



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

We greet the latest Covid-19 Response news, as set out by the Prime Minister with *cautious optimism*. There is reason to be **optimistic**, as the Government's roadmap offers dates to which we can start to plan and prepare for a return to indoor theatre which is the best news possible.

May 17th is the date suggested for re-opening indoor venues in-line with social distancing and restrictions. **June 21st** is the date the Government have suggested that all restrictions could be dropped and we can return to full audiences.

However there are reasons to be **cautious** because these dates are dependent on the continued success of the vaccination roll-out and the data produced. The dates are subject to change with one week's notice. Also, the re-opening of indoor theatre shall be based on an Event's Research Programme which is a series of test pilot events the Government have promised shall take place. Currently the industry is calling for clarity on the Event's Research Programme which could help build audience confidence and offer an insight into best practice for re-opening safely.

Caution aside, the latest announcement is tremendously encouraging and if the proposed dates stay in place then the Playhouse shall return with a phased re-opening.

PLAYHOUSE AT HOME

The school holidays are here. Entertain the whole family this Easter break with **Playhouse at Home**, offering a fantastic programme of films online for you to rent.

This month's selection, **available until Thursday 8th April**, is:

- Away
- Iorram
- Feminista Film Festival 2021
- Poly Styrene - I am a cliché
- Rams



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.

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

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF ELIOT SMITH DANCE - ONLINE AT THE PLAYHOUSE GALLERY

This is the **last chance** to take a look back at 10 years of Eliot Smith Dance online at the Playhouse Gallery. Their fantastic online Exhibition **ends Monday 29th March 2021**.

Eliot Smith Dance (ESD) is a leading contemporary dance company, founded by critically acclaimed Artistic Director Eliot Smith FRSA. The Company is based in Newcastle upon Tyne and rehearses predominantly in Northumberland. 16th February 2021 heralds the start of their 10th Anniversary year.

This 10th Anniversary Celebration Online Exhibition gives a timeline and insight into the 24 contemporary dance works performed by this successful contemporary dance company over the last 10 years and showcases stunning images from their archives.



The Playhouse Gallery is committed to supporting artists throughout the region and we continue to offer our support, safely, in whatever way we can during these difficult times. While the doors are currently shut, the Playhouse Gallery is still running **ONLINE**.

[Click here to browse the Playhouse Gallery.](#)

THIS WEEK'S WATCHLIST

After the popularity of our earlier watchlists from our film programmer Jonny Tull, 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 The Place Beyond The Pines. Derek Cianfrance's (Blue Valentine) compelling drama looks at themes of family, fatherhood, and fate. Sideshow stunt rider Luke (Ryan Gosling) meets Romina (Eva Mendes), a former flame who tells him that she is a mother to a son he never knew he had. Desperate to start a life with them, and out of opportunities, Luke decides the best way to make money fast is through crime... Tied to his story is beat cop Avery (Bradley Cooper), who's also seeking a better future, and a young teenage boy, Jason (Dane DeHaan). An enormous and ambitious story, The Place Beyond The Pines boasts an incredible supporting cast which includes Ray Liotta, Mahershala Ali, Rose Byrne and Ben Mendelsohn.

[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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