

Welcome to our Entertainment Picks newsletter where we will share with you Films on Kanopy.

Fame High

Black Valley Films

From the nail-biting freshman auditions to the spectacular year-end performances, FAME HIGH captures the in-class and at-home drama, competition, heartbreak, and triumph during one school year at the Los Angeles County High School for the Arts (LACHSA). Talented teenagers reach for their dreams of becoming actors, singers, dancers, and musicians. Nominated for Best Documentary Feature at the Tribeca Film Festival. "FAME HIGH, understands Alan Parker's vision (in the) excellent 1980 movie 'Fame' -- of rejection, hard work and self-discovery -- and depicts it with clear eyes. 'FAME HIGH' opens our hearts and entertains with truth!" - David DeWitt, The New York Times
"Fame may be fleeting, but the kids in FAME HIGH will stay with you." -Kenneth Turan, The Los Angeles Times



Behind Convent Walls

Cult Epics

An erotic film set in a convent, where a Mother Superior tries to maintain order to prevent the nuns from temptation. But when things get out of control, the church inflicts cruel punishment to the nuns for their sins. BEHIND CONVENT WALLS is an erotic arthouse film by Cult director Walerian Borowczyk (The Beast). One of the most beautifully shot Nunsploitation films, alongside School of the Holy Beast, with cinematography by Luciano Tovoli (Suspiria)

Warning: This film contains graphic content and may be upsetting and/or offensive to some people

Little Bird

Network Ireland Television

Against the backdrop of 1941 London, LITTLE BIRD explores how far one young woman with a secret will go, to expand her limited horizons and herself, when the women of Great Britain are called upon to aid the war effort. Nominated for Best Narrative Short at the Tribeca Film Festival.

Mary Magdalene

Transmission Films

MARY MAGDALENE is an authentic and humanistic portrait of one of the most enigmatic and misunderstood spiritual figures in history. The biblical biopic tells the story of Mary (Rooney Mara), a young woman in search of a new way of living. Constricted by the hierarchies of the day, Mary defies her traditional family to join a new social movement led by the charismatic Jesus of Nazareth (Joaquin Phoenix). She soon finds a place for herself within the movement and at the heart of a journey that will lead to Jerusalem. Written by Helen Edmundson and Philippa Goslett, MARY MAGDALENE also stars Chiwetel Ejiofor and Tahar Rahim.

Wuthering Heights

Samuel Goldwyn Films

A servant in the house of WUTHERING HEIGHTS tells a traveler the unfortunate tale of lovers Cathy and Heathcliff. Academy Award winner.



Wake In Fright

Madman Entertainment

Awe-inspiring, brutal and stunning, WAKE IN FRIGHT is the story of John Grant, a bonded teacher who arrives in the rough outback mining town of Bundanyabba planning to stay overnight before catching the plane to Sydney. But his one night stretches to five and he plunges headlong toward his own destruction. When the alcohol-induced mist lifts, the educated John Grant is no more. Instead there is a self-loathing man in a desolate wasteland, dirty, red-eyed, sitting against a tree and looking at a rifle with one bullet left...

1971 Cannes Film Festival nominee. "It is powerful, genuinely shocking and rather amazing." - Roger Ebert, Chicago Sun-Times

Goodnight Mommy

Accent Film Entertainment

In the heat of summer, at an isolated house in the countryside between woods and corn fields, ten-year-old twins await their mother from hospital. She comes back with her head wrapped in bandages after plastic surgery but nothing is the same as before. Stern and distant now, she shuts the family off from the outside world. Starting to doubt that this woman is actually their mother, the boys are determined to find the truth by any means.

Nominated for Best International Film and Best Performance by a Younger Actor (Elias and Lukas Schwarz) from the Academy of Science Fiction, Fantasy & Horror Films. Winner of the Grand Prize of European Fantasy Film in Silver, the Jose Luis Guarner Critic's Award - Special Mention, and Best Feature Length European Film from Sitges - Catalanian International Film Festival. Nominated for the Venice Horizons Award for Best Film at the Venice Film Festival.

"GOODNIGHT MOMMY is an unusually suspenseful and thought-provoking film." - Pamela Powell, Daily Journal

Not the Messiah

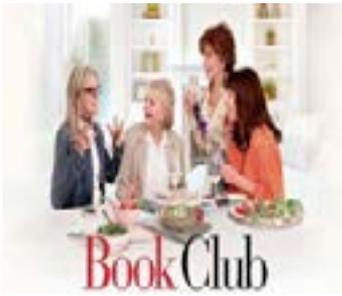
Samuel Goldwyn Films

A comic oratorio inspired by Monty Python's Life of Brian (1979) filmed at its only European performance at the Royal Albert Hall in October 2009 to celebrate forty years of Monty Python.

