

Townsville Cinema Group

2021

First Half



Screening at BCC CINEMA
(10 Little Fletcher St, Townsville City)
at 7:00pm every second Thursday

Annual membership: \$110
Under 26 Annual membership: \$85
Non-members: \$15
per evening payable at the Box Office

cinemagroup.org.au



25 March

Les Misérables 7:00pm

2020 Ladj Ly France 104min MA15+ French, Bambara



In the working-class suburb where Victor Hugo wrote his famous novel, a provincial cop begins work with unethical colleagues. He struggles to gain rapport with community leaders while maintaining peace between his disreputable team and the local citizens.

"Fury against injustice and neglect hovers near the boiling point."

Joe Morgenstern, **Wall Street Journal**

★★★★★



La Belle Époque 8:50pm

2020 Nicolas Bedos France, Belgium 110min M French, English, German



A disillusioned sexagenarian is offered a new attraction — mixing theatre with historical reconstruction. He gets a chance to dive back into the most memorable week of his life; the one where, 40 years earlier, he met his great love.

"A witty, sexy and original romantic comedy."

Todd McCarthy, **Hollywood Reporter**

★★★★★



8 April

The Climb 7:00pm

2020 Michael Angelo Covino USA 94min MA15+ English

Two men share a close bond until one sleeps with the other's fiancée. The Climb is about their tumultuous but enduring relationship -- rich, humane and frequently uproarious, exploring the boundaries (or lack thereof) in all close friendships.



"We always care about this wildly dramatic but very funny friendship."

Nick Allen, **RogerEbert.com**

★★★★★



Kajillionaire 8:40pm

2020 Miranda July USA 104min M English

Con-artist parents have spent 26 years training their daughter to swindle, scam, and steal. During a desperate, hastily conceived heist, they charm a stranger into joining their next scam, only to have their entire world turned upside down.



"A howl of anguish and a note of hope."

Richard Brody, **The New Yorker**

★★★★★



22 April

Two of Us 7:00pm

2020 Filippo Meneghetti France, Luxembourg, Belgium 99min M French, German



Two women have been secretly in love for decades although everybody simply considers them to be neighbors. They come and go between their apartments, sharing the delights of everyday life. An unexpected event turns their relationship upside down.

"A sublimely simple portrait of love and the devotion it takes to endure."

Roger Moore, **Movie Nation**

★★★★★



The Trouble with Being Born 8:40pm

2020 Sandra Wollner Austria, Germany 94min R German



Elli is an android and lives with a man she calls her father. During the day they swim in the pool and at night he takes her to bed. She shares his memories and anything else he programs her to recall. Memories that mean everything to him but nothing to her.

"This is one brave movie! Intelligent, subversive, transgressive, ambitious."

CJ Johnson, **Film Mafia**

★★★★★



6 May **Never Rarely Sometimes Always** 7:00pm

2020 Eliza Hittman USA, UK 101min M English

Best friends navigate the vulnerability of female adolescence. One falls pregnant and confronts conservative legislation without mercy for women seeking an abortion. Her friend's unflinching support and bold resourcefulness allows her to find the help she needs.



"It's the odyssey of a lost child in poorly charted territory."

Joe Morgenstern, **Wall Street Journal**

★★★★★



Calm with Horses 8:50pm

2019 Nick Rowland UK, Ireland 100min MA15+ English

In the dark underbelly of rural Ireland an ex-boxer has become a feared enforcer for a drug-dealing family. When his ruthless employers order him to kill for the first time, his loyalties are tested.



"A complex emotional ecosystem through which our troubled antihero stumbles in search of his identity."

Mark Kermode, **The Observer**

★★★★★



20 May

2020 Mehdi Barsaoui Tunisia, France, Lebanon, Qatar 95min M Arabic, French

A Son 7:00pm

A car is hit by a stray bullet during an ambush and a boy's liver is punctured. At the hospital, the need for a transplant uncovers a secret that risks the boy's life. As their world falls apart, the subtleties of the parent's shifting emotions are revealed.

"A fascinating, very dark and complex web of moral and ethical decisions."
Jarrod Walker, **Film Ink**



★★★★★



Dark Waters 8:40pm

2020 Todd Hayes USA 126min M English, Korean

A tenacious attorney uncovers a dark secret that connects a growing number of unexplained deaths to one of the world's largest corporations. He risks everything; his future, his family, and his own life to expose the truth.

"Be thankful for dull pluggers armed with only a degree from a no-name-law-school."
Roger Moore, **Movie Nation**



★★★★★



3 June

2020 Florian Zeller UK, France 97min M English

The Father 7:00pm



A mischievous man of 80 lives alone and refuses each nurse that his daughter tries to impose. As his mind begins to unravel and his sense of reality slips away, both father and daughter must contend with an uncertain future and their enduring love.

