

ABCD UPDATE

March 18th 2010

The events below include all the events we currently plan following tonight's screening. Whether you are an existing member or not, you will be welcome at all of them.

- March 19th (Fri) **BRASS AND SILVER**, *Abbey Brass (with ABCD)* present an evening of film music plus a Charlie Chaplin short with specially composed soundtrack. *Additional* to our annual programme Tickets £7 (concessions:£5) from Mostly Books (01235 525880), or on the door. Venue: **Amey Theatre**, Abingdon School, **7.30 pm**.
- March 27th (Sat) **AN EVENING OF PIANO DUETS AND FILMS FROM FRANCE**, our special event for the Abingdon Arts Festival, additional to our annual Please see our leaflet for details. Tickets: £10.50 (concessionary price of £8.50 also applies to existing ABCD members Venue, from Mostly Books, or on the door. Venue: **Saint Nicolas' Church**, **7.30 p.m.**
- April 22nd **THE CLASS (Entre Les Murs)**, dir. Laurent Cantet, 2008, 128 mins. A "thoroughly modern and thoughtful portrait of a rowdy and adorable class of multi- ethnic Parisian teenagers over one school year". Our annual joint screening with Abingdon & District Town Twinning Association (start time: **7.15 pm, Abingdon College**). *Additional* to the main programme - admission £5.00 which includes food and soft drinks. (Bring own wine, by all means).
- April 29th **LOOKING FOR ERIC**, dir. Ken Loach 2009, 112 mins. the story of a Mancunian postman in the grip of a mid-life crisis. The *Eric* in the title is, and is played by, Eric Cantona. A mixture of whimsy and morality tale, the story depicts a triumph of the personal and political. Part of our main annual programme - no extra charge for current ABCD members. Others £4.50. **Abingdon College, 7.45 p.m.**
- May 6th **KING COAL**, an additional event that we felt we could not refuse, a 77 minute programme of fifteen documentaries made during the last century, from the National Film Archive: "The turbulent story of coal and its immense effect on British life explored on the screen". The evening will be introduced by Patrick Russell, Keeper of Documentaries at the British Film Institute. **Abingdon College, 7.30 pm**. Members will be asked to pay £3.50, non-members £4.50.
- May 13th **L'ECLISSE (The Eclipse)**, dir. Michelangelo Antonioni, 1962, 118 mins Cert PG, postponed from January due to snow. No extra charge for current ABCD members. Others £4.50. **Abingdon College, 7.45 p.m.**
- June 12th **MID-AUGUST LUNCH**, (*Pranzo di Ferragosto*), Italy, 76 mins, Cert 15, a delightful and gentle Italian comedy set in present-day Rome. A middle-aged, single son finds himself on his own looking after his mother and three other elderly ladies (with a combined age of 350 years) in his apartment. **Stanford in the Vale Village Hall**. Doors open 5.30 pm; food and drink from 6.00 pm (bring and share); film at 7.00 p.m; coffee and informal discussion to follow. Cost £5.00.

ABCD Film Society screens well over over twenty films every year from October to May. About half of them are from the English-speaking world, the rest are sub-titled. The majority of our titles are recent films, but we don't neglect the classics. There are special events, such as tonight's and several screenings introduced by guest speakers, not to mention an annual live music and film show in the Arts Festival (this year in nine days time, on March 27th, see above). You can pay for individual shows or for the annual programme as a whole.

If you would like further information or to book for any of the above events, phone [01235 522163](tel:01235522163) or write to info@abfilms.org.uk or go to www.abfilms.org.uk. You would be very welcome to join us.