

GODALMING FILM SOCIETY



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All screenings start at 7:45 in the Borough Hall,
Bridge St, Godalming. Doors open and drinks available from 7:15

Hasan Hadi 105m 15 S 2025 DR Iraq/Qatar

The President's Cake

A young girl in early nineties Iraq is chosen by her school to make a birthday cake in Saddam Hussein's honour. Sanctions mean shortages of every single cake-making ingredient though refusing the task could mean imprisonment or even death.

Spike Jonze 115m 15 S 2002 CO DR US



Adaptation

Charlie Kaufman is a confused L.A. screenwriter struggling to adapt *The Orchid Thief* by Susan Orlean for the screen, overwhelmed by feelings of inadequacy, sexual frustration, self-loathing, and by the screenwriting ambitions of his freeloading twin brother.

Rungano Nyoni 99m 15 S 2024 DR Zambia/UK/US



On Becoming a Guinea Fowl

Driving home from a party Shula finds her Uncle Fred dead in the road near a brothel. As funeral proceedings begin around them, she and her cousins discover the buried secrets of their middle-class family despite avoidance and collective denial.

Edwin Mullane, Aidan O'Keeffe 88m NC S 2025 DR DC Ireland

Horseshoe

Four estranged siblings return home to the West of Ireland after the death of their father where they attempt to navigate inheritance, grief, and long-buried grudges. Trapped together in their childhood home the fragile family bonds are threatening to disintegrate.



20 APRIL 2027

Alexander Payne 115m 15 S 2013 DC DR US

Nebraska

An ageing, booze-addled father makes the trip from Montana to Nebraska with his estranged son in order to claim a million-dollar Mega Sweepstakes Marketing prize. They are waylaid at a small town in Nebraska. It turns out the father grew up here and has scores to settle.



4 MAY 2027

Henri-Georges Clouzot 156m 12A S 1953 DR TH AD Fr/It



The Wages of Fear

Four desperate men are hired by an oil company to drive two trucks, laden with nitroglycerin needed to extinguish an oil well fire, over mountain roads. A tense rivalry develops between the two sets of drivers on the remote roads where the slightest jolt can result in death.

18 MAY 2027 AGM

Anders Thomas Jensen 116m 15 S 2025 DR CO CR Den/Swe

The Last Viking

Before serving a prison sentence for bank robbery Anker gives his brother Manfred the heist money to hide. Upon his release, he is appalled to discover that Manfred has since developed dissociative identity disorder and cannot recall where he hid the money.



Here is the list of categories for 2026 - 27

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| CO Comedy | CR Crime | BI Biography | MU Musical |
| DR Drama | TH Thriller | RO Romance | CA Coming of age |
| AD Adventure | FA Fantasy | DC Dark Comedy | |

S Subtitles

General Enquiries for all matters relating to Godalming Film Society, please email secretary@godalmingfilmsoc.org.uk.

Membership Enquiries for membership or guest tickets, please email members@godalmingfilmsoc.org.uk or call Barbara Hydes on 01428 652915.

This season's programme may be subject to change and films replaced at short notice.

1 SEPTEMBER 2026

 James McAvoy  107m **15 S** 2025 **DR BI MU** UK US

California Schemin'

A struggling Scottish rap duo, ridiculed for their regional accents, decide to overhaul their image in extreme fashion: they begin posing as two Americans from California and manage to score themselves a record deal with a label in London, but maintaining the fiction is not easy...



 Paolo Sorrentino  110m **15 S** 2008 **DR BI** Italy

Il Divo

The story of Giulio Andreotti, a seven-time Prime Minister of Italy, notorious for his alleged ties to the Mafia. The film covers Andreotti's seventh election, his failed bid for the presidency of the Republic, his fall from grace and subsequent trial.



 Robert Bresson  76m **PG S** 1959 **CR DR** France

Pickpocket

Michel passes the time by picking pockets and is careful not to be caught despite the attentions of the police. His friend Jacques may suspect, while both men seem to have their eyes on Jeanne, the pretty neighbour of Michel's ailing mother.



 Wim Wenders  128m **15 S** 1977 **CR DR TH** Germany, France

The American Friend

A neo-noir film written and directed by Wim Wenders, adapted from Patricia Highsmith's novel Ripley's Game. Tom Ripley has a deal selling forged paintings for an artist. But another criminal associate wants Tom to enter an even riskier game: murder.



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 Victor Erice  98m **AA S** 1973 **DR CA FA** Spain

The Spirit of the Beehive

In post-Civil War Castilla a traveling movie theatre brings James Whale's black and white film classic Frankenstein to a small village. Two young girls, Ana and her sister Isabel, fascinated by the film, are subsequently determined to find the monster themselves.



 François Ozon  122m **15 S** 2025 **CR DR** France

The Stranger

François Ozon's adaptation of Albert Camus' 1942 novel The Stranger, which centres on a detached and indifferent Frenchman in 1930s French Algeria, whose daily life is changed by the death of his mother and a fateful encounter on a beach.



10 NOVEMBER 2026

24 NOVEMBER 2026

 Pat Boonnitipat  125m **12A S** 2024 **CO DR CA** Thailand

How to Make Millions Before Grandma Dies

A university dropout low on money, volunteers to take care of his terminally ill grandmother in the hope of pocketing her inheritance. However, winning her favour will not be an easy task and he is not the only one with an eye on the money.



8 DECEMBER 2026

 Gyorgy Palfi  96m **15 S** 2025 **DR CO AD** Hun/Ger/Gr

Hen

Told entirely from the perspective of its protagonist, the film follows the adventures of a hen, desperate to raise a family, who escapes an industrial farm only to find herself navigating the pecking order of a crumbling seaside restaurant in Greece.



12 JANUARY 2027

 Aisling Walsh  115m **12A S** 2016 **DR BI RO** Ireland/Canada

Maudie

A biopic about folk artist Maud Lewis. Maud struggles with disability, the memory of a lost child and a family that doubts her, before moving in with a brusque fish peddler as a housekeeper. Despite their differing personalities, they marry and at the same time her art gains in popularity.



26 JANUARY 2027

 Jean-Luc Godard  103m **AA S** 1963 **DR RO** France/Italy

Contempt (Le Mepris)

A French New Wave drama written and directed by Jean-Luc Godard. A young French playwright, who has achieved commercial success in Rome, accepts an offer from a vulgar American producer to rework the script for director Fritz Lang's screen adaptation of the Odyssey.



9 FEBRUARY 2027

 Sergei Loznitsa  118m **12A S** 2025 **DR TH** Fr/Ger/Nth/Uk/Ro/Li

Two Prosecutors

During Stalin's purges prisoners' letters pleading innocence are routinely burned in Soviet prisons. One letter survives and reaches a young, idealistic prosecutor who tries to reopen the case but quickly encounters the rigid bureaucracy of a system built to crush dissent.

