

NEWSLETTER

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BENDIGO FILM SOCIETY

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Dear Members and Friends...

Happy New Year to you all and welcome to the 2004 screening program. Since November, your Committee has been working to bring you an excellent year's film viewing. Our goal as an organisation is to screen a broad selection of films to entertain, inform and challenge the Bendigo Community and you will see that this has been achieved with the 2004 program.

Our themes for 2004 are:

- Scandinavian Films
- The films of Robert Altman
- Books that became films
- Westerns
- Comedy

We are pleased to have Telstra Country Wide as a major sponsor again this year. The very popular Telstra Country Wide Mini Film Festival launches our program

for the year and you will see that the 2 day program highlights the 5 themes for the year.

In 2004 we'd like to make the BFS even more of a social event. You will enjoy quality coffee and tea, film discussion groups, an additional film festival (at the Star) and other surprises.

Membership remains excellent value and you are encouraged to promote the BFS to friends and colleagues. While we value the generosity of our sponsors, increasing membership numbers is the only way the BFS can be sustainable and it must be our main objective.

I look forward to meeting you 'At the flicks' in 2004.

Kevin Vallence - President

Sponsors



TELSTRA COUNTRY WIDE MINI FILM FESTIVAL

28-29 February

Come along to the Campbell
Theatrette (Bendigo Library) and
enjoy a weekend of great movies.

- Great Comedy Moments
 - A Wedding
- Italian for Beginners
 - Unforgiven
- Monty Python's Life of Brian

Donations appreciated
During the breaks sample the food
and coffee from the nearby cafes
or picnic on the grass.
Session details are on Page 2.

2004 membership new / renewal

name: _____

(partner: _____)

address: _____

eMail: _____

Telephone : _____

BENDIGO FILM SOCIETY

full-season \$49
concession \$39
partnered \$69

Send a cheque to
PO Box 567 Vic 3552

Coming Events

Saturday 28 February

1:30	Great Comedy Moments (Britain 2001)
4.30	A Wedding (Robert Altman USA 1978)
7.30	Italian for Beginners (Lone Scherfig Denmark 2001)

Sunday 29 February

1.30	Unforgiven (Clint Eastwood USA 1992)
4.15	Monty Python's Life of Brian (Britain 1979)

Thursday 4 March

7:30	Captain Celluloid vs Film Pirates No 1 – The Master Duper Australian Newsreel Melbourne Cup 1896
8.10	A Fish Called Wanda (Charles Crichton Britain 1988)

Thursday 18 March

7:30	Captain Celluloid vs Film Pirates No 2 Nitrate Fury Australian Newsreel: The Voice of Australia (Aust 1947)
8.10	The Player (Robert Altman USA 1992)

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Venue: Campbell Theatre in the Bendigo Library, Hargreaves S

Some of the movies have not been classified; content may challenge offend or not be suitable for children

Membership \$49 yearly, \$39 concession, \$69 partnered. To join, send a cheque or turn up

The Bendigo Film Society reserves the right to substitute film titles, should the need arise

Great Comedy Moments

Sit back and enjoy some of the finest comic moments presented on BBC television from the fifties to the late seventies. Special favourites featured include programs such as "Blackadder", "Morecambe and Wise", "One Foot in the Grave", "The Good Life", "Yes Minister" and "Some Mothers Do 'Ave Em". Britain 148 min

A Wedding

Robert Altman's over-frenetic satire on American marriage rituals and hypocrisy concerns an upper-crust wedding. As the characters collide with each other, the wedding reception heads for its inevitable nuclear explosion. USA 1978 121 min

Italian for Beginners

The first comedy Dogme film to emerge, it makes the most of its simple premise whilst gently probing the themes of family, relationships, love and romance, through a perspective that presages the absurdity of life. Written and directed by Lone Scherfig, Denmark 2001 94 min

Unforgiven

An exciting modern classic that won four Academy Awards including Best Picture and Director. A gritty portrayal of frontier life. Director Clint Eastwood USA 1992 126 min

Monty Python's Life of Brian

The Monty Python crew create an anarchic irreverent spoof of Biblical films and religious epics. It was banned in several countries, but has achieved cult status. With several musical interludes, including "Always look on the bright side of life" it is regarded by many as the funniest of their films. Britain 1979 89 min

Captain Celluloid series

Silent short film parody of matinee serials about the evil exploits of a black marketeer in illegally copied films. Director Louis McMahan USA 10-16 mins each

Newsreel Melbourne Cup 1896

Aust 3 mins

A Fish Called Wanda

The culture clash between the English and Americans is the subject of this offbeat romantic caper, written by John Cleese and directed by Charles Crichton. Britain 1988 104 min

Newsreel: The Voice of

Australia 1947 Aust 9 mins

The Player

A sharp critique of Hollywood greed and power, director Robert Altman hits raw nerves as this black comedy unfolds. The film includes cameo appearances from sixty-five of Hollywood's biggest names. USA 1992 123 mins.

IMPORTANT TIPS FOR THOSE ALREADY SIGNED-UP FOR 2004

- A six-month program can be collected from the first screening onwards or from www.bendigo.latrobe.edu.au.
- To collect your Membership Card bring your receipt or ID to the first screening please.
- Membership entitles you to attend all screenings. Members are encouraged to bring a guest on two occasions during the year, and enjoy concession rates at the Star Cinema and Bendigo Cinemas, and much more.

