

Welcome to our 2025-2026 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 2025-26 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	£80	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

...for the best in World Cinema

Programme 2025-2026



MY FAVOURITE CAKE

3 September 2025

Iran | 97 mins | Cert 12A | Romance/Drama

Seventy-year-old Mahin has been widowed for 30 years and her two children live abroad. She lives a lonely life in Tehran. One day she meets a modest single man of her age who makes her feel alive again, bringing her memories plus an unforgettable surprise.



DRIVING MUM

17 September 2025

Iceland | 112 mins | Cert 12 | Comedy/Drama

It's 1980 and bachelor Jon has spent the last 30 years looking after his overbearing mother. There they sit, side by side, in a remote farm cottage on Iceland's western fjords, knitting...



VERMIGLIO

8 October 2025

Italy | 119 mins | Cert 15 | Romance/War

1944, Vermiglio, a remote mountain village. The arrival of Pietro, a deserter, into the family of the local teacher, and his love for the teacher's eldest daughter, will change the course of everyone's life.



IF ONLY I COULD HIBERNATE

Followed by AGM

22 October 2025

Mongolia | 96 mins | Cert 12 | Drama

A poor but proud teenage boy Ulzii determines to win a Physics competition for a scholarship, but his illiterate mother finds a job in the countryside and leaves him with his siblings in the middle of the very cold winter.



HOLY COW

5 November 2025

France | 90 mins | Cert 15 | Drama

18-year-old Totone spends his carefree days with his friends Jean-Yves and Francis, filled with flirting, drinking, and occasional brawls with youth from the neighbouring village. However, Totone suddenly has to take sole responsibility for his younger sister Claire...



LA CHIMERA

19 November 2025

Italy | 131 mins | Cert 12 | Fantasy/Drama

Wielding a divining rod, Arthur can easily detect the presence of buried artifacts, many of which date back to the Etruscan civilization more than 2,000 years ago. He works with a group of tomb raiders, who rely on him to figure out where to dig.



MEMOIR OF A SNAIL

10 December 2025

Australia | 94 mins | Cert 15 | Animation/Drama

The bitter-sweet tale of Grace Pudel, a melancholic misfit and devoted collector of snails, who learns to find confidence within herself amid the clutter of everyday life.



A REAL PAIN

7 January 2026

USA/Poland | 90 mins | Cert 15 | Comedy/Drama

Mis-matched cousins David and Benji reunite for a tour through Poland to honour their beloved grandmother. The adventure takes a turn when the odd-couple's old tensions resurface against the backdrop of their family history.



ALL WE IMAGINE AS LIGHT

21 January 2026

India | 118 mins | Cert 15 | Drama

Three women in Mumbai are struggling with loneliness, dislocation and love. The film explores the city's nightlife, and its contradictions, with a sensitive eye and a poetic touch. A trip to a beach town allows them to find a space for their desires to manifest.



I'M STILL HERE

4 February 2026

Brazil/Portugal | 135 mins | Cert PG-13 | Political Drama

Eunice Paiva, a mother of five children, is forced to reinvent herself after her family suffers a violent and arbitrary act by the government during the tightening grip of a military dictatorship in 1970s Brazil.



CROSSING

18 February 2026

Turkey | 106 mins | Cert 15 | Drama

Lia, a retired teacher, has promised to find her long-lost niece, Tekla. Her search takes her to Istanbul where she meets Evrim, a lawyer fighting for trans-rights, and Tekla starts to feel closer than ever.



TOUCH

4 March 2026

Iceland | 121 mins | Cert R | Romance/Drama

A romantic and thrilling story that spans several decades and continents. The story follows one widower's emotional journey to find his first love who disappeared 50 years ago...



MISERICORDIA

18 March 2026

France | 104 mins | Cert R | Black Comedy/Thriller

Jérémie returns to his hometown of Saint-Martial to attend his former boss's funeral. He stays for a few days with the widow Martine. His presence angers her son Vincent which causes suspicion and conflict between the two men...



SEPTEMBER 5

1 April 2026

USA | 95 mins | Cert R | Doc/Drama

A true event which happened during the 1972 Munich Olympics when an American sports broadcasting crew found itself thrust into covering a hostage crisis involving Israeli athletes.



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

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