

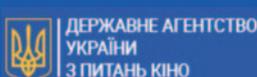


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UKRAINE
INTERNATIONAL
FILM
FESTIVAL

18 – 26
JANUARY
2023

LATEST MUSICBAR
14-17 MANCHESTER STREET
BRIGHTON BN2 1TF

ROPETACKLE ARTS CENTRE
LITTLE HIGH ST
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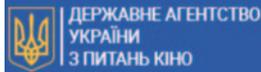
This is the first Ukraine International Film Festival opening in Brighton & Sussex. It is directed by Nataliya Valda, aided by Murray Woodfield, Director of UK Film Festival London, and produced by Nataliya Valda from Valmedia and Latest Group CIC, the not-for-profit community organisation run in association with local television channel, Latest TV. The festival is hosted by Latest Musicbar and Ropetackle Arts Centre.

The festival runs across 9 days: 6 days at Latest Musicbar and 3 days at The Ropetackle Arts Centre, with the launch event at Latest Musicbar on 18 January.

World class films made by world class Ukrainian filmmakers. Ukraine has a world class cultural history which it will not lose!



The Ropetackle Arts Centre Shoreham



To book and purchase tickets for films at Latest Musicbar go to: latestmusicbar.co.uk

All queries angi@thelatest.co.uk
or call **+44 78342 22342**

To book and purchase tickets for films at Ropetackle go to: ropetacklecentre.co.uk
or call **+44 1273 464440**

Daytime films are free or Pay As You Feel

All feature film tickets must be booked online.

Evening feature films are £7 Families £10

All films are free to Ukrainians & their families

The films will be judged by a panel at Ropetackle Arts Centre and Latest Musicbar and the winning films will be shown again at Duke of York's Cinema or Dukes at Komedia at a later date. The whole festival will tour to other UK cities throughout the year.

Many of the films will be shown on national TV channels, including Latest TV Brighton.

The initial funding to create this festival has come from Brighton & Hove City Council and from Latest.



Latest Musicbar Brighton



FEATURES



MOTHER OF APOSTLES

Director: Zaza Buadze
2020

This stunning film is based on the stories of women whose sons are fighting for Ukraine. During this unprecedented war, when Ukraine loses her most precious resource – the lives of her children – Mother of Apostles becomes an appeal to every mother of a Ukrainian warrior and to the archetype of mothers in general. This film has won many prizes at major film festivals including SRFA Cannes, Cannes 7th Art Award, Paris Film Award, Ontario IFF, ARFF, Barcelona and many more.

Duration: 120mins

Rating: PG

Screenings:

Latest Musicbar: 18 Jan 19:30

Ropetackle 25 Jan 14:30



SLOVO HOUSE. UNFINISHED NOVEL

**Director: Taras Tomenko
2022**

A young, ambitious writer is recruited by the Soviet political intelligence agency. He wants to get rid of his competitors in order to obtain an apartment in Slovo House and to achieve success in literature. How far will his vainglorious ambitions lead him?

Duration: 120mins

Rating: 18

Screenings:

Latest MusicBar 19 Jan 19:30

Ropetackle 25 Jan 19:30



WHY AM I ALIVE?

Director: Vilen Novak
2021

Based on the story, "Now I am a Turk, not a Cossack" by Yevhen Mitko, this story is told by a 10 year old boy, Zhenya from Mariupol. Pre-war, life in a small Ukrainian town on the shores of the Azov Sea consists of a good family life, quarrelsome neighbours, amateur opera, the persecution of religion and a love story! 17 year old Froся and Lyonchyk fall in love for the first time and with passion and a dream of marriage. But Froся is Ukrainian and Lyonchyk is Jewish. It is too difficult for the girl's father to reconcile with the boy's family. Oleksiy Ivanovich is a good man with strong Orthodox beliefs. How can he give up his beliefs and accommodate different religious views into his family?

Duration: 120mins

Rating: 18

Screening

Latest Musicbar 20 Jan 19:30



HUTSULKA KSENYA

Director: Alena Demyanenko
2019

It's 1939 and a young Ukrainian-American man, Yaro, comes to the Carpathian Mountains. His father has left him a fortune on condition that he marries a Ukrainian girl. There Yaro meets a Hutsul girl, Ksenya and has to rethink his plan!

