

## Bright Film Society :: Film Programme 2026 :: Sun Cinema Bright :: 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start

### Tina (New Zealand)

Welcome 2026  
pre-film drink (6.30pm)

17th FEBRUARY



Samoan music teacher Marea (Anapela Polataivao) is plunged into grief after losing her daughter in the Christchurch quakes. Marea takes a relieving role at an elite private school, where she inspires her students to perform at a big choral competition

### The Eight Mountains (Italy)

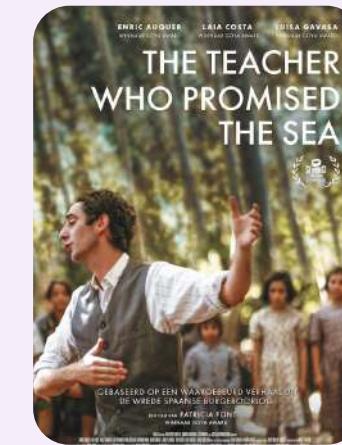
17th MARCH



It's a bittersweet drama centring on two men who meet as children in the mountainous wilderness of northwest Italy. It's about the innocence of youth giving way to the disappointments of adulthood, about the impact of overbearing fathers, about the struggle to find your own place in the world

### The Teacher Who Promised the Sea (Spain) + Brewery Night

21st APRIL



The buried memories of the Spanish Civil War are unearthed as a woman searches for the remains of her grandfather's father and discovers the story of an idealistic young teacher from Tarragona. Based on the incredible true story of Antoni Benaiges, a Catalan teacher who brought progressive teaching methods from France to the rural village.

### The Last Daughter (Australia)

19th MAY



Brenda's first memories were of growing up in a loving white foster family, before she was suddenly taken away and returned to her Aboriginal family. Decades later, she feels disconnected from both halves of her life. But the traumas of her past do not lie quietly buried. So, she goes searching for the foster family with whom she had lost all contact.

### Small Things Like These (UK) + Brewery Night

16th JUNE



Devoted father Bill Furlong, whilst working as a coal merchant to support his family, discovers disturbing secrets kept by the local convent- and uncovers truths of his own - forcing him to confront his past and the complicit silence of a small Irish town controlled by the Catholic Church



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### **The Velvet Queen (Tibet)**

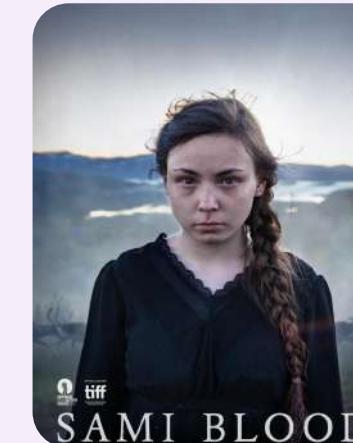
21st JULY



High up on the Tibetan plateau. Amongst unexplored and inaccessible valleys lies one of the last sanctuaries of the wild world, where rare and undiscovered fauna lives. Vincent Munier, one of the world's most renowned wildlife photographers takes the adventurer and novelist Sylvain Tesson with him on his latest mission..

### **SAMI BLOOD (Sweden) + Brewery Night**

18th AUGUST



A young Sami woman rebels against her traditional life and is forced to attend a state-run boarding school designed to assimilate indigenous children. There, she endures cultural erasure and strict societal conditioning, struggling to maintain her identity while facing the painful legacy of colonialism.

### **The Farewell (China/US)**

15th SEPTEMBER



Billi, a Chinese/American woman, FAREWELL learns her grandmother (referred to as Nai Nai) has only a short while left to live. Billi's family has decided to expedite a family wedding before Nai Nai dies to enable her to see all the family one last time and not tell Nai Nai of her fatal illness. Billi rediscovers the country she left as a child & the strong binding ties.

### **Goodbye Julia (Sudanese) + Brewery Night**

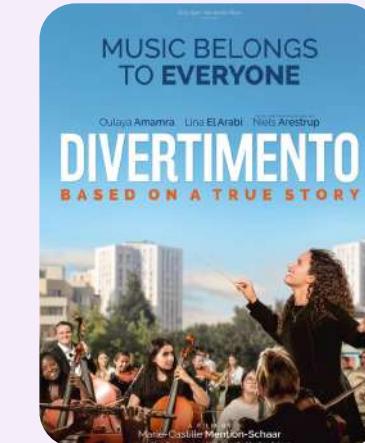
20th OCTOBER



Samoan music teacher Mareta (Anapela Polataivao) is plunged into grief after losing her daughter in the Christchurch quakes. Mareta takes a relieving role at an elite private school, where she inspires her students to perform at a big choral competition

### **Divertimento (French)**

17th NOVEMBER



Classical symphonic music everything for 17yo Zahia Ziouani and her twin sister, Fettouma. Nevertheless, living in underprivileged Parisian suburbs in 1995 with their Algerian background, they struggle arduously to approach their dreams becoming an orchestra conductor and a cellist. Driven by determination, passion, and courage, they create their own orchestra, Divertimento.



**24<sup>th</sup> November - Christmas Party - venue TBC**



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