



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 forward 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.

CHRISTMAS WITH THE HOBBS: A SUCCESS STORY

Last December, we came together with venues across Northumberland and invited you to let the Hobs into your home for a magical Christmas adventure. Christmas with the Hobs was our gift to you, a heart-warming festive animation, with an accompanying pack of fun, festive activities to be enjoyed by all.

A total of 3,205 people watched Christmas with the Hobs at home, in schools and in hospitals and care homes. Alnwick Playhouse was host to 908 of these viewers, 182 of which engaged with the accompanying activity pack. While the majority of audiences were in North East England, the show attracted an international audience with bookings from Montreal Canada, Burbank California, Prague and Barcelona, as well as from further afield in the UK, e.g. Belfast, Inverness, Wales and Brighton.

Tickets were free with a suggested donation and **the Playhouse raised £653** which shall be invested into future commissions and creative projects in Northumberland, employing freelance performers, practitioners, technicians and artists. As we know creative professionals have really struggled while venues have been closed, and many people have been unable to access government financial support.

Customer Feedback:

“Mum and I both enjoyed it. Well done to all involved. Brought a smile to our faces.”

“I have just watched Christmas with the Hobs. I so enjoyed the story, the animations , the music and the singing.”



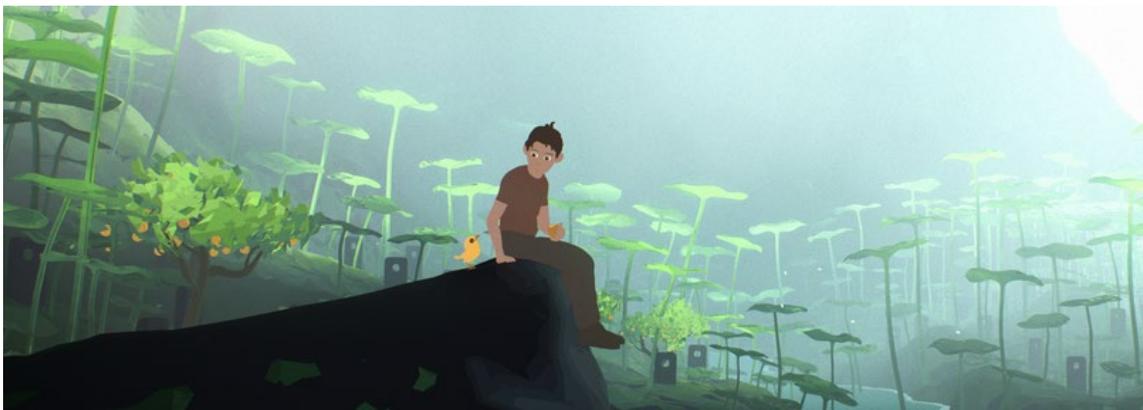
PLAYHOUSE AT HOME

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 Sunday 28th March**, is:

Away

The multiple award-winning animation, about a boy travelling across an island on a motorcycle, trying to escape a dark spirit and get back home. Along the way he makes a series of connections with different animals and reflects on the possible ways he ended up on the island. Part dream, part reality, **AWAY** explores our common, universal need to find a connection.



Falling

John Peterson lives with his partner, Eric, and their daughter in California. His aging father Willis is in the early stages of dementia and searching for a place to retire, so John brings him to stay at his California home. Unfortunately, their best intentions ultimately run up against Willis's adamant refusal to change his way of life in the slightest. Includes an exclusive Q&A.



White Riot

Rubika Shah's energising film charts a vital London protest movement. Rock Against Racism was formed in 1976, prompted by Eric Clapton. White Riot blends fresh interviews with queasy archive footage to recreate a hostile environment of anti-immigrant hysteria and National Front marches.



The Best of Sheffield Adventure Film Festival

Sheffield Adventure Film Festival is an annual three-day weekend event bringing together the best of outdoor and adventure filmmaking from all around the world. Each year the festival presents the pinnacle of adventure films, showing a host of incredible journeys – both physical and spiritual. This year's programme of short films is no exception, and whilst the world is on pause we're privileged to be able transport you to the great outdoors, via these inspirational filmmakers and stories.



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 Proxima. Eva Green stars in this poignant drama as Sarah, an astronaut about to head into space for a year. As she prepares for the mission, Sarah must juggle her ambitions with the need to be a good parent to her eight-year-old daughter Stella. Proxima expertly takes us through Sarah's preparation for the mission and her relationship with Stella as both come to terms with the pending separation. Emotional and expertly acted, Proxima is a brilliantly made story of mother and daughter living in exceptional circumstances.

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

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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