Duration: 90mins

Rating: Family

Screenings:

Latest MusicBar 20 Jan 12:30

Ropetackle 23 Jan 19:30



MY GRANDPA IS SANTA

Director: Serhii Shliakhtiuk
2021

A classic family feel-good movie. It's Christmas Eve, and nine year old Max dreams of only one thing: that his missing father will come home for Christmas. But he understands that it is not a simple wish. So he decides to go to Kyiv to find Santa there, who according to his mother, is Max's real grandpa! Along the way, he finds many friends who help him with his task and offer wise advice. Also there are enemies trying to ruin his Christmas. Max does not give up, even though his mother is chasing after him, and he has to swerve some fake Santas along the way.

Duration: 85mins

Rating: Family

Screening:

Latest Musicbar 22 Jan 12:00



ONLY A MIRACLE

**Director: Olena Karetnik
2019**

17 year old Severin lives in a picturesque mountain town that suffers from endless winter for seven long years. A poor but kind and brave boy, he has to find a famous doctor for his father, who has been heavily injured while rescuing his native town from the ruinous trash ice. There are many obstacles on his way to locate the doctor and bring him back to the town including natural disasters, mysterious flying creatures and ruthless villains!

Duration: 100mins

Rating: Family

Screening:

Latest Musicbar 22 Jan 13:40



AMULET OF THE KINGDOM

Director: Yaroslav Popov
2021

A film group from Canada, led by young journalist Sophie, visits a Ukrainian professor of archeology. Their goal is to record an interview about his best-selling book, *The Guardian of the Nation*, his life-long work. The book intertwines legends and facts, evidence and assumptions. The professor claims that the Ukrainian nation originated in the time of mammoth hunters, and continued its formation in the days of Trypillia and Kyiv Rus. Sophie tries to understand how the world will react to such a discovery by a Ukrainian scientist. Will the professor and Sophie be able to understand each other and, more importantly to forgive themselves?

Duration: 84mins

Rating: Family

Screening

Latest Musicbar 22 Jan 15:30



SLIGHTLY OPEN DOORS

**Director : Khachatur Vasilian, Olexandr Bykov
2021**

A sincere and loving young man tirelessly cares for his family, ensuring their lives are full of harmony and beauty every day. Devoid of domestic problems, his loved ones, on the contrary are burdened with laziness, anger and despair. So he decides to show his love for them in a different way, to go to the front as a volunteer, hoping that this will encourage them to rethink their values. However, he faces fierce resistance, which exposes the core question: are they worthy of his love?

Duration: 89mins

Rating: PG

Screening

Latest Musicbar 19 Jan 13:00



KLONDIKE

**Director: Maryna Er Gorbach
2022**

Official Oscar selection from Ukraine. The story of a family that from July 17-19 2014 finds itself at the centre of the MH-17 aircraft catastrophe near the village of Hrabove in the Donetsk Oblast region of Ukraine. The war is going on, not only in the country, but also in this family.

Duration: 100mins

Rating: 18

Screening

Latest Musicbar 26 Jan 19:30



DOCUMENTARIES



MARIUPOL DEFENDER

Director: Stanislav Puzdriak

2022

Roman is a 20 year old Ukrainian fighter who has lost a hand and leg while defending Mariupol in April 2022. Wounded, Roman was captured by the Russians and spent three weeks in prison before being exchanged. He visits the United States to get new prosthetics that will help him return to the frontline.

Duration: 27mins

Rating: PG

Screening:

Ropetackle 25 Jan 13:40



IF NOT FOR THE UKRAINIANS

Director: Alex Makarov
2020

A short documentary series, "If not for the Ukrainians", gives several examples of how the Ukrainians have left their mark in history. This series is a youth initiative and in the words of the co-creators: "With this project, we want not only to show that we, as young people, are proud of our cultural heritage, but also to inform the world that Ukraine is full of bright, talented, brilliant people. And that our goal is to benefit not only our people, but the whole world."

