strive to build a dream life for their family. Their idyllic home, complete with a thriving garden, is separated only by a wall from the infamous setting of Auschwitz.



HAPPY AS LAZZARO

20 November 2024

Italy | 125 mins | Cert 12 | Fantasy/Drama

An unceasingly kind Italian peasant named Lazzaro and his family are blatantly exploited by a tobacco baroness, the queen of cigarettes, who controls their isolated pastoral village.



HIT THE ROAD

11 December 2024

Iran | 93 mins | Cert 12A | Comedy/Drama

A chaotic, tender family is on a road-trip to the Turkish border and getting on each other's nerves. Mum fusses over her two children and the sick dog, while Dad has a broken leg. Only the mysterious older brother is quiet.



PAST LIVES

8 January 2025

South Korea | 105 mins | Cert 12A | Drama/Romance

After losing touch, Nora and Hae Sung, two childhood classmates, wonder where destiny will push their friendship when they reunite as adults more than 20 years later.



IO CAPITANO

22 January 2025

Italy | 122 mins | Cert 15 | Social Drama

A Homeric tale that tells the adventurous journey of two young boys, Seydou and Moussa, who leave Dakar to reach Europe and fall victim to corruption and cruelty.



FREMONT

5 February 2025

USA | 92 mins | Cert 12A | Drama

Donya lives in Fremont, California after being evacuated from Afghanistan because of her work as a translator. She now makes slogans at a Chinese fortune-cookie company.



1976

19 February 2025

Chile/Argentina | 95 mins | Cert 12 | Mystery/Drama

The year is 1976. Pinochet's patronising and patriarchal society is seen through the eyes of a steely bourgeoisie woman who risks her life and dares to take a stand.



TYPIST ARTIST PIRATE KING

5 March 2025

UK | 106 mins | Cert 12A | Biopic/Comedy

A friendship grows between two women as they hit the road in an electric car looking for endings and reconciliation. Concerns the life of forgotten British artist, Audrey Amiss.



THE TASTE OF THINGS

19 March 2025

France | 135 mins | Cert PG-13 | Drama/Romance

A cook Eugénie, and her boss Dodin, grow fond of one another over 20 years, and their romance gives rise to dishes that impress even the world's most illustrious chefs.

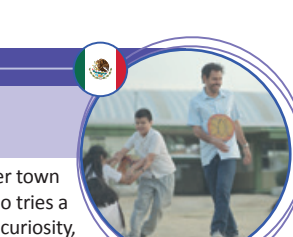


RADICAL

2 April 2025

Mexico | 125 mins | Cert 12A | Drama

A true story of a teacher in a Mexican border town full of neglect, corruption, and violence, who tries a radical new method to unlock his students' curiosity, potential and genius.



**Films shown on Wednesdays
and start at 7:45 pm**

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