

VENTNOR FILM SOCIETY

AUTUMN SEASON 2025



FLOW (Latvia, 2025) Dir: Zilbalodis

Mon 29th Sept, 2.30 & 7.30pm.

Flow is a beautiful, authentic and timely look at the animal kingdom. In a silent, post-apocalyptic world devoid of humans, a lone cat survives until a great flood forces it to seek refuge on a boat. There, it finds an unlikely crew: a capybara, a secretary bird, a dog, and a lemur. Told in the animals' natural voices, this award-winning animated fable follows the group as they learn to cooperate and overcome their differences to survive the constant threat of predators while drifting through a flooded world. Cert U. 1hr 25 mins. No dialogue.



I'M STILL HERE (Brazil, 2024) Dir: Salles

Mon 13th Oct, 2.30 & 7.30pm.

A gripping and powerful true story of human resilience and political injustice, the film chronicles the life of Eunice Paiva, whose world is torn apart when, in 1971, her husband, congressman Rubens Paiva, is arrested by Brazil's military dictatorship. The narrative follows her courageous journey through years of searching for the truth behind his disappearance. Enduring torture and the regime's brutality, she remains steadfast in her mission to protect her family, embodying a mother's relentless strength against a tyrannical state. Cert 15. 2 hrs 17 mins. In Portuguese, subtitled.



THE TASTING (France, 2022) Dir: Calbérac

Mon 27th Oct, 2.30 & 7.30pm.

Hortense, a kind-hearted midwife in her forties, longs for a family of her own, while living with her demanding mother. Her life takes an unexpected turn when she meets Jacques, a grumpy, newly divorced wine merchant who has had to give up alcohol for his health. Keen to see him again, she signs up for his wine-tasting workshop, and an unlikely connection blossoms. As their relationship deepens, the emotional scars they both carry threaten to spoil their chance at happiness. An endearing rom-com set in the beautiful medieval city of Troyes. Cert 15. 1 hr 22mins. In French, subtitled.



ONLY THE RIVER FLOWS (China, 2023)

Mon 10th Nov, 2.30 & 7.30pm.

Dir: Shujun

In this atmospheric noir set in 1990s rural China, a police chief investigates a series of murders near a river. Though an arrest is made, he doubts the suspect's guilt, and uncovers disturbing secrets in the town. As the investigation continues and strange new clues appear, the pressure of the case and family anxieties start to affect the chief's mental state, and the search for the truth descends into paranoia. Cert 15. 1 hr 41 mins. In Chinese, subtitled.



SNOW LEOPARD (Tibet, 2023) Dir: Tseden

Mon 24th Nov, 2.30 & 7.30pm.

High in the Tibetan Plateau, a herder traps a snow leopard that killed nine of his rams. His desire for vengeance clashes with his family's deep-rooted belief that the leopard is a sacred "spirit of the mountain." As a local TV crew and the authorities arrive, the emotional conflict escalates, forcing the family to confront the divide between tradition and modern life. CGI animation is used to depict the elusive leopard, with dreamlike sequences adding a spiritual layer to the story. Cert 15. 1 hr 49 mins. In Tibetan, subtitled.



THE SEED OF THE SACRED FIG (Iran, 2024)

Mon 8th Dec, 2.30 & 7.30pm.

Dir: Rasoulof

Newly appointed as an investigating judge in Tehran, Iman soon learns that his role isn't to seek justice but to approve the harsh verdicts of his superiors, including death sentences. As public unrest swells and his own gun goes missing, his paranoia intensifies and he turns his brutal interrogation methods on his own wife and daughters. Filmed secretly and smuggled out of Iran, this is a tense, powerful condemnation of a tyrannical regime. Cert 15. 2 hrs 47 mins. In Persian, subtitled.

Films shown at Ventnor Arts Club, 13 High St, 2.30 & 7.30pm. Entrance £6, cash only. Under 25s £3, limited places. Bar open until 5 mins before show.

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