

The Highgate Film Society

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Did you know that you can go to the movies in Highgate? The Highgate Film Society has been running for 10 years. Eight or nine films are screened every year at the Highgate Literary and Scientific Institution. The films are chosen by a committee, with suggestions taken from all members of the Society. The projection equipment in the HSLI has been upgraded recently, making for much-improved viewing.

This year's season is an interesting mix of films, with a variety of themes, genres, eras, and countries of origin. Some will be familiar, if not seen for a long time; others may be new to you.

The season was launched last week with a free showing of Woody Allen's acclaimed 'Midnight in Paris.' October 17 will feature a documentary called 'Happy'. Directed by Academy-Award nominee, Roko Belic, 'Happy' documents a world-wide search for answers to what makes people happy. In May, we are commemorating the anniversary of the start of the First World War by showing Richard Attenborough's provocative 'Oh What a Lovely War.'

17 October - 'Happy', USA Roko Belic

21 November - 'My Afternoons with Margueritte', France, Jean Becker

12 December - 'A Royal Affair', Denmark, Nikolaj Arcel

23 January - 'To Kill a Mockingbird', USA, Robert Mulligan

20 February - 'Divided We Fall', Czechoslovakia, Jan Hrebejk

20 March - 'Monsieur Lazhar', Canada, Phillippe Falardeau

8 May - 'Oh What a Lovely War', UK, Richard Attenborough

12 June - 'His Girl Friday', USA, Howard Hawks

This year there is a change to subscriptions. There are now two membership options. Both can be purchased at the door or in the office of the HSLI.

Full Member: one subscription payment of £30 per person for all eight films.

Associate Member: one subscription payment of £10 per person which allows entry to any film for £5.

Guests: members may buy guest tickets for £8 per person, in advance from the HSLI office, either in person or by phoning 0208 340 3343. Guest tickets are not available on the door.

If you wish to join the HFS please complete the membership form, available from the HSLI office or the website, www.hlsi.net/film.aspx and either send it to HSLI with your subscription or hand it in on the night of a film. Tickets will only be sold on the door in conjunction with memberships. You do not have to be a member of the HSLI to join. Wine and juice are on sale before each film. All films will be shown in the Victoria Hall at the HSLI at 10 South Grove. Doors open at 7.30pm and the films start at 8pm.