



Saturday 27 September, 10.45pm

CAFÉ DE LOS MAESTROS (CFF PG)

Director: Miguel Kohan. USA/Brazil/UK/Argentina. 100 mins. Spanish with English subtitles.

With the return to democracy, Argentina is experiencing an extraordinary rebirth of its main national musical tradition, the Tango. CAFÉ DE LOS MAESTROS is the gathering of the greatest living legends of this formidable musical genre. These extraordinary men and women, ranging from 70 to 95 years old, reveal to us the mysteries and essence of this melancholic and sexy music. Acclaimed musician, producer and composer Gustavo Santaolalla (winner of 2 Academy Awards) leads us on a journey to bring together these unique "maestros". Reconstructing historical arrangements and recording unpublished material for the first time, the collaboration culminates with a grand performance of Tango music and dance at Buenos Aires' famous Colon Theatre.

Print source: Pathé



Saturday 20 Sep, 5.45pm • Tuesday 23 Sep, 3.00pm

THE DANCING FOREST (CFF PG)

Director: Brice Lainé. UK 2008. 76 mins.

Long abandoned as a land without hope, Africa has battled to overcome the negative stereotypes that have condemned it to the periphery of civilization. The damning lie is of a people trapped in their past; unable to break the cycle of corruption and apathy – a people who will always be dependent on foreign help as they are incapable of helping themselves. THE DANCING FOREST is Africa's strident retaliation. Through the shining example of a small village in Togo, we find a community that refuses to wait for outside aid to make its way out of poverty and ruin. With tools in hand, its proud men and women stoop to build their own destiny and a model of self-reliance. THE DANCING FOREST is a powerfully optimistic vision of Africa in the 21st Century and a touching story to shatter many destructive myths about the Dark Continent.

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Saturday 20 September, 8.15pm • Monday 22 September, 12.30pm

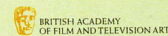
SLEEP FURIOUSLY (CFF 15)

Director: Gideon Koppel. UK 2008. English and Welsh with English subtitles. 94 mins.

SLEEP FURIOUSLY is set in a small farming community in mid Wales, about 50 miles north of Dylan Thomas' fictional village of Llareggub. This is a place where Koppel's parents – both refugees – found a home. It is a landscape and population that is changing rapidly as small-scale agriculture is disappearing and the generation who inhabited a pre-mechanised world is dying out. Much influenced by his conversations with the writer Peter Handke, the filmmaker leads us on a poetic and profound journey into a world of endings and beginnings; a world of stuffed owls, sheep and fire. Allied to a soundtrack by the revered electronic musician Aphex Twin, SLEEP FURIOUSLY is lyrical filmmaking at its best.

★ Following the screening, we hope to welcome the director and the producer for a Q&A sponsored by BAFTA.

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