



20th KESWICK FILM FESTIVAL

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Variety is the key at Keswick Film Festival's trip to Rheged

Keswick Film Festival makes its annual trip to Rheged in March with an exciting mix of movies.

Down to Earth (Saturday 2nd March – 11.15am) an eco documentary that crosses 6 continents and *Sorry to Bother You* (Saturday 2nd March 1.15am) a raucous comedy about modern capitalism, could not be more different, while *Jellyfish* (Sunday 3rd March 2.00pm) is an award winning British film about a young girl who at the age of 15, balances school, caring for her mother and a part-time job to make ends meet.

Festival Director Ian Payne said "It is always good when we bring films to Rheged – the giant screen gives a whole new perspective. This set of films is a mini-festival in itself!"

Helen Campion, Cinema Manager at Rheged agreed "The Keswick Film Festival screenings are a great addition to our film programme and we are thrilled to be able to bring in new visitors to the Centre"

A family's 5 year journey across 6 continents has made *Down to Earth* a massive box-office hit in the Netherlands, where the film and its principles are being trialled on the national curriculum in schools. Living among bushmen in the Kalahari desert and spending time on a remote island in Australia with an indigenous woman who fosters troubled teenage boys are just a couple of the experiences shown in the film.

The Guardian said "it's a joy watching the family's young children – hair bleached white by the sun – riding horses in the Andes and messing about with kids in Kenya, living the opposite of a sterilised, risk-free childhood."

Sorry to Bother You is a biting satire on modern America. Down on his luck Cassius finds a job in telemarketing and realises that he can put on a 'white voice' to make sales. His success brings money, status and propels him upwards in the organisation – but is it a place he wants to go? Director Boots Riley's background is in music and activism – and his energy shines through in the film.

Jellyfish is an altogether grittier comedy, which has already won a host of awards in the UK and in Europe. Highlighting the plight of a young carer, brilliantly played by Liv Hill, the screening will be in support of Eden Carers, the local organisation providing invaluable support to carers both young and old. Actor Angus Barnett who plays Vince in the film said "I have experience of being a young carer and if this film can bring an extra dimension of awareness to that present struggle for countless thousands, then all to the better. Themes within the film of day to day existence, rent issues,

damaged education/life prospects ... are ones that can be tackled by our society because we have the resources." Eden Carers echoed that sentiment saying "*Jellyfish* is a remarkable film that tackles issues faced by many young carers. Raising the profile of young carers in this way will hopefully result in more of them being supported by charities like ours.

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