Book Club

Transmission Films

Four lifelong friends have their lives forever changed after reading 50 Shades of Grey in their monthly book club.



Cynara

Samuel Goldwyn Films

London barrister's marriage is under strain after his affair with a shop-girl who is out to have him. Told in flashback.

Destroyer

Madman Entertainment

When a fresh case exposes history from a former investigation, LAPD detective Erin Bell (Nicole Kidman) is forced to face her demons, in this genre-defining work from Karyn Kusama (Aeon Flux). As a young detective, Erin and her partner Chris (Sebastian Stan) were placed undercover in the California desert to infiltrate a notorious criminal gang, controlled by their dangerously unstable leader Silas (Toby Kebbell), but the operation ends in tragedy. Years later, struggling to maintain a relationship with her daughter and still haunted by her past, she embarks on a mission for redemption and closure when it appears Silas has re-emerged.

Studio 54: The Documentary

Madman Entertainment

For the first time, the people behind the infamous Studio 54 tell the in-depth story of how the world's greatest nightclub was created. Studio 54 was the epicenter of '70s hedonism - a place that not only redefined the nightclub, but also came to symbolise an entire era. Its co-owners, Ian Schrager and Steve Rubell, two friends from Brooklyn, seemed to come out of nowhere to suddenly preside over a new kind of New York society. Now, 39 years after the velvet rope was first slung across the club's hallowed threshold, a feature documentary tells the real story behind the greatest club of all time.

Official Selection at the Sundance Film Festival and Tribeca Film Festival.

Gabi on the Roof in July

Factory 25

A portrait of young New York and the misguided hopefuls who can't afford to live there but do anyway, GABI ON THE ROOF IN JULY is an ensemble comedy about ex-girlfriends, sibling rivalry and whipped cream set in a city that's constantly in flux. Gabi, a rambunctious undergrad, heads to New York City to spend the summer with her older brother, Sam, seeking solidarity in the wake of her parents divorce. When she gets there, she finds Sam too busy juggling women and too irked by her provocative antics and almost constant nudity to give her the guidance she needs. In an effort to get Sam's attention, Gabi seduces his free-loving, freeloading college buddy, only to find she's in over her head.



The Hunter

Madman Entertainment

Based on the acclaimed novel by Julia Leigh, THE HUNTER is a powerful psychological drama which takes us deep into the stunning Tasmanian wilderness. Academy Award nominee Willem Dafoe stars as Martin David, a mercenary hired by a mysterious biotech company to hunt for the last remaining Tasmanian Tiger. Under the wing of Jack Mindy, Martin lodges at the home of Lucy, who is grief-stricken after the disappearance of her husband, Jarrah and struggling to care for her two children, Sass and Bike. As Martin goes about his clandestine mountain search, he finds himself unexpectedly drawn to the troubled family and the treacherous landscape.

"The Hunter is a powerful evocation of an oppressive state, of a people who are as likely to suffer at the hands of their fellow countrymen than from any outside force. A superb political drama." - Lucy Popescu, CineVue

Arctic

Umbrella Entertainment

Sole-survivor of a plane crash, and stranded deep within the icy Arctic Circle, Overgard (Mads Mikkelsen) spends his days surviving on the fish he can pull from beneath the ice while waiting for a rescue that may never come. When a sudden turn of events finds him no longer on his own, Overgard must make a choice between self-preservation at the cost of another's life, or making the trek through the frozen wasteland in order to save them. ARCTIC is a powerful saga of survival in the face of a hostile landscape and the choices that define our humanity.

Nominated for a Golden Camera Award at the Cannes Film Festival.

We of the Never Never

Umbrella Entertainment

At the turn of the century Australia was still a very young country, in a land as old as time. Few had ventured far from the growing cities and towns of the coast, into that vast heart of Australia - the great Outback. We of the Never Never, adapted from an Australian classic novel, tells of Jeannie (Angela Punch-McGregor) and Aeneas Gunn (Arthur Dignam), a man and his bride who trek to a place where wives are seldom seen, and even less accepted. Enduring hardships and battling against the sexist and racial prejudice of the Australian outback environment this extraordinary woman strives to win the friendship and respect of those about her.

Directed by Igor Auzins (Coolangata Gold), this extraordinary story of a woman overcoming hardships and dangers forms the heart warming story of We of the Never Never.