

Saturday 13th August - 7.00pm

Bob Wood Cultural Hall, Sarina

Licorice Pizza

Director: Paul Thomas Anderson
2021 / USA / 134m / M / Drama / English



LICORICE PIZZA tracks the treacherous navigation of first love in 1970's Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley - its title referencing a much-loved chain of Southern California record stores that tempted patrons with free licorice, comfy couches and racks of music mags alongside the coolest vinyl releases.

The film boasts an ensemble of stars including Bradley Cooper, Sean Penn, Ben Stiller, Tom Waits and newcomer Cooper Hoffman (son of the late Philip Seymour Hoffman). Cooper Hoffman is starring in his film debut as Gary Valentine, a young actor discovering that young love is a tangled time for all.

"It's such a delectable film: I'll be cutting myself another slice very soon."

THE GUARDIAN

**PIZZA AND DRINKS
WILL BE SERVED BEFORE
THE SCREENING**

OPTIONAL COACH TRANSFER / FILM PACKAGE

Departing 5.30pm from Artspace Mackay

Package includes film ticket, supper and return coach transfer

FAM members: \$30pp Non-members: \$33pp

Tickets available online at <https://www.trybooking.com/CAAYX>

Sunday 25th September - 1.30pm

Proserpine Entertainment Centre



Parallel Mothers

Director: Pedro Almodovar
2021 / Spain / 123m / M / Drama / Spanish (English subtitles)



Film & Arts Mackay is delighted to team up with Whitsunday Arts Festival to bring the International Film Festival to Proserpine in September with the critically acclaimed Spanish drama PARALLEL MOTHERS by award-winning director Pedro Almodovar. Almodovar draws again on his favourite subject of Motherhood to create a story of two women, both single mothers, who give birth in a shared maternity ward in Madrid. The film elegantly balances drama and comedy, moving through the tale of two unlikely friends from vastly different walks of life, one surefooted and complex, the other emotionally raw and energised. Together they create a film bent by hardship and pierced by tragedy, which eventually winds itself into something beautiful, hope.

OPTIONAL COACH TRANSFER / FILM PACKAGE

Package includes film ticket, lunch and return coach transfer

FAM members: \$70pp Non-members: \$80pp

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FAM members: **\$14pp** Non-members: **\$17pp**

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Non-members package: **\$47pp**

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SATURDAY, 6TH AUGUST 2.00pm - *Blind Ambition*

4.00pm - *Hive*

6.00pm - *Drive My Car*

SUNDAY, 7TH AUGUST

2.00pm - *Hit The Road*

4.00pm - *Compartment No 6*

6.15pm - *A Stasi Comedy*

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**FAM Members MUST show membership card
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7 FILMS - MOVIE PASS

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7-film movie pass for all films showing at BCC, Mt Pleasant
from 5-7 August. Tickets available from the box office.

BOB WOOD CULTURAL CENTRE, SARINA

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PROSERPINE ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

SUNDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER 1.30pm - *Parallel Mothers*

FAM members: **\$15pp** Non-members: **\$20pp**

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Saturday 30th July - 7.00pm

Pinnacle Playhouse

Belfast

Director: Kenneth Branagh
2021 / UK / 98m / M / Drama / English



Written and directed by Academy Award® nominee Kenneth Branagh, and starring an acclaimed ensemble cast, Belfast is a personal and joyful story about the power of memory, set in late 1960s Northern Ireland. Based on Branagh's own childhood, at the centre of the film is 9-year-old Buddy whose life is filled with familial love, childhood hijinks, and a blossoming romance. Yet, with his beloved hometown caught up in increasing turmoil, his family faces a momentous choice: hope the Troubles will pass or leave everything they know behind for a new life.

Creatively shot in black and white and rendered in crisp, high-definition digital, Belfast cleverly blends sentiments of the time with the advantages of modern technology. Contains violence and strong language.

Winner of Best Original Screenplay at the
94th Annual Academy Award - Kenneth Branagh.

"A bewitchingly intimate, warm-hearted, wholly captivating film..."
DAILY UK

"...spryly written, beautifully acted and shot in a lustrous monochrome."
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OPTIONAL COACH TRANSFER/MEAL/FILM PACKAGE

Departing 4.30pm from Mackay CBD

Package includes film ticket, return coach transfer and dinner at the Pinnacle Pub (drinks not included)

FAM members: **\$44pp** Non-members: **\$47pp**

Tickets available online at <https://www.trybooking.com/CAAWZ>

Friday 5th August - 7.00pm

BCC Cinemas, Mt Pleasant

Official Competition

Director: Mariano Cohn, Gastón Duprat
2021 / Spain / 114m / M / Comedy / Spanish (English subtitles)



Spanish megastars Antonio Banderas and Penélope Cruz bring hilarity to this playful and wildly entertaining Spanish satire on the filmmaking process. Finding his legacy lacking in prestige, an octogenarian tycoon impulsively decides to finance a great work of cinema. Demanding the best of the best, he purchases the rights to a Nobel Prize-winning novel about sibling rivalry and hires renowned filmmaker Lola Cuevas to mastermind this ambitious endeavour.