"It will stay with you for a lot longer than you might like."
Benjamin Lee, **The Guardian**

★★★★★



About Endlessness 8:40pm

2019 Roy Andersson Sweden, Germany, Norway, France 78min MA15+ Swedish



A reflection on life in all its beauty and cruelty. Inconsequential moments take on the same significance as historical events. A kaleidoscope of all that is eternally human, an infinite story of the vulnerability of existence.

"Andersson's films are endlessly rewatchable. To view them is to abolish gravity."
Peter Bradshaw, **The Guardian**

★★★★★



17 June

2021 Michael Dweck, Gregory Kershaw Italy, Greece, USA 84min PG Italian

The Truffle Hunters 7:00pm

A handful of men, 70 or 80 years young, hunt for the rare white Alba truffle deep in the forests of Italy. They're guided by a secret culture and training passed down through generations, as well as by the noses of their cherished and expertly-trained dogs.

"Humor, charm and poignancy in these crusty eccentrics."
David Rooney, **Hollywood Reporter**

★★★★★



Only the Animals 8:30pm

2019 Dominik Moll France, Germany 117min M French

A woman disappeared. After a snowstorm, her car is discovered on a road to a small remote village. While the police don't know where to start, five people are linked to the disappearance, each one with his or her own secret.

"A dark little trifle, whipped up from the sad, strange business of being human."
Danny Leigh, **Financial Times**

★★★★★



1 July

2021 Stephen Johnson Australia 104min English, Aboriginal

High Ground 7:00pm



A policeman loses control of his team during an outback confrontation leading to the massacre of an Indigenous tribe. Leaving in disgust after the crime is covered up, he is forced to return as a bounty hunter 12 years later when a warrior attacks settler properties.

"Make time for it, an absolute banger."
Travis Johnson, **Flicks.com.au**

★★★★★



Babyteeth 8:50pm

2020 Shannon Murphy Australia 118min M English



A seriously ill teen falls madly in love with a smalltime drug dealer; her parents' worst nightmare. As her first brush with love brings a new lust for life, morals go out the window. She soon shows everyone how to live like you have nothing to lose.

"This film's slightly wayward, maverick spirit is fearless."
Wendy Ide, **The Observer**

★★★★★



15 July

2021 Thomas Vinterberg Denmark, Sweden, Netherlands 117min M Danish, Swedish

Another Round 7:00pm

A teacher feels old and tired. He and three colleagues undertake an experiment to maintain a constant blood alcohol level in everyday life. If Churchill won World War II in a dense fog of spirits, what could the strong drops do for them and their students?

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Katie Walsh, **Chicago Tribune**

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Dance with Me 9:00pm

2019 Soroush Sehat Iran 94min Persian

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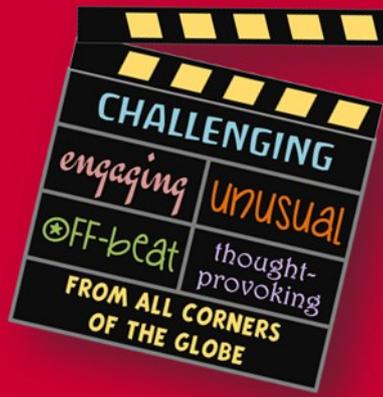
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Bijan Tehrani, **cineequal.org**

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29 July

Sound of Metal 7:00pm

2021 Darius Marder USA 120min M English

On tour with his girlfriend, a drummer realises that his hearing is deteriorating. Fear and denial take over but he reluctantly joins a small deaf community where he finds solid ground and learns that being deaf is not a handicap and not something to fix.



"It doesn't just allow for silence but thrives in it."

Brian Tallerico, **RogerEbert.com**

★★★★★



The Painter and the Thief 9:20pm

2021 Benjamin Ree Norway 106min M English, Norwegian

A young artist relocates from Berlin to Oslo to launch her career. Her two most valuable paintings are stolen from a gallery in broad daylight. Desperate for answers, she is presented with an opportunity to reach out to one of the men involved in the heist.



"This portrait of two fascinating characters is as riveting as any thriller."
 David Stratton, **The Australian**

★★★★★



12 August

The Perfect Candidate 7:00pm

2021 Haifaa Al-Mansour Saudi Arabia, Germany 104min PG Arabic, English



Despite her qualifications, a young doctor in Saudi Arabia has to earn the respect of male colleagues and patients every day. When she decides to run for the civic elections she faces the restrictions on women's roles in the Kingdom at every turn.

"Going where no one's gone before and making it look easy."
 Charlotte O'Sullivan, **London Standard**

★★★★★



Corpus Christi 9:00pm

2020 Jan Komasa Poland, France 115min MA15+ Polish



Daniel leaves a correctional centre after having a spiritual epiphany behind bars. He wants to become a priest, but is told his conviction makes this impossible. His streetwise instincts kick in and he becomes the new priest who brings relief to a needy town.

