



IN THE LOOP!

This newsletter brings you the latest Playhouse news, developments and offerings. A bi-weekly update to help keep you In The Loop until we can welcome you back into the building.

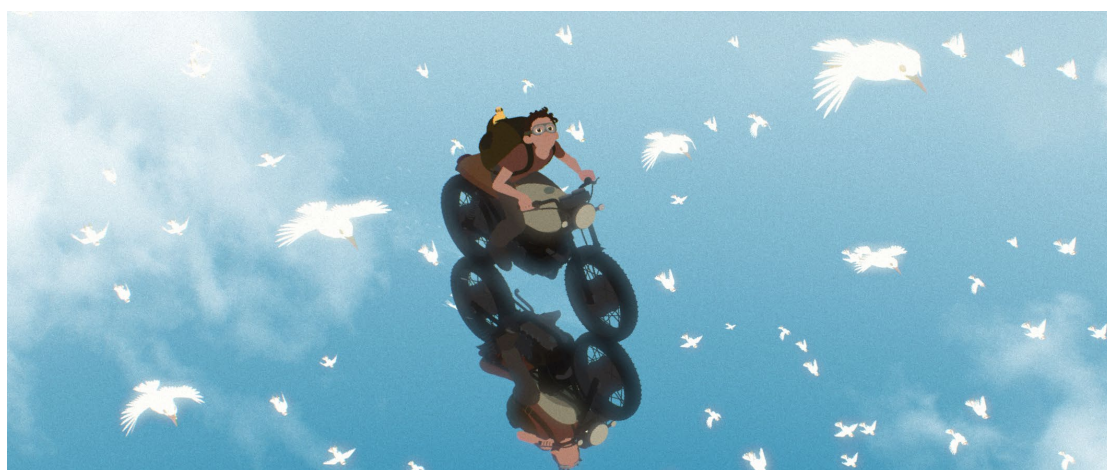
INDUSTRY UPDATE

It has not been a great start to Year 2021 with National lockdown number three ahead of us ! However we have no choice other than to stay positive and keep looking forwards towards the rest of the year when this pandemic will finally be behind us.

In the coming months we shall hold off our re-opening plans until further notice. Re-opening plans for the Playhouse is still planned to happen in stages and start firstly with the ground floor only with our hospitality partners McKennas in operation.

The Playhouse Box Office is still open 24/7 online and reduced hours for telephone enquiries and bookings. We are continuing to move shows from original dates which are now re-scheduled, we shall be in touch with ticket holders in due course and thank everyone for their patience.

OUR NEW ONLINE FILM PROGRAMME



Support us by watching film at home

Whilst our doors are closed and we're still planning for our return to in-person events later this year, we're thrilled to present a new online film programme for you.

Each month **PLAYHOUSE AT HOME** will present a programme of films online for you to rent. Every time you watch a film from the comfort of your own home the rental fee goes direct to supporting the Playhouse and the independent film makers. Please note when booking you will be directed to Modern Films to purchase tickets.

This month's selection, **available until Thursday 18th February**, is:

- Away
- Falling
- The Best of Sheffield Adventure Film Festival
- Luxor (ends Wednesday 3rd February)
- White Riot

We hope you enjoy our selection!

[Find out more and book your tickets here.](#)

THIS WEEK'S WATCHLIST

After the popularity of our earlier watchlists from our film programmer Jonny, here is another selection of great films currently streaming online on Netflix, Amazon Prime, All4 and BBC iPlayer for you to explore over the next two weeks.



This weeks watchlist features *Les Misérables*. Director Ladj Ly's Golden Globe and Oscar-nominated urban drama is a thrilling experience. Inspired by the Paris riots of 2005, the film tells the story of the simmering tensions between the residents of a working-class council estate and the police. It's a hot day on the estate and new cop Ruiz is teamed with a brash and racist sergeant in the Anti-Crime Squad. When a young boy kickstarts tensions between local gangs, Ruiz and his team are drawn into a full-scale conflict. This is incredible filmmaking - a politically charged, incendiary crime drama for our times.

[Click here to view this weeks Watchlist.](#)

THE PLAYHOUSE GALLERY ONLINE

Sarah O'Dowd

Landscape Painter

19th January – 22nd February 2021

Local Landscape painter Sarah O'Dowd is from Northumberland and after completing an Art Foundation course at Sunderland University she went on to gain a B.A. Hons in Fine Arts at Newcastle University.

Sarah's work is strongly personal, contemporary and subjective, romantic even. Soundlessness intensifies her visual response to the natural world and she has developed an individual technique to give that response a "voice".

Most of her work is done in the studio, based on sketches and photos taken outside. She uses oil or acrylics on canvas and also with oil pastels working rapidly, then washing down with turpentine to create a hazy, atmospheric feel.

Due to M.E. which struck in 1998, Sarah was unable to continue painting and it was only in 2012\13 that she recovered enough to resume doing what she loves best.

In 2019 Sarah was awarded overall winner of the 'INTO THE WOODS' exhibition at Woodhorn Museum with her piece 'AUTUMN GLOW' and she continues to exhibit successfully throughout the UK with shows in Edinburgh and London.

Featured image:

'Grace Darling's Storm'

Oil pastel 68cms x 48cms Unframed £200

** Please note mounting is included with all unframed pieces*

[Click here to browse The Gallery.](#)



THANK YOU

Our thanks to everyone for their continued messages of support. Your continued support for the Playhouse during this crisis is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for reading In The Loop.



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