
Sunday January 28 2.00pm

**ENCORE from the Royal Opera House
RUSALKA**

A poetic, contemporary new staging of Dvorák's lyric fairytale opera reveals our uneasy relationship with the natural world and humanity's attempts to own and tame it. Rusalka, a water spirit, lives with her family in the pure waters of the forest lake. When she falls in love with a prince, she sacrifices her voice and leaves her home in the hope of finding true love in a new world – a world that does not love her back.

Tuesday February 6 7.30pm

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TO BE ANNOUNCED**

Wednesday February 7 7.15pm

**LIVE from the Royal Opera House
MANON**

Torn between her desire of a life of splendour and riches and her devotion to her true love Des Grieux, the feckless and capricious Manon pays the ultimate price. This adaptation of Abbé Prévost's novel embodies Kenneth MacMillan at his best, his acute insight into human psychology and his mastery of narrative choreography finding full expression in the impassioned duets of the central couple.

Tuesday March 5 7.30pm

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Tickets are available from the Regal Box Office (Tel: 01643 706430) and may also be booked online (www.regaltheatre.co.uk). Please check details before making a special journey.

In the limited space available these programme notes can do no more than provide a partial guide to the films listed. You may wish to visit www.imdb.com or www.regalfilmsociety.org for more details.



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**THE
REGAL
FILM
SOCIETY**

**Welcome to the film
society's 2023/24 Season**

From September to March 2024 the season features the best newly released films from the UK and abroad as well as live screenings from the Royal Opera House, and great art from Exhibitions on Screen. Coming up this season:
*Oppenheimer; Das Rheingold;
Under the Fig Trees; The Sitting Duck*

The Regal Film Society offers the best screening experience in the area with a newly upgraded digital cinema package and a screen measuring
9m x 5m.

More public films and live screenings are planned, so join the mailing list:
admin@regalfilmsociety.org

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Tuesday September 5 7.30pm

OPPENHEIMER

Dir Christopher Nolan US/UK 2023

180 mins

Cillian Murphy gives a career-best performance as the American scientist J. Robert Oppenheimer, ‘father of the atomic bomb’, in this biopic. The film is a towering achievement which also stars Emily Blunt, Matt Damon and Kenneth Branagh.

Membership form

Please fill in this form and return it with your cheque to Doug Brain-Smith, Regal Film Society, 46 Regents Way, Minehead, TA24 8HS. Please do not leave your form at the Regal. BACS details on request. Cheques should be made payable to The Regal Film Society. I am over 18 years of age and would like to become a member for the 2023/24 season. I am happy for my details to be shared with the Regal Theatre database.

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Admission to **films**: members £3, guests £5; **ROH**: members £13, non-members £15.50; **EOS** £10.

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Wednesday September 20 7.15pm

NEW SEASON

LIVE from the Royal Opera House

DAS RHEINGOLD

Antonio Pappano conducts Barrie Kosky’s bold new imagining of Wagner’s *Das Rheingold*, marking the start of a new Ring cycle for The Royal Opera. A precious hoard of gold is stolen from the river Rhine, unleashing a chain of destructive events, pitting gods and mortals against one another.

Tuesday October 3 7.30pm

UNDER THE FIG TREES

Dir Erige Sehir Tunisia/Switz/Fra/ Qatar/Ger 2022 92 mins

Tunisia’s Oscar submission is a gorgeous and wistful film set in the country’s languid fig orchards where a group of teenage girls spend a sun-dappled summer helping to gather in the harvest. **Subtitled.**

Thursday October 5 7.15pm

LIVE from the Royal Opera House

L’ELISIR D’AMORE

Expect sun, fun and vocal acrobatics in Laurent Pelly’s much-loved staging of Donizetti’s intoxicating and witty comedy.

Tuesday November 7 7.15pm

LIVE from the Royal Opera House

DON QUIXOTE

Teeming with comedy, wit and an bravura choreography, Carlos Acosta’s production brings the Spanish heat and romance of Cervantes’ classic novel to life.

Tuesday November 14 7.30pm

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Film titles will be booked nearer the screening date as the season progresses to take advantage of new releases and be responsive to members’ preferences.

Tuesday December 12 7.30pm

THE SITTING DUCK

Dir Jean-Paul Salom Fra/Ger 2023
121 mins

Isabelle Huppert stars as real-life trade union whistle-blower Maureen Kearney in *La Syndicaliste*, a drama about a high-profile case of injustice in the French nuclear power industry. **Subtitled.**

Sunday December 17 2.00pm

ENCORE from the Royal Opera House

THE NUTCRACKER

Discover the enchantment of ballet with this sparkling festive treat for the whole family. Join Clara at a delightful Christmas Eve party that becomes a magical adventure once everyone else is tucked up in bed. Marvel at the brilliance of Tchaikovsky’s score, as Clara and her enchanted Nutcracker fight the Mouse King and visit the Sugar Plum Fairy in the glittering Kingdom of Sweets.

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Tuesday January 9 7.30pm

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