

Keswick Film Festival 21st - 24th February

John Hurt returning this year

After the excitement and success of last year's Festival we have been working on how to bring even more to the Theatre and cinema this year. So this year we have more films and more guests - and **John Hurt** and his wife **Anwen Rees Myers** will be back. He will be introducing films on Saturday evening, one of his choice ***Tulpan*** and one little known but with him in the cast ***Owning Mahoney***. Anwen has produced a new film, directed by **Tony Britten** who will be here too. It is ***Peace and Conflict***, about Benjamin Britten, filmed for the celebrations this year. It will only have been premiered in Norfolk where it was filmed a week or two before we show it. We are showing ***War Requiem*** too with the producer **Don Boyd** here to introduce it.

There are over 30 films this year including two fantastic ones on Saturday at the IMAX, ***Chasing Ice***, and ***Nostalgia for the Light***. There will be the free family film on Saturday morning at the Alhambra and on Friday we will have an exciting show of film and music made and performed by children from St Herberts, working with BlueJam. Another event involving local young people will be in the Theatre exhibition areas where students from Carlisle College will put on film-related art inspired by our programme. And we finish in the Alhambra with a great new British film on Sunday night starring Ray Winstone, ***Ashes***.

There are also the best of the fests, films that have won prizes in international festivals, films on a theme of the senses, the films and speakers chosen by the Keswick Peace and Human Rights Group and lots more.

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