"This tale would seem implausible, were it not based on truth."
 Mark Demetrius, **FilmInk**

★★★★★



26 August

First Cow 7:00pm

2021 Kelly Reichardt USA 122min PG English

A loner has travelled west and joined a group of fur trappers in Oregon, though he only finds connection with a Chinese immigrant. The men collaborate on a business whose longevity is reliant upon the participation of a wealthy landowner's prized milking cow.



"A terrifically tough and sinewy tale of the old west."
 Peter Bradshaw, **The Guardian**

★★★★★



2020 Virpi Suutari Finland 103min PG German, Italian, Russian, French, Finnish, English

An exploration of one of Europe's greatest modern architects focuses on his loving partnership with his wife. Their profoundly humanist vision put people at the centre of design that ranged from furniture through to huge architectural projects.



"Avoids clichés while summing up the essential architect's work."
 Miska Rantanen, **Helsingin Sanomat**

★★★★★



9 September Death of a Ladies' Man 7:00pm

2021 Matt Bissonette Canada 100min MA15+ English, Russian

Set to some of Leonard Cohen's most beloved music, a carousing college professor's life takes a series of unimaginable turns. All the old stories are given a new twist when he begins to have surreal hallucinations and learns he may not be long for this world.

"A fine balance of winking absurdity and wry humour."

Brad Wheeler, **The Globe and Mail**



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Perfumes 9:00pm

2021 Grégory Magne France 100min MA15+ French

An expert perfumer is at the top of her game. Her intemperate behaviour sees her regarded as too difficult to employ. Striking up an unlikely friendship with her equally troubled new chauffeur, she sees a way to return to the top.

"Like a happy floral cologne you'd splash on for a little pick-me-up."

Tomris Laffly, **Variety**



23 Sep Judas & the Black Messiah 7:00pm

2021 Shaka King USA 125min MA15+ English



A young charismatic activist becomes Chairman of the Illinois chapter of the Black Panther Party - putting him directly in the crosshairs of the government, the FBI, and the Police. To destroy the revolution, the authorities are going to need a man on the inside.

"Combustible material released when the BLM movement gains momentum."

David Stratton, **The Australian**



★★★★★

I Blame Society 9:20pm

2021 Gillian Wallace Horvat USA 84min MA15+ English



Horvat resolutely navigates an inspiring series of comical obstacles, sceptical intimates, and biased industry gatekeepers to get her first feature film off the ground. An amusing and alternately disturbing exploration of the dark side of artistic vision.

"At once cripplingly funny, biting satirical and entrancingly morbid."

Cain Noble-Davies, **FilmInk**



★★★★★

7 October

Nine Days 7:00pm

2021 Edison Oda USA 124min R English

A man in a remote outpost watches people going about their lives until one subject perishes, leaving a vacancy for a new life on earth. Several candidates - unborn souls - arrive to undergo tests determining their fitness, facing oblivion if they are unsuitable.

"That rare work of art that invites you to reconsider your entire worldview."

Peter Debruge, **Variety**



★★★★★

Antoinette in the Cévennes 9:20pm

2021 Caroline Vignal France, Belgium 97min M French

A primary school teacher eagerly looks forward to an escape with her married lover. Their plans are upended by his wife booking a hiking trip. The spurned teacher impulsively follows them and is paired with an obstinate but evidently wise grey donkey.

"Let's not forget the donkey... Who says nobody likes a smart ass?"

Paul Byrnes, **SMH**



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21 October

The People Upstairs 7:00pm

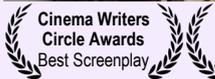
2021 Cesc Gay Spain 82min M Spanish



A forlorn couple invite the upstairs neighbours to dinner. The constant moaning and groaning coming from their apartment has become a source of arguments between the hosts; perhaps it's jealousy. The four get caught in an evening of excess and catharsis.

"A smart, genuinely funny and tightly written comedy."

Graeme Tuckett, **Stuff.co.nz**



★★★★★

Ema 8:40pm

2019 Pablo Larraín Chile 107min MA15+ Spanish



Free-spirited Ema is a beguiling and fiercely talented young dancer and part of a modern ensemble with her husband. The couple reels from a crisis; they've just returned their adopted son to child services after the troubled boy set fire to their home.

"A deconstruction of the 'nuclear family' that cries out for a second viewing."

Tom Duggins, **Cinevue**



★★★★★

4 November

Golden Voices 7:00pm

2021 Evgeny Ruman Israel 88min M Russian, Hebrew

Victor and Raya were the golden voices of Soviet film, dubbing all western movies that reached Soviet screens. They immigrated to Israel where their skills were not needed and their first jobs turn their lives into amusing, painful, and absurd experiences.

"Beautiful, finely calibrated work."

Erin Free, **FilmInk**



★★★★★

The Australian Dream 8:40pm

2019 Daniel Gordon Australia 105min MA15+ English

Adam Goodes was the centre of controversy when a young girl hurled racist abuse at him in the middle of a game and she was ejected from the stadium. This remarkable and inspirational story is a prism through which to explore race, identity and belonging.

"Driven by a clear desire for justice."

Luke Buckmaster, **The Guardian**



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