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7 – 13 DECEMBER
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TARKOVSKY FESTIVAL – A RETROSPECTIVE

As part of the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of one of the undisputed masters of world cinema, Andrei Tarkovsky (1932 – 1986), Curzon Cinemas and Artificial Eye present screenings of his feature films, documentaries about him, and the reading of a stage play related to his work. Most screenings will be introduced by an actor or member of the crew, followed by a Q&A. Related activities will take place across the capital.

"Tarkovsky is for me the greatest, the one who invented a new language, true to the nature of film as it captures life as a reflection, life as a dream."

Ingmar Bergman

FRI 7 DECEMBER 7PM

OPENING GALA PLUS Q&A: THE SACRIFICE (PG) – NEW PRINT

Director: Andrei Tarkovsky / Starring: Erland Josephson, Susan Fleetwood, Gudrun Gisladdottir / Russia 1986 / 148 mins / Russian with English subtitles

Tarkovsky's final film unfolds in the hours before a nuclear holocaust. Alexander is celebrating his birthday when a crackly TV announcement warns of imminent nuclear catastrophe. Alexander makes a promise to God that he will sacrifice all he holds dear, if the disaster can be averted. The next day dawns and everything is restored to normality, but Alexander must now keep his vow.

We hope to welcome on stage lead actress Gudrun Gisladdottir, and Layla Alexander-Garrett, the interpreter on THE SACRIFICE.

THE SACRIFICE also plays at MAYFAIR on 8 December at 12NOON, 9 December at 12.30PM, 11 December at 3PM and 12 December at 1.30PM.

SAT 8 DECEMBER 2.45PM

DIRECTED BY TARKOVSKY (12)

Director: Michal Leszczykowski / Sweden 1988 / 101 mins

During the making of THE SACRIFICE, some fifty hours of behind the scenes footage was shot by cameraman Arne Carlsson and was subsequently assembled, together with extracts from Tarkovsky's book, 'Sculpting in Time'.

SAT 8 DECEMBER 5.30PM

ANDREI RUBLEV (15) PLUS Q&A

Director: Andrei Tarkovsky / Starring: Anatoli Solonitsyn, Ivan Lapikov, Nikolai Grinko / Russia 1969 / 180 mins / Russian with English subtitles

Widely regarded as Tarkovsky's finest film, ANDREI RUBLEV charts the life of the great icon painter through a turbulent period of 15th Century Russian history, which was marked by endless fighting between rival Princes and Tatar invasions.

Followed by Q&A with Vadim Yusov, cameraman on ANDREI RUBLEV.
With thanks to Mosfilm

SUN 9 DECEMBER 4PM

Tickets £10 / £7.00 Curzon Members

TARKOVSKY PLAY READING 'ONE SUMMER NIGHT IN SWEDEN'

Directed by Brian Stirner

The stage premiere of Erland Josephson's play (Bergman's and Tarkovsky's favourite actor) 'One Summer Night in Sweden' (En natt I den svenska sommaren). The play is dedicated to Tarkovsky's last masterpiece THE SACRIFICE. We will reveal the names of the actors reading the play on stage on 21 November.

SUN 9 DECEMBER 6PM

STALKER (PG) PLUS Q&A

Director: Andrei Tarkovsky / Starring: Aleksandr Kajdanovsky, Alica Frenlich, Anatoli Solonitsyn / Russia 1979 / 161 mins / Russian with English subtitles

Deep within the Zone, a bleak and devastated forbidden landscape, lies a mysterious room with the power to grant the deepest wishes of those strong enough to make the hazardous journey there. Desperate to reach it, a scientist and a writer approach the Stalker, one of the few able to navigate the Zone's menacing terrain, and begin a dangerous trek into the unknown.

Followed by a Q&A with Tarkovsky's colleague Alexander Gordon, author of "Thirst Unquenched".

MON 10 DECEMBER 5PM

CINEMA IS A MOSAIC MADE UP OF TIME (adv 16)

Director: Donatella Baglivo / Italy 1984 / 65 mins / Italian with English subtitles

Appreciated in many important film events all over the world, this study of the great Russian filmmaker is the next best thing to having a new film by the director himself. In Baglivo's portrait Tarkovsky talks more openly than ever

before about his life, career and ideas, giving us greater understanding of his most famous films.

MON 10 DECEMBER 6.40PM

MIRROR (U) PLUS Q&A

Director: Andrei Tarkovsky / Starring: Margarita Terekhova, (Anatoli Solonitsyn) Ignat Daniltsev, Larisa Tarkovskya / Russia 1975 / 106 mins / Russian with English subtitles

MIRROR is Tarkovsky's most autobiographical work in which he reflects upon his own childhood and the destiny of the Russian people. The film's many layers intertwine real life and family relationships - Tarkovsky's father, the poet Arseny Tarkovsky reads his own poems on the soundtrack and Tarkovsky's mother appears as herself - with memories of childhood, dreams and nightmares.

