# Dorchester Film Society

*Rebuilding*

## 2026/2027 Season

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*The President's Cake*

**Wednesday 16th September**

**THE PRESIDENT'S CAKE**
105 mins
Dir: Hasan Hadi
Iraq/Qatar/USA 2025
Arabic Drama

On 'draw day' across Iraq, schools select a student for the honour of bringing an item to celebrate President Saddam Hussein's birthday. Nine year old Lamia is selected to provide the birthday cake. Refusing to do this could mean imprisonment or even death.

**Wednesday 23rd September**

**REBUILDING**
96 mins
Dir: Max Walker-Silverman
USA 2025
English Psychological Drama

After wildfires take his ranch, a cowboy named Dusty winds up in a FEMA camp (temporary emergency shelter to house displaced disaster survivors). He finds community with others who have also lost homes, while reconnecting with his daughter and ex-wife.

**Wednesday 30th September**

**A PRIVATE LIFE**
107 mins
Dir: Rebecca Zlotowski
France 2025
French/English/German/Yiddish
Drama

Dr Lilian Steiner, an American psychoanalyst in Paris, learns that her client Paula has taken her own life. The actions of others in Paula's life suggest otherwise, so with the help of her ex-husband, Lilian undertakes some super-sleuthing to get to the truth.

*No Other Choice*

**Wednesday 7th October**

**NO OTHER CHOICE**
139 mins
Dir: Park Chan-wook
South Korea/France 2025
Korean /English Dark comedy

When a man is abruptly laid off by the paper company where he has worked tirelessly for many years, he grows increasingly desperate in his hunt for a new job. So, he devises a unique plan to secure a new job – eliminate his competition!

**Wednesday 14th October**

**IT WAS JUST AN ACCIDENT**
103 mins
Dir. Jafar Panahi
Iran/France/Luxembourg 2025
Persian/Azerbaijani Political Drama

A minor accident sets in motion a series of escalating consequences. An unassuming mechanic, reminded of his time in an Iranian prison, encounters a man he suspects of being his sadistic jail house captor. This film is a defiant rebuke of authoritarianism that still delivers the entertainment value of a gripping thriller but is also very amusing.

**Wednesday 4th November**

**TWINLESS**
100 mins
Dir. James Sweeney
USA 2025
English/Japanese Comedy/Drama

Two young men meet in a twin support group and form an unlikely friendship becoming inseparable outside the group. However, all is revealed to be not what it seems, as each man harbours secrets that could unravel everything.

*Twinless*

**Wednesday 11th November**

**LATE SHIFT**
92 mins
Dir. Petra Biondina Volpe
Switzerland/Germany 2025
German/Turkish/French/Albanian
Drama/Thriller

Floria, a dedicated nurse, navigates the relentless pace on a surgical ward with unwavering dedication, infusing humanity and warmth into her patient care even though the shift is understaffed. However, one day, her shift becomes a tense and urgent race against the clock.

*Animalia*

**Wednesday 18th November**

**ANIMALIA**
90 mins
Dir. Sofia Alaoui
France/Morocco/Qatar 2023
Arabic/French/Berber
Drama/Mystery/Sci-Fi

Itto, a young Moroccan woman, is slowly adapting to her husband's wealthy and privileged family. When supernatural events put the country into a state of emergency, Itto finds herself separated from the family. Alone, pregnant and looking for her way back, she finds emancipation.

*Sentimental Value*

**Wednesday 25th November**

**SENTIMENTAL VALUE**
135 mins
Dir: Joachim Trier
Norway/Germany/Denmark/France 2025
Norwegian/English/French/Danish
Drama

Nora and Agnes reunite with their estranged father, the charismatic, once-renowned director Gustav. He is hoping to make a comeback film and offers Nora a role. When Nora turns it down, he gives it to a young Hollywood star instead. The sisters suddenly find themselves navigating their complicated relationship with their father. An intimate exploration of family, memories, and the reconciliatory power of art.

**Wednesday 2nd December**

**THE CHRISTOPHERS**
100 mins
Dir. Steven Soderbergh
UK/USA 2025
English Dark Comedy

The children of an ageing, once famous artist hire a forger to complete some unfinished, long ago abandoned canvases so that they will have an inheritance when he dies.

**Wednesday 6th January**

**THE LIFE OF CHUCK**
111 mins
Dir. Mike Flanagan
USA 2024
English Drama/Fantasy/Sci-fi

A life-affirming, genre-bending story about three chapters in the life of an ordinary man named Charles 'Chuck' Krantz, as he experiences the wonder of love, the heartbreak of loss and the multitudes contained in all of us.

*The Voice of Hind Rajab*

**Wednesday 13th January**

**THE VOICE OF HIND RAJAB**
89 mins
Dir. Kaouther Ben Hania
Tunisia/France/Palestine/UK 2025
Arabic/English
Biography/Docudrama/War

Red Crescent volunteers receive an emergency call. A 6-year-old girl is trapped in a car under IDF fire in Gaza, pleading for rescue. While trying to keep her on the line, they do all they can to get an ambulance to her. This film incorporates real-life elements that are as difficult to witness as they are impossible to forget.

**Wednesday 20th January**

**ARCO**
88 mins
Dir: Ugo Bienvenu
France/USA/UK 2025
French Animation/ Drama/Fantasy

In 2075, a young girl, Iris, sees a mysterious boy wearing a rainbow jumpsuit fall from the sky. It's Arco. He comes from a distant, idyllic future where time travel is possible. Iris shelters him and does whatever it takes to help him return home.

**Wednesday 27th January**

**THE RETURN**
116 mins
Dir. Uberto Pasolini
Italy/Greece/UK/France 2024
English Psychological Drama

After 20 years of absence, Odysseus finally returns to Ithaca, where he finds his wife held prisoner by suitors vying to be king, and his son facing death at their hands. To win back his family and all he has lost, Odysseus must rediscover his strength.

*The Return*

**Wednesday 10th February**

**THE STRANGER**
122 Mins
Dir: Francois Ozon
France 2025
French/Arabic/Latin Crime Drama

In 1930's Algeria, the young Frenchman, Meursault, drifts through daily life with mysterious detachment following the death of his mother. His life is severely shaken when he stands accused of murdering an Arab man, and indifference then becomes his only alibi.

*Rental Family*

**Wednesday 3rd March**

**RENTAL FAMILY**
109 Mins
Dir: Hikari
Japan/USA 2025
English/Japanese Comedy Drama

An American actor in Tokyo struggling to find purpose lands an unusual gig: working for a Japanese "rental family" agency, playing stand-in roles for strangers. He rediscovers purpose, belonging, and the beauty of human connection.

**Wednesday 10th March**

**ROSE OF NEVADA**
114 Mins
Dir: Mark Jenkin
UK 2025
English Time Travel/Drama

A mysterious boat reappears in the harbour of a Cornish village 30 years after vanishing in a storm. Two young men join its crew hoping for better fortune. On returning from their first voyage, they are mistaken for the original crew and slowly realise that they have been transported back in time.

**Wednesday 17th March**

**AGM &**
**DJ AHMET**
99 Mins
Dir: Georgi M. Unkovski
North Macedonia/Czech Republic/
Serbia/Croatia 2025
Turkish/Macedonian/English
Comedy Drama

A teenage shepherd boy from a remote Macedonian village escapes into music amidst parental expectations, societal conservatism, and forbidden love.

*DJ Ahmet*

**All films are shown on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm**
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