

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

Maurice's Big Adventure

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Play School's much loved teddy bear Maurice is invited along to experience important events in a preschooler's life, joining his young friends as they embark on exciting adventures into school, new family members and beyond.



Jemima's Big Adventure

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Get swept away with Jemima as she is invited on the ultimate play date, through the red garden doorway and into the imagination of Australian preschoolers. For the very first time children are given access to play with Jemima, transporting her into a fantasy filled Play School world. In each episode Play School's Luke Carroll and Jemima will arrive at their secret garden and are given clues to the play date as they approach the front door.

Humpty's Big Adventure

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Determined not to fall off the wall again, Play School's Humpty Dumpty sets out on a thrilling adventure to discover different ways we can balance and move our bodies. Humpty joins Play School presenters and inspiring young children from a range of disciplines encompassing the arts, sporting and recreational arenas. Humpty's Big Adventure is action packed and full of ideas to get kids up and moving in a non-competitive arena.

Little Ted's Big Adventure

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

This Play School series is an exploration of transport and all things that move. From steam trains, to tall ships, hot air balloons, helicopters and horse and carriage. All adventures show exciting and unique ways of getting from one place to another.

The Little Bird and the Squirrel

Magnet Film

It is Autumn; at the end of a branch hangs a red leaf. A little black bird comes along to water it when suddenly, a squirrel nicks the bird's bright green watering can. The bird follows the cheeky thief and so begins an exciting chase through the forest. Nominated for Generation Kplus - Best Short Film at the Berlin International Film Festival.



Mister America

Utopia

Despite being completely inexperienced and broke and having just defeated a murder charge, a man mounts a campaign to unseat the San Bernardino district attorney.

Hoot, Hoot, Go!

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

A comical pre-school adventure series that takes place in the land of Giggle and Hoot. It features owl pals Hoot and Hootabelle as they work together to solve all missions big and small.

Harry The Dirty Dog

Weston Woods

In this charming classic story, Harry runs away before bath time and plays outside until he changes into a black dog with white spots. Back home again, he must use all his wits and tricks to convince his family who he really is.

Big Ted's Big Adventure

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Get ready as Big Ted, Zindzi and Michelle venture into the Animal Kingdom to get up close with some of preschoolers' most treasured animals. Big Ted will learn about the animals and add their photo to his photo album.



The Little Bird and the Leaf

Magnet Film

A single yellow leaf hangs on the bare branch. A gust of wind blows and it begins to float through the white winter forest. In joyful pursuit, a little bird takes off into a breathtaking flight. In the meantime a fiery red fox licks its lips in anticipation. Winner of an Audience Award - Short Film at the New York International Children's Film Festival.

Alice

Visit Films

ALICE (Emilie Piponnier) is the perfect wife and mother, living happily with her husband Francois and their son in an apartment in Paris. When her credit cards are declined one day while shopping, ALICE discovers that Francois has been living a secret life, spending all of their money at a high-end escort service and leaving them completely bankrupt. Even worse is that Francois has suddenly abandoned them, leaving ALICE and their son to fend for themselves. When she learns that the bank will foreclose on their home in just a few weeks, she becomes desperate and visits the same escort service that Francois was addicted to in the hopes of finding a way to quickly make some cash and save the apartment. At first reluctant in her new profession, ALICE soon begins to thrive with the help of another escort who befriends her, giving ALICE both financial independence and a sense of empowerment that she has never felt before. But when Francois shows up again at their doorstep, ALICE is forced to reconcile between the life she had shared with him and the new one she has built for herself.

Paris, Texas

Madman Entertainment

Wim Wenders' modern-day classic follows Harry Dean Stanton as Travis, a man who has removed himself from his family and society, silently wandering the deserts of the southern United States. Missing for years and presumed dead, Travis is drawn back into society by his brother Walt (Dean Stockwell) after collapsing at a petrol station. Reuniting with the son he abandoned, Travis slowly begins to open up about the events which caused him to leave his young son and beautiful wife, Jane (Nastassja Kinski), but his return throws yet more lives into confusion. Golden Globes 1985 nominee, Best Foreign Film. Cannes Film Festival 1984 winner. BAFTA Film Award for Best Direction, Wim Wenders.

"One of Wenders's best films, a stirring portrait of people striving against their disconnect that resists simple answers even as it rewards our emotional investment." - James Kendrick, Q Network Film Desk

Amour

Transmission Films

Georges and Anne are in their eighties. They are cultivated, retired music teachers. Their daughter, who is also a musician, lives abroad with her family. One day, Anne has an attack. The couple's bond of love is severely tested. Winner - Best Foreign Film at the 2013 Academy Awards, Golden Globes and BAFTA's. Winner of a Palme D'ore and the Cannes Film Festival.

"This is realism that enlarges our conception of the term." - Stanley Kauffmann, The New Republic



Elena Undone

Wolfe Video

When fate brings Peyton, an out lesbian writer into the life of Elena, a straight woman and wife of a pastor, friendship transforms swiftly from a crush into a torrid extramarital affair. Elena can barely begin to rationalize the nature and magnitude of her desires, which are complicated by her dedication to her son, Nash, and her sense of responsibility to her marriage. As their relationship evolves into love, Elena confronts the choice of leaving Barry and fracturing the family or ending it with Peyton and continuing to live a lie. But the decision may be moot. As Peyton risks more of her heart, her fear of breaking it causes her to step away and Elena faces the looming challenge of convincing Peyton that they were meant to be.

A Perfect 14

Gravitas Ventures

A PERFECT 14 explores the world of plus size models fighting to reshape the fashion industry and the beauty standards of society. The film follows the journeys of models Elly Mayday (Canada), Kerosene Deluxe (Netherlands) and Laura Wells (Australia) as they struggle against our culture's distorted perception of body image, and questions the fashion industry leaders and pioneers and holds them accountable for their responsibility in size-based segregation.

First the Egg

Weston Woods

Which came first? The chicken or the egg? This is a book about transformations -- from egg to chicken, seed to flower and caterpillar to butterfly. An entirely fresh and memorable presentation on the concepts of growth and creativity.