Followed by Q&A with Marina Tarkovskaya, sister of Andrei Tarkovsky.

TUE 11 DECEMBER 6.50PM

IVAN'S CHILDHOOD (PG) PLUS Q&A

Director: Andrei Tarkovsky / Starring: Nikolai Burlyaev, Valentin Zubkov, Ye. Zharikov / Russia 1962 / 94 mins / Russian with English subtitles

Andrei Tarkovsky's prize-winning debut feature is an extraordinarily moving view of war and revenge. 12-year old Ivan is determined to avenge his family's death at the hands of the Nazis, and he joins a Russian partisan regiment as a scout. His ability to slip through enemy lines more easily than an adult makes him useful to the army, but, as his missions become increasingly dangerous, it is decided that he must be removed from the front line. Ivan resists and convinces his commanding officers to allow him to carry out one last expedition.

Followed by Q&A with Nikolai Burlyaev, the lead actor in IVAN'S CHILDHOOD.

WED 12 DECEMBER 4.30PM

ONE DAY IN THE LIFE OF ANDREI ARSENEVITCH (U)

Director: Chris Marker / France 1999 / 55 mins / English, French, Russian and Italian with English subtitles

This appreciation of Tarkovsky made by his friend Chris Marker for the French television series 'Cinema du Notre Temps' is both an illuminating personal portrait and a poetic study of the Russian master's films.
With thanks to the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

WED 12 DECEMBER 6PM

SOLARIS (PG) PLUS Q&A

Director: Andrei Tarkovsky / Starring: Natalia Bondarchuk, Donatas Banionis, Juri Jarvet / Russia 1972 / 165 mins / Russian with English subtitles

On a space station orbiting the ocean-covered planet Solaris, cosmonaut Chris Kelvin arrives to investigate a series of mysterious and bizarre occurrences among the crew. What he discovers are supernatural phenomena that cause

repressed and haunting memories to take physical form, including that of Kelvin's late wife.

Followed by Q&A with lead actress Natalia Bondarchuk.

THURS 13 DECEMBER 4:30PM

MOSCOW ELEGY

Director: Alexander Sokurov / Russia 1988 / 87 mins

A collage of material from various documentaries and from Tarkovsky's films, with some new additions made by Alexander Sokurov, which looks at the different places where Tarkovsky lived: his childhood house, his first own home, and finally the house in Moscow where he spent his last years in URSS, when he already was a professional film-maker.

WED 13 DECEMBER 6.30PM

NOSTALGIA (15) PLUS Q&A

Director: Andrei Tarkovsky / Starring: Oleg Yankovsky, Erland Josephson, Domiziana Giordano / Russia 1983 / 125 mins / Italian and Russian with English subtitles

Tarkovsky's unforgettably haunting film explores the melancholy of the expatriate through the film's protagonist, Gorchakov, a Russian poet researching in Italy. Arriving at a Tuscan village spa with Eugenia, his beautiful Italian interpreter, Gorchakov is visited by memories of Russia and of his wife and children, and encounters the local mystic, who sets him a challenging task.

Followed by Q&A with Oleg Yankovsky, the lead actor in NOSTALGIA.

ASSOCIATED FESTIVAL EVENTS

2007 is also the 100 year anniversary of the birth of Andrei Tarkovsky's father, the great Russian poet, Arseny Tarkovsky

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22 November 2007 – 20 January 2008

"Bright, Bright Day"

Andrei Tarkovsky Polaroids Exhibition

White Space Gallery, St Peter`s Church, Vere St., W16 0D0, tel. 020 7399 9571

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5 December – 6 December 2007

"The Intertwining of Two Voices"

An evening dedicated to Andrei Tarkovsky, and an evening dedicated to Arseny Tarkovsky.

Pushkin House, 5A Bloomsbury Sq, WC1A 2TA, tel. 020 7269 9770,
www.pushkinhouse.org.uk

The first evening is dedicated to Arseny Tarkovsky.

Marina Tarkovskaya – daughter of the poet will talk on her father.
A number of distinguished British poets, translators and actors (Robert Chandler, Kitty Hunter-Blair, Richard McKane) will take part in the event.

The second evening is dedicated to Andrei Tarkovsky.
Marina Tarkovskaya will talk about her brother.
Aleksandr Gordon – a film director will talk about Tarkovsky's student years at VGIK. Aleksandr will show an extract from his film "Lazo" where Tarkovsky plays a White officer. Layla Alexander-Garrett will share her experience working on Tarkovsky's last film THE SACRIFICE.

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From 7 December, a new print of THE SACRIFICE will be shown around the country.

www.tarkovsky-festival.co.uk

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