



Bright Star

Friday, September 18 Oxford Theatre 9:30 PM

Fresh off the success from this year's Cannes Film Festival, Jane Campion (*The Piano*, *An Angel at My Table*) is back with a simply poetic piece of film based on the three-year romance between 19th-century British poet John Keats and Fanny Brawne, which was cut short by Keats' untimely death at the young age of 25. Sweeping landscapes of lavender, pent-up romance, smoldering love letters and life's simple little pleasures are magnificently crafted as only Campion can render. Emotions heave like Abbie Cornish's bosom as Ben Wishaw's brilliantly portrayed Keats recites his prose throughout the film.

Special note: Be sure to catch the screening of 8 at the Oxford Theatre on Monday, September 21 to see yet another short work from Campion.

Director Jane Campion



The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus

Saturday, September 19 Oxford Theatre 9:30 PM

In the present day, immortal 1,000-year-old Doctor Parnassus (Christopher Plummer) leads a travelling theatre troupe that offers audience members a chance to go beyond reality through a magical mirror in his possession. Parnassus had been able to guide the imagination of others through a deal with the Devil (Tom Waits), who now comes to collect on the arrangement, targeting the doctor's daughter. The troupe, which is joined by a mysterious outsider named Tony (portrayed by Heath Ledger, Johnny Depp, Jude Law, and Colin Farrell) embark through parallel worlds to rescue the girl.

Featuring an amazing all-star cast and Ledger's last film performance, this is yet another singular cinematic masterpiece from acclaimed director Terry Gilliam (*Brazil*).

Director Terry Gilliam



A Shine of Rainbows

Sunday, September 20 Oxford Theatre 9:30 PM

Eight-year old Thomas is an orphan living a lonely life. When Marie O'Donnell arrives to rescue him from his dreary surroundings, Thomas finds himself being whisked away to a new home on beautiful Corrie Island off the coast of Ireland. There, he meets Marie's husband, Alec, a rugged fisherman who can't hide his disappointment in the timid boy. Undeterred, Marie sets about making Thomas feel at home, confident that her husband will eventually come to see in him what she does. Thrilled with his new mother, Thomas begins to see the magic and wonder of the world around him. When tragedy strikes, Thomas must find – and share – the magic inside of him. *A Shine of Rainbows* is a touching story about the transformational power of love.

Director Vic Sarin



Broken Embraces

Monday, September 21 Oxford Theatre 9:30 PM

Original title: *Los Abrazos Rotos*

Legendary filmmaker Pedro Almodóvar returns to the screen with his latest triumph. In his latest we follow Harry Caine (Luis Homar), a blind writer, as he reaches a point when he has to heal his wounds from 14 years ago, when he was still known by his real name, Mateo Blanco, and directing his last movie. As the past is revisited, a story of *amour fou* unfolds, dominated by fatality, jealousy, the abuse of power, treachery and a guilt complex. Starring the beautiful Penélope Cruz in another mesmerizing performance, this Cannes Film Festival favourite is not to be missed.

Director Pedro Almodóvar



Micmacs

Tuesday, September 22 Oxford Theatre 9:30 PM

Original title: *Micmacs à Tire-Langot*

From visionary French director Jean-Pierre Jeunet (*Amélie*, *The City of Lost Children*) comes another singular look at the surreal side of life. In his first film since 2004, Jeunet delves into the story of a man and his friends who have come up with an intricate and original plan to destroy two big weapons manufacturers. Featuring a lead character with a bullet lodged in his brain and anarchy on his mind, this is a stylistic film not to be missed. Starring Dany Boon and frequent Jeunet collaborator Dominique Pinon, this is a satire about the world arms trade that is dark comedy at its darkest.

Director Jean-Pierre Jeunet



The Invention of Lying

Wednesday, September 23 Oxford Theatre 7:00 PM

From Ricky Gervais, the award-winning creator and star of the original BBC series *The Office* and HBO's *Extras*, comes the new romantic comedy *The Invention of Lying*, which takes place in an alternate reality where lying—even the concept of a lie—does not even exist. But when a down-on-his-luck loser named Mark suddenly develops the ability to lie, he finds that dishonesty has its rewards. In a world where every word is assumed to be the absolute truth, Mark easily lies his way to fame and fortune. But lies have a way of spreading, and he begins to realize that things are getting out of control when some of his tallest tales are being taken as, well, gospel. With the entire world now hanging on his every word, there is only one thing Mark has not been able to lie his way into: the heart of the woman he loves.

Director Ricky Gervais



The White Stripes Under Great White Northern Lights

Thursday, September 24 **Oxford Theatre** **9:30 PM**

The White Stripes Under Great White Northern Lights takes an intimate look inside The White Stripes' cross-Canada tour, as Jack and Meg White touch down in every Canadian province—including two dates in Nova Scotia—on their ambitious 2007 tour.

Director Emmett Malloy



Antichrist

Friday, September 25 **Oxford Theatre** **9:30 PM**

From l'enfant terrible and full-time provocateur Lars von Trier (*Breaking the Waves*, *Dancer in the Dark*) comes the film that has left audiences speechless.

In the film a grieving couple retreats to their cabin 'Eden' in the woods, hoping to repair their broken hearts and troubled marriage after the accidental death of their young child. But nature takes its course and things go from bad to worse.

Netting a Best Actress award for star Charlotte Gainsbourg at the 2009 Cannes Film Festival, and featuring a powerful performance from Willem Dafoe, this is one film that will have to be seen to be believed. Featuring stunning cinematography and shot primarily with new Redcam technology, this film must be experienced on the big screen.

Director Lars von Trier

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