Duration: 18mins

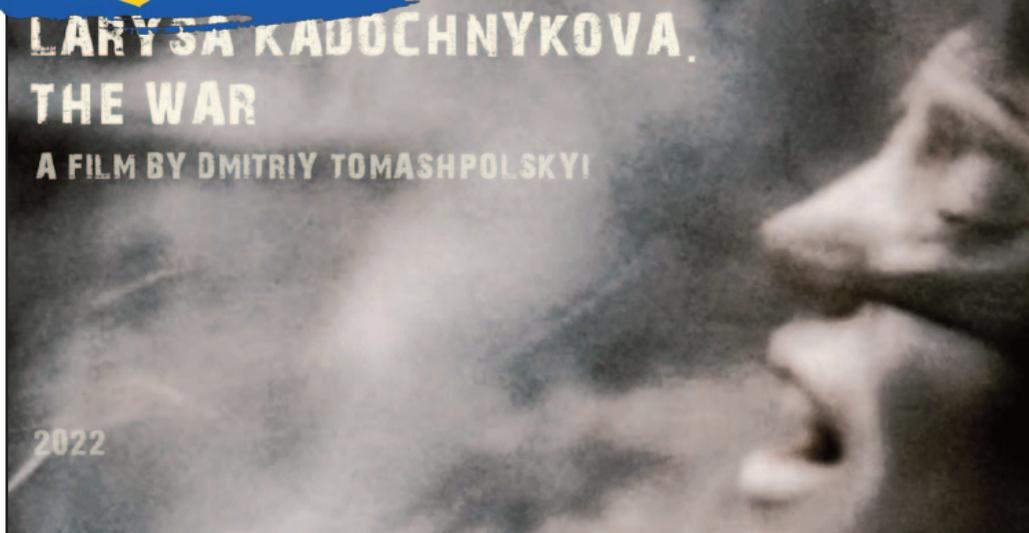
Rating: PG

Screening:

Latest Musicbar 21 Jan 12:00

Documentary programme runs between
12:00 - 20.45

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LARISA KADOCHNIKOVA. THE WAR

Director: Dmytriy Tomashpolskyi.
2022

Larisa Kadochnikova is a screen legend of Ukrainian cinema who played Marichka in Serhii Paradzhanov's "Shadows of Forgotten Ancestors." On 24 February, 2022, when Russia launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine, she refused to evacuate and stayed in Kyiv during its offensive. The film tells the story of her life in those dire times. The story of a new reality where the past, the present, the future, memories, meditations and dreams intertwine as the war goes on. The cast includes the musician, Oleh "Fahot" Mykhailiuta, the professor and art historian, Vadym Skurativskyi, the film critic and writer Serhii Trymbach, and the collector and philanthropist, Oleksandr Brei.

Duration: 70mins

Rating: PG

Screening:

Latest Musicbar 21 Jan 12:30

Documentary programme runs between
12:00 - 20.45

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TO LAUGH AGAIN

**Director: Denis Zamriy
2022**

To Laugh Again covers the events surrounding the full-scale invasion of the Russian Federation in Ukraine. It contains interviews with famous personalities of the Ukrainian film and showbusiness, in which they reveal how the war has affected their everyday and creative lives.

Duration: 24 min

Rating: PG

Screening:

Latest Musicbar 21 Jan 13:45

**Documentary programme runs between
12:00 - 20.45**

see running order at end of brochure



BAZYL

Director: Roman Shyrman
 2022

Oleh Bazylevych, the favourite forward of Kyiv Dynamo fans, could have remained just a player in the history of Ukrainian football. But he decided to become a coach. He had always compared the coaching job to film directing, calling his training theory, The System. He achieved great success and international recognition together with his friend and colleague, Valeriy Lobanovsky. Dynamo were becoming the best team in the world under the guidance of Kyiv coaches, without the help of outsourcing Brazilian players. Both were considered to be the best football coaches on the Earth. The story of Bazylevich's life is like an action movie.

Duration: 84mins

Rating: PG

Screening:

Latest Musicbar 21 Jan 14:15

Documentary programme runs between
 12:00 – 20.45

see running order at end of brochure



UKRAINE: ONE LIFE AT A TIME

**Director: Olesya Shyvikova, Ethan Neville
2022**

With breathtaking scenic shots from pre-war Ukraine and exclusive heart-wrenching footage of war-torn cities and towns, this film gives a unique view on the conflict and lives broken by it. We meet families from Kyiv, Mariupol, Bucha. Despite the horrors they had to go through, their stories have a happy ending as they all made it to the safety of Canada.

