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American Interior (2014)

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INTRODUCTION

**DEVELOPMENT.
PEACE BUILDING.
RECONCILIATION.**

Languages play a crucial role in the daily lives of people, not only as a tool for communication, education, social integration and development but also as a repository for each person's unique identity, cultural history, traditions and memory. Despite their immense value, languages around the world continue to disappear at an alarming rate.

With this in mind the United Nations declared 2019 the Year of Indigenous languages (IYIL2019) in order to raise awareness for those who speak the languages but also for others to appreciate the important contribution they make to our world's rich cultural history.

In celebration of IYIL2019, we've put together a list of films that aim to raise the international profile of the Welsh language along with the languages of some of the largest international communities that form our audiences in Wales.

Read on to find out about available support.

WELSH FILMS:

Y CHWARELWR ^U

'Y Chwarelwr' ('The Quarryman') was the first Welsh talkie, made by Sir Ifan ab Owen Edwards and John Ellis Williams. Although the first three reels of the original film were safe in the National Screen and Sound Archive of Wales the fourth reel was missing so television director Ifor ap Glyn set about recreating the missing reel in order to complete the film for a new audience. **Booking: NSSAW**

RHOSYN A RHITH ^{PG}

An award-winning comedy set in a depressed town in the South Wales Valleys. When the local cinema is closed, the former projectionist, plagued by money problems, devises an ingenious plan to make money. **Booking: S4C**

HEDD WYN ¹²

A young poet in North Wales competes under his bardic name of Hedd Wyn for the Chair, the most coveted prize of all in the National Eisteddfod, but before the winner is announced he is sent to fight the English in the trenches of the First World War. **Booking: S4C**

Check out Into Film's Wales on Film Resource for activities

SOLOMON A GAENOR ¹⁵

A young Jew in 1911 Wales tries to make his living by selling fabrics door to door, but to do so he must hide his nationality. On one of his sales he meets and falls in love with a demure young woman with a strong-willed father and a Jew-hating brother. The two fall in love and she becomes pregnant, but only then does she learn of his background. When anti-Jewish riots break out, the two are forced to flee and become separated. **Booking: S4C**

GRAND SLAM ¹⁵

Four men, members of a Welsh rugby union club, fly to Paris as part of a weekend outing to see Wales play France in the Five Nations Championship match that will decide the Grand Slam title.

Booking: BFI



Hedd Wyn (1992)



Anorac (2019)

WELSH FILMS:

GWAED AR Y SÊR ^{PG}

A group of celebrities are scheduled to appear at a concert in a village hall. An elderly man and his choir of schoolchildren, fearing that the celebrities will steal their limelight, take drastic measures to stop their appearance, by murdering them. **Booking: NSSAW**

ELDRA ^{PG}

Based on a true story, Eldra Jarman is a spirited young girl who cannot concentrate on her studies. Instead, her imagination focuses endlessly -- and fittingly -- on a fox she's seen running wild. Over summer vacation, this wild child visits family in a small village, where she effortlessly garners the attention of a posh young man named Robot and his dour older brother, Taid.

Booking: S4C

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AMERICAN INTERIOR ¹²

In 1792, John Evans, a farmhand from Snowdonia travelled to America to discover whether there was a Welsh-speaking Native American tribe walking the Great Plains. Over 200 years later, distant relative Gruff Rhys (Super Furry Animals) retraces the explorer's route through the continent by means of an investigative concert tour. **Booking: Thunderbird**

ANORAC ¹⁵

BBC Radio One presenter Huw Stephens is on a musical pilgrimage across Wales; from Cardiff to Ceredigion, Clwyd to Caernarfon. He meets some of his musical heroes, including Meic Stevens, Dave Datblygu and Gruff Rhys, and listens to some of the most unique music from current and well known Welsh language artists. Buses...trains...roadside cafes...taxis...hitching lifts...the open road. And an anorak. An insight into the Welsh language pop scene. An insight into a country on the fringes. Of a language that is fighting for survival. **Booking: Lowri.farr@BoomCymru.co.uk**

Yr Ymadawiad (2015)

WELSH FILMS:

YR YMADAWIAD¹⁵
Booking: Severn Screen

Y LLYFRGELL¹⁵
Booking: Thunderbird

SEPARADO!¹²
Booking: Thunderbird

PATAGONIA¹⁵
Booking: Verve

Y MABINOGI^{12A}
Booking: S4C

BRANWEN¹⁵
Booking: S4C

DAN Y WENALLT¹⁵
Booking: Fatti Films

MACBETH¹²
Booking: BBC Active

IBIZA! IBIZA!
Booking: ITV Cymru

Rating
Unknown
screened
8pm

Y Mapiwr
Booking: Gaucho Cyf

Rating
Unknown

Morfydd
Booking: Boom Cymru & S4C

Rating Unknown
screened 9pm

Y Milwr Bychan¹⁵
Booking: S4C

Porc Pei^{PG}
Booking: S4C

Y syrcas¹⁵
Booking: Ffati Films



POLISH, INDIAN & GERMAN FILMS:

POLISH

Ashes and Diamonds ¹²

As WWII and the German occupation ends, the Polish resistance and the Russian forces turn on each other in an attempt to take over leadership in Communist Poland. **Booking: KADR**

