

# Bedford Film Festival press release

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## Bedford Film Festival returns offering something for everyone

<u>Bedford Film Festival</u> returns this September, promising something to suit all tastes, with tickets for film screenings and workshops going on sale from 1 September 2014.

The event itself kicks off on 23 September, with a warm-up charity screening of new British Rom-Com/Drama **Delicious** at The Pad Nightclub. The film has a connection with Bedford as local band Cicero Buck have provided a song for the film's soundtrack. The director of the film, Tammy Riley-Smith, will be attending the screening for a Q&A after the film and Cicero Buck will be performing too.

The full festival kicks off a few days later on Friday 26 September with a full day of workshops at Bedford College, led by film industry experts, before a screening at The Higgins Museum on Castle Lane of Italian Oscar winning film **The Great Beauty**.

Nine films over two days then follow, including:

- Aladdin The animated classic introducing younger audiences to the genius of Robin Williams.
- Ida A Polish film about a young girl seeking her family's dark history.
- Tony Benn: Will and Testament A brand new documentary about one of our most respected politicians.
- **Night Moves** Jesse Eisenberg and Dakota Fanning star as hard-core environmental activists whose plans don't go well.
- Palo Alto A teen movie for the ages, and debut feature for Gia Coppola. Starring James Franco, Val Kilmer and Emma Roberts.
- The Slums of Berlin This 1925 classic gives a hard-hitting attack on a society that gave no second chances.
- 20,000 Days on Earth A bold look at one of music's most mysterious and charismatic figures: Nick Cave. Also features Kylie Minogue and Ray Winstone.

Paul Hutchinson, from Bedford Film Festival, says the selection this year truly shows how varied cinema can be: "The whole ethos of Bedford Film Festival is to support variety. We're very excited with this year's selection of features and documentaries, giving people a chance to truly experience a rich variety of film.



"It's not just about films coming to Bedford though. We're also helping encourage a new generation of film makers with a whole day of excellent workshops hosted by world class industry leaders, and showing short films from local film makers too."

You can purchase tickets for the screenings and get the latest information about Bedford Film Festival at <a href="https://www.BedfordFilmFestival.org">www.BedfordFilmFestival.org</a>

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#### About Bedford Film Festival

Bedford Film Festival was set up to help bring films to Bedford that are not available in town anywhere else. While developing the ethos to #SupportVariety, the organisers also wanted to establish a programme of encouraging a new generation of film makers in the town with high quality industry workshops. Bedford Film Festival also actively encourages other local organisations to host their own film screenings, offering screening collaboration opportunities and support.