Duration: 56mins

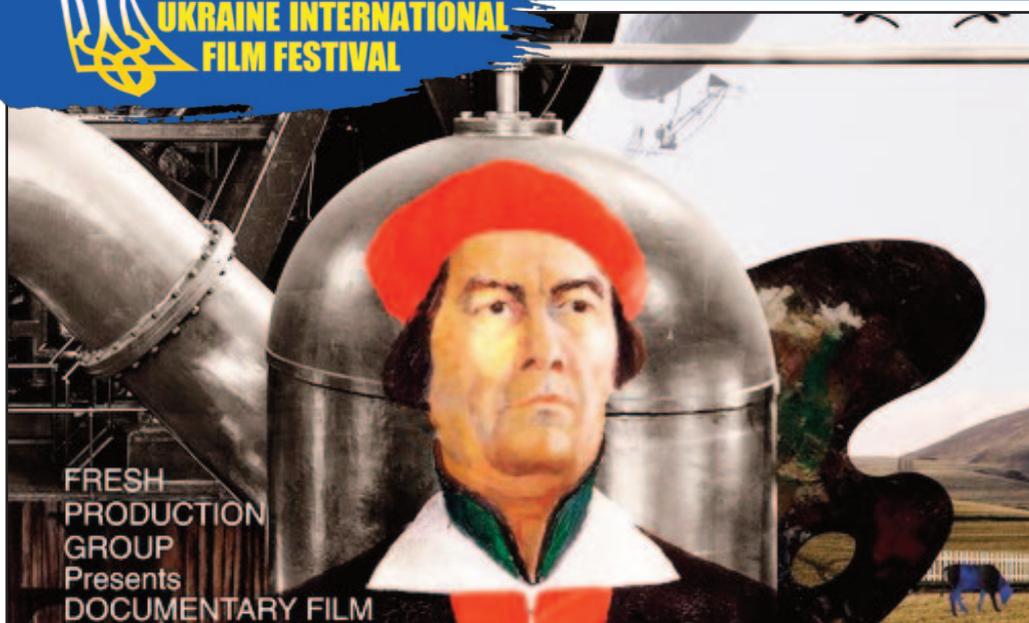
Rating: PG

Screening:

Latest Musicbar 21 Jan 15:30

**Documentary programme runs between
12:00 - 20.45**

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MALEVICH

Director: Volodymyr Lutskiy
 2020

The story of a well-known artist, Kazymir Malevich and his influence on twentieth century art.

Revealing the Ukrainian origin of Malevich, the influence of Ukrainian culture on his personality and creativity is the main purpose of the film, alongside the aim to return the name Malevich to Ukrainian culture. The viewer has a unique opportunity to see a cinema screenplay written by the artist in 1930, to view little-known archival footage with the artist, photos of his paintings with computer graphics, as well as memoirs of his relatives and numerous art historians, gallerists and architects from Ukraine, Poland, Netherlands, Belarus and France.

Duration: 89mins

Rating: PG

Screening:

Latest Musicbar Saturday 21 Jan 16:45

Documentary programme runs between

12:00 - 20.45

see running order at end of brochure



I WAS NOT BORN FOR WAR

Director: Vladyslav Robskyi

2022

Kostya Oborin, a man who endured hell during the war, and did not lose his faith in people. And now with fortitude he helps people with disabilities bring back their thirst for life. Oborin prepares two ATO veterans for a parachute jump. They've never skydived, but Oborin persuades them to jump as a method of rehabilitation and to broaden their minds. The training is not easy, but will it be worth it?

Duration: 70mins

Rating: PG

Screening:

Latest Musicbar 21 Jan 18:15

Documentary programme runs between

12:00 - 20.45

see running order at end of brochure



VERYOVKA CHOIR NOW

Director: Volodymyr Shpak
2020

The documentary musical film, Veryovka Choir, together with the story of the internationally renowned, National Honored Academic Folk Choir of Ukraine, presents the influence of Ukrainian folklore in contemporary music videos as well as famous Ukrainian folk songs. An important visual story of the power of Ukrainian ethnicity to the younger generation and beyond.

Duration: 74mins

Rating: PG

Screening:

Latest Musicbar 21 Jan 19:30

Documentary programme runs between
12:00 – 20.45

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SHORT NARRATIVE FILMS

UKRAINIANS' TEARS TELL THE WORLD WHAT WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS



Director: TAYYİB HOŞBAŞ
2022

The tears of the victims of the Ukrainian war, who lost their relatives and whose settlements were destroyed in Russia's attacks on Ukraine.