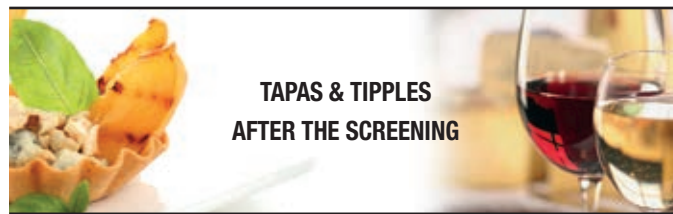
Lola casts as her embattled co-leads a pair of actors with massive talent but even bigger egos and gradually, they are at each other's throats.

Nominated for Official Selection, Toronto International Film Festival 2021;
Venice Intl Film Festival 2021; Golden Lion Best Film, Audience Award,
San Sebastián International Film Festival 2021.

"Wildly Entertaining"
TIME OUT

"Offers comic and visual pleasures alike, plus crisp acting
from its lead trio..."

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TAPAS & TIPPLES
AFTER THE SCREENING

Saturday 6th August - 2.00pm

Blind Ambition

Director: Robert Coe, Warwick Ross
2020 / Australia / 94m / M / Documentary / English



Winner of the Audience Award at Tribeca Film Festival and Sydney Film Festival, BLIND AMBITION is the inspiring story of four Zimbabwean refugees who conquered the odds to become South Africa's top sommeliers. Driven by relentless optimism, a passion for their craft and unshakeable national pride, they form Zimbabwe's first ever wine tasting team and set their sights on the coveted title of 'World Wine Tasting Champions'. From the moment they arrive in France to compete, this team of mavericks turns an establishment of privilege and tradition on its head. A truly uplifting documentary that celebrates just how irrepressible the human spirit can be.

Saturday 6th August - 4.00pm

Hive

Director: Blerta Basholli
2020 / Albania, Macedonia / 84m / M / Drama / Albanian (English subtitles)



Fahrije's husband has been missing since the war in Kosovo, and along with their grief, her family is struggling financially. In order to provide for them she launches a small agricultural business, but in the traditional patriarchal village where she lives, her ambition and efforts to empower herself and other women are not seen as positive things. She struggles not only to keep her family afloat but also against a hostile community who is rooting for her to fail.

Saturday 6th August - 6.00pm

Drive My Car

Director: Ryūsuke Hamaguchi
2021 / Japan / 179m / MA 15+ / Drama / Japanese (English subtitles)



Theatre director Yusuke and his TV screenwriter wife Oto have a special bond as creative partners, sharing a life punctuated by private rituals. This is shattered by a sudden incident and the appearance of Yusuke's new chauffeur Misaki and Koji, an actor from Oto's TV series. As the film gradually peels back the unspoken layers of their marriage, parallels form with Yusuke's ongoing production of Chekhov's 'Uncle Vanya'. As the title infers, much of the film takes place while driving, with Yusuke's old red Saab becoming centre stage for the protagonists to reveal their innermost truths. This is an intense and sensorially rich film, sustained by great performances and bold long takes, which shows us how intimate silences can amplify the truth and become part of the intricate evolution of a life story.

Winner of multiple awards including Academy Award for Best International Feature Film, 2022; Cannes Film Festival Award for Best Screenplay, 2021; Golden Globe Award for Best Foreign Language Film, 2022; BAFTA Award for Best Film Not in the English Language, 2022.

Sunday 7th August - 2.00pm

Hit the Road

Director: Panah Panahi
2021 / Iran / 94m / PG / Drama / Parsi (English subtitles)



The film follows a chaotic, tender Iranian family that takes a road trip across the rugged landscape of Iran to drop their eldest son off at the border. While Mother tries to keep the mood light, Father, with a cast leg in the back seat, mumbles driving instructions and their hyper energetic son dances and jumps around the car. Along the way, they fuss over the sick dog in the boot and get on each others' nerves but simultaneously they bond over memories of the past and grapple with fears of the unknown as they prepare to part with one of their own.

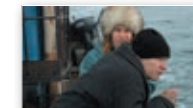
Winner of BEST FILM - London Film Festival 2021.

"a striking feature debut with this charming, sharp-witted,
and deeply moving comic drama."

Sunday 7th August - 4.00pm

Compartment No 6

Director: Juho Kuosmanen
2021 / Estonia, Finland, Germany, Russia / 107m / MA15+ / Drama / Finnish and Russian (English subtitles)



A poignant, quirky love story that shared the prestigious Grand Prix at Cannes 2021. Compartment No. 6, like all great train movies, is full of humour and romance, and complete with surprises. The story tells of a Finnish woman who escapes a love affair in Moscow and connects with a Russian miner she meets in a small train compartment on the way to the Arctic port of Murmansk. They're divided by class, nationality, and language. This is a charming, captivating film that follows two strangers who form an unexpected bond.

Sunday 7th August - 6.15pm

A Stasi Comedy

Director: Leander Haussmann
2022 / Germany / 115m / 18+ / Comedy / German (English subtitles)



In this hilarious story set in 1980's communist East Germany, Ludger is hired by the Stasi to infiltrate an East Berlin district known for its counterculture scene and home to artists, bohemians and free-thinking radicals. He ends up living two lives - one as an underground poet and one as a Stasi agent. But decades later, Ludger is confronted with the possibility of his secret Stasi past coming to light. When he retrieves his file, his hope of quietly reading about who spied and informed on him in the GDR is sabotaged by Corinna who finds a love letter to Ludger that she did not write! Peppered with nostalgia, secrets and a good dose of self-irony, A STASI COMEDY contends that 30 years on, it's ok to finally poke fun at the Stasi.