See the BFI's 10 great Polish films
Check out Kinoteka Film Festival

INDIAN

Padman ^{12A}

An inspiring tale of an incredible Indian innovator and inventor, Pad Man, tracing his journey as a rural welder to the international arena, as he follows his dream to bring a revolution to female hygiene in India. **Booking: Park Circus**
Check out the UK Asian Film Festival programme. - tour available in 2020.

info@tonguesonfire.com

See the BFI's 10 greatest Bollywood films of the 21st Century

GERMAN

Good Bye Lenin! ¹⁵

In 1990, to protect his fragile mother from a fatal shock after a long coma, a young man must keep her from learning that her beloved nation of East Germany as she knew it has disappeared. **Booking: Park Circus**

See the BFI's 10 greatest German films of the 21st Century



Ashes and Diamonds (1958)

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND, CHINESE AND PAKISTANI FILMS:

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

Hunger 15

Irish republican Bobby Sands leads the inmates of a Northern Irish prison in a hunger strike. **Booking: Park Circus**

Check out the Irish Film Festival, London
See the BFI's top 10 films set in Ireland

CHINESE

Havana Divas Unrated

The story focus on Caridad and Georgina, who had learned the art of Cantonese Opera in Havana as a young age and performed as divas for over a decade before their lives were changed by Fidel Castro's revolution. **Booking: Dr. WEI Shiyu Louisa: smlouisa@cityu.edu.hk**

See the BFI's 10 great Chinese language films of the 21st Century

See the BFI's 10 great films about Chinese people living in Britain

Check out the Chinese UK Film Forum

PAKISTANI

Cake Unrated

A woman who takes care of her aging parents and their land is joined by her sister when their parents' health worsens.

Booking: TBC

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Check out Culture Trip's 13 Pakistani films you need to watch



City Of Life And Death (2009)

BENGALI, FILIPINO & SOUTH AFRICAN FILMS:

BENGALI

Chegu ^{Unrated}

Story of an Indian teenager, Mansur who transcends from a footloose, reckless young boy to a revolutionary. Alam fancied Guevara to be a rockstar but he discovers true Guevara, he undergoes radical changes and sets to bring reform. **Booking: TBC**

Check out the London Bengali Film Festival

Check out IMDB's best Bangladeshi movies of all time

FILIPINO

Manila in the Claws ^{Unrated}

Julio, a fisherman from a poor area, descends into social alienation, as he arrives in Manila to search for his loved one. **Booking: BFI**

Check out Cinemaholic's best Filipino movies of all time

SOUTH AFRICAN

Tsotsi ¹⁵

Six days in the violent life of a young Johannesburg gang leader. **Booking: Park Circus**

Check out Watch Africa's programme in Wales
Check out Answers Africa's top ten movies

Tsotsi (2005)





SUPPORT

If you have a themed season or event in mind for 2019 that supports the objectives of IYIL2019 and you would like some support, we can offer bursaries of **up to £500** (if you have something extra special in mind, then just let us know).

Examples of costs we can cover include:

- Marketing,
- Community outreach,
- Added value (Q&A, workshop costs),
- Audience evaluation,
- Staffing.

All you need to do is get in touch by email to lisa@filmhubwales.org and tell us:

- Your proposed screening/event date,
- Projected audience numbers,
- Any special event plans,
- Your marketing ideas,
- Costs you need help with
- What match you can offer (box office / in-kind time etc). 20-50% guideline.

EVENT IDEAS

Welsh or multi-lingual learner events. 29.3% of the population are Welsh speakers,



Link to employment, workplace, family and community themes through local services and educational sessions,

Link to indigenous food, shops, crafts, dance or music offers with local companies,

Explore thematic themes or political issues with Universities or academics,

Explore issues such as Brexit, immigration, housing and race through themed Q&As, or offer of subsidy for refugees and asylum seekers.

Possible partner organisations / resources:

- Race Equality Network,
- Shelter Cymru,
- Polish Community of the Valleys Association,
- Polish YMCA
- Wrexham Polish Group

- The India Centre HCA Wales - Hindu Cultural Association, Hindu Council Wales
- India Dance Wales
- Durga Puja Festival
- Hindu Temples in Wales, such as the Shree Swaminarayan Temple in Cardiff and Skanda Vale, Skanda Vale,

- Wales Think German Network
- German language meet up Llanelli,

- Ireland International and Irish in Britain

- Into Film Review Writing Secondary

- Into Film Review Writing Primary
- Into Film Film in a Fomight
- Into Film Legends resource

- Chinese in Wales
- Newport Chinese Community Centre
- Swan Gardens elders project
- CCI courses Cardiff

- Wales for Africa programme, Hub Cymru Africa
- Dolen Cymru
- Phoenix Project
- International Learning
- Size of Wales

- Pakistani Society Cardiff Uni,
- Newport Society and Swansea
- Cardiff Bangladeshi society
- The UK Asian Film Festival programme. - tour available in 2020. info@tonguesonfire.com



Shoplifters (2018)



SOCIAL MEDIA



- Join IY2019 as an individual or organisation and share your events:
<https://en.iyil2019.org/get-involved/>
- Use the hashtag #IYIL2019 on social media
- Copy us in @Filmhubwales

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