Duration: 6mins

Rating: PG

Screening:

Latest Musicbar 18 Jan 19:00

THE WOODEN WEDDING

Director: Yuliia Kokodynska
(Orlenko)
2022



A young woman prepares a romantic dinner with champagne and candles to celebrate the fifth wedding anniversary with her husband. But suddenly their cheerful conversation is interrupted by the sounds of sirens and their bursts of laughter by the explosions of bombs.

Duration: 5mins

Rating: PG

Screenings:

Latest MusicBar 18 Jan 19:00

Ropetackle 23 Jan 14:00

BULLSH*T

Director: Borys Shusterman, Mykhailo Ozerov
2021

Conventional wisdom – with a touch of joking – suggests that the shortest fling can become the most significant one for a man; this is when it is unambiguously supported by a paternity test result. Of course, such a “literary work” is usually based on treachery, even if accidental. So what should the heroes, the husband and wife, mother and father with three children, do?



Duration: 25mins

Rating: PG

Screening:

Ropetackle 23 Jan 14:00

FIGHT FOR UKRAINE

Director: Andrii Zaiets
2022

The Ukrainian title “Battle for Ukraine” is a short film telling the story of the first months of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, showing the horrors of war and destruction, composing a real chronicle with filmed plot scenes with the main characters of the film. The idea arose in the spring during charity screenings of the “Brokivka International Film Festival”.



Duration: 16mins

Rating: PG

Screening:

Ropetackle 23 Jan 14:00

THE POOR POET

Director: Rodion Leschina
2022

The short film, *The Poor Poet* was inspired by Carl Spitzweg's painting of the namesake. Many critics considered the painting satirised the discrepancy between the poet's claim and reality.



Duration: 7mins

Rating: PG

Screening:

Ropetackle 23 Jan 14:00

THE GIRAFFE

Director: Anastasiia Kirii
2017

A little girl from a Jewish family tries to escape her subconscious from the horrors of war, but the tough reality breaks through now and then, trying to take away the girl's last source of hope, guarded only by a little toy once given with love.



Duration: 00:18:21

Rating: PG

Screening:

Ropetackle 23 Jan 14:00

NO CALLER

Director: Sarah Sigal
2022



The afterparty of a trainee crisis negotiator is interrupted by a sudden call. An intelligent but manipulative kidnapper forces her to choose between a hostage and herself.

Duration: 11 mins

Rating: PG

Screening:

Ropetackle 23 Jan 14:00

THE GIFT

Director: Anastasiia Amelicheva

Among the things which like to hide from their owners, in first place is the mobile phone. It's easy to find if you have another cell phone. If not, the search can turn into a detective drama, comedy, absurdity. In order to unravel this mystery, the hero of The Gift needed one April night and the help of half the village.



Duration: 17 mins

Rating: PG

Screening:

Ropetackle 23 Jan 14:00

IT HAS ALREADY BEEN

Director: Valeriia
Obodianska

Former lovers

unexpectedly meet in a café after many years.
Will they drink more than one coffee together?

Duration: 15mins

Rating: PG

Screening:

Ropetackle 23 Jan 14:00 – 16:00



WE'LL NEVER GET LOST TOGETHER AGAIN

Director: Eugene
Koshin
2020

27 year old Sasha

missed his flight. He has to spend the whole day in the mysterious southern city, without cash, mobile phone, wi-fi and other benefits of civilization, accompanied by young Sashka, an eccentric and beautiful girl.

Duration: 35mins

Rating: PG

Screening:

Ropetackle 23 Jan 19:30



ПО-HOLLYWOODСЬКИ

Director: Yaroslava
Kuzmenko
2019

“Like in HOLLYWOOD”
is a comedy about film
production and the
challenges of filming a



steamy bedroom scene! On top of that, if the
actors don't know each other at all, the process
can become particularly “hard”.

Duration: 35mins

Rating: PG

Screening:

Latest Musicbar 19 Jan 12:00

Ropetackle 24 Jan 19:30

WEDNESDAY 18 JANUARY
LATEST MUSICBAR

LAUNCH EVENT **PLUS FILMS**

18:30 DOORS OPEN

19:00 START TIME FOR SHORT FILMS

HEART OF UKRAINE

Animation

LET'S GET TOGETHER!

Animation

UNIVERSE OF UKRAINE

Experimental film

THE WOODEN WEDDING

Narrative

UPROOTED

Experimental film

UKRAINIANS' TEARS TELL THE WORLD **WHAT WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS**

Narrative

FEATURE FILM

MOTHER OF APOSTLES

19:30

Duration 120mins

£7 (£10 family ticket)

LATEST MUSICBAR

THURSDAY 19 JANUARY

12:00 – 14:30

FREE

ПО-HOLLYWOODСЬКИ

12:00

Duration: 25mins

BULLSH*T

12:30

Duration: 25mins

FEATURE FILM

SLIGHTLY OPEN DOORS

13:00

Duration: 89mins

FEATURE FILM

SLOVO HOUSE. UNFINISHED NOVEL

19:30

Duration 120mins

£7 (£10 family ticket)

LATEST MUSICBAR FRIDAY 20 JANUARY

12:00

FREE

MUSIC VIDEOS ERIA

UKRAINE, UKRAINE

**FAR AWAY FROM THE PEOPLE/IGOR
GROHOTSKY**

NOT YOUR WAR. CHILDREN.

LIGHT UP

MY REE - MALVY

SENSUAL MIXTURE

DELIEV

FEATURE FILM MUSICAL FREE

HUTSULKA KSENYA

12:30

Duration 90mins

FEATURE FILM

WHY AM I ALIVE?

19:30

Based on the story, Now I am a Turk, not a Cossack

Duration: 120mins

£7 (£10 family ticket)

LATEST MUSICBAR

SATURDAY 21 JANUARY

DOCUMENTARY DAY

PAY AS YOU FEEL!

IF NOT FOR THE UKRAINIANS

12:00

Duration: 16mins

LARISA KADOCHNIKOVA. THE WAR

12:30

Duration: 79mins

TO LAUGH AGAIN

13:45

Duration: 24mins

BAZYL

14:15

Duration: 64mins

UKRAINE: ONE LIFE AT A TIME

15:30

Duration: 56mins

MALEVICH

16:45

Duration: 89mins

I WAS NOT BORN FOR WAR

18:15

Duration: 70mins

VERYOVKA CHOIR NOW

19:30

Duration: 74mins

LATEST MUSICBAR

SUNDAY 22 JANUARY

FAMILY DAY

PAY AS YOU FEEL!

MY GRANDPA IS SANTA

12: 00

Duration: 85mins

ONLY A MIRACLE

13:40

Duration: 100mins

AMULET OF THE KINGDOM

15:30

Duration: 84mins

ROPETACKLE

MONDAY 23 JANUARY

SHORT FILMS

14:00 – 16:00

PAY AS YOU FEEL!

FIGHT FOR UKRAINE

THE WOODEN WEDDING

THE POOR POET

THE GIRAFFE

THE GIFT

NO CALLER

IT HAS ALREADY BEEN

BULLSH*T

EVENING FEATURE

DOUBLE BILL

WE'LL NEVER GET LOST

TOGETHER AGAIN

19:30

Duration: 35mins

HUTSULKA KSENYA

20:15

Duration 90mins

£7 (£10 family ticket)

ROPETACKLE
TUESDAY 24 JANUARY

EVENING FEATURE
TRIPLE BILL

19:30

ПО-HOLLYWOODСЬКИ

Duration: 25mins

INTRANCE

Duration: 4mins

FEATURE
STRANGER

Duration: 90mins

ROPETACKLE
WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY

MARIUPOL DEFENDER

13:40

FREE

Documentary

Duration: 27mins

MOTHER OF APOSTLES

FREE FEATURE

14:30

Duration: 120mins

EVENING FEATURE
SLOVO HOUSE.

UNFINISHED NOVEL

19:30

Duration: 120mins

£7 (£10 family ticket)

LATEST MUSICBAR

THURSDAY 26 JANUARY

AWARD SHOW

WITH ENTERTAINMENT

18:00 – 19:00

BEST SHORT FILMS
BEST ANIMATION
BEST MUSICAL VIDEO
BEST DOCUMENTARY
BEST FEATURE
BEST IN FESTIVAL

FEATURE FILM
THE AWARD WINNING
KLONDIKE

19:30

Duration: 100mins

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