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11 February	[New Zealand] 110 mins
Uproar Rated M	
A story about connection and finding your place in the world. Set in Dunedin in 1981, 17-year-old Josh is forced to make some choices about his life and stand up for himself, his whānau and his future.	
Director: Paul Middleditch, Hamish Bennett Comedy <i>English</i>	
18 February	[France, 2021] 88 mins
Full Time Rated M	
The marvellous Laure Calamy stars in Eric Gravel's gripping and award-winning drama, as a single woman pushed to her limits when the delicate balance between her home and work life is upended.	
Director: Eric Gravel Drama <i>French</i>	
25 February	[USA, 1940] 92 mins
His Girl Friday Rated G	
In this classic screwball comedy Rosalind Russell plays newspaper reporter Hildy Johnson, who, on the eve of her remarriage, is talked into one more assignment by her editor and ex-husband (Cary Grant). While interviewing a condemned man, Hildy realizes that his hanging is planned as a vote-getting measure. Spontaneously, she helps the man escape..	
Director: Howard Hawks Comedy <i>English</i>	

3 March	[Spain, 2021] 123 mins
Parallel Mothers Rated M	
Two single women from different backgrounds meet in a hospital room where they are both going to give birth. One is middle aged and elated, while the other is adolescent and scared. The two women form a strong bond as they both confront motherhood.	
Director: Pedro Almodóvar Drama <i>Spanish</i>	
10 March	[Ukraine, France, Switzerland, 2021] 90 mins
Olga Rated M	
2013. A 15-year-old gymnast from Ukraine is torn between Switzerland – where she is training for the European Championship in preparation for the Olympics – and Kiev, where her mother works as a journalist, reporting on Euromaidan.	
Director: Elie Grappe Drama <i>Ukrainian/French/Russian</i>	
17 March	[Ireland, 2022] 122 mins
Young Plato Unclassified	
A primary school headmaster in Belfast's Ardoyne housing estates invokes the wisdom of the ancient Greek philosophers to fight poverty, drug dealers and the IRA – restoring hope in the heart of a battered community.	
Director: Neasa Ní Chianáin & Declan McGrath Documentary <i>English</i>	
24 March	[Japan, 2023] 124 mins
The Boy and the Heron Rated PG	
A young boy named Mahito yearning for his mother ventures into a world shared by the living and the dead. There, death comes to an end, and life finds a new beginning.	
Director: Hayao Miyazaki Animation/Fantasy <i>English</i>	
MARCH 31 NO SCREENING - EASTER SUNDAY	
7 April	[USA, 2022] 135 mins
The Woman King Rated M	
The remarkable story of the Agojie, the all-female unit of warriors who protected the African Kingdom of Dahomey in the 1800s with skills and a fierceness unlike anything the world has ever seen. It follows the emotionally epic journey of General Nanisca (Viola Davis) as she trains the next generation of recruits and readies them for battle against an enemy determined to destroy their way of life.	
Director: Gina Prince-Bythewood Drama <i>English</i>	
APRIL 14 NO SCREENING - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
APRIL 21 NO SCREENING - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
28 April	[USA, 1973] 106 mins
Paper Moon Rated PG	
During the Great Depression, a con man finds himself saddled with a young girl who may or may not be his daughter, and the two forge an unlikely partnership.	
Director: Peter Bogdanovich Comedy/Drama <i>English</i>	

5 May	[Italy/Spain, 2022] 120 mins
Alcarras Rated M	
In a small village in Catalonia, the peach farmers of the Solé family spend every summer together picking fruit from their orchard. But when plans arise to install solar panels and cut down trees, this tight-knit group suddenly faces eviction -- and the loss of far more than their home.	
Director: Carla Simon Drama <i>Catalan</i>	
12 May	[Singapore, Japan, Taiwan, France, 2013] 99 mins
Ilo Ilo Rated M	
Set in Singapore during the Asian Financial Crisis of 1997, Ilo Ilo chronicles the relationship between the Lim family and their newly arrived Filipino maid, Teresa. Jiale, the young and troublesome son, starts to form a unique bond with Teresa, who soon becomes an unspoken part of the family.	
Director: Anthony Chen Drama <i>Mandarin, Tagalog, Hokkien, English</i>	
19 May	[Tunisia/France/Germany/Saudi Arabia, 2023] 107 mins
Four Daughters Unclassified	
A reconconstruction of the true story of Tunisian mother of four Olfa Hamrouni, this riveting film unpacks a complex family history through intimate interviews and performance to examine how her two eldest daughters became radicalised.	
Director: Kaouthar Ben Hania Documentary <i>Arabic, French</i>	
26 May	[Canada, 2022] 117 mins
Riceboy Sleeps Rated M	
Set in the 1990s, a Korean single mother raises her young son in the suburbs of Canada determined to provide a better life for him than the one she left behind.	
Director: Anthony Shimi Drama <i>Korean, English</i>	
2 June	[USA, 2022] 104 mins
Women Talking Rated M	
The women of an isolated religious community grapple with reconciling their reality with their faith. Through the backstory, we see a community of women come together to figure out how they might move forward together to build a better world for themselves and their children. Stay and fight or leave. They will not do nothing.	
Director: Sarah Polley Drama <i>English</i>	
JUNE 9 NO SCREENING - KING'S BIRTHDAY	
16 June	[USA, 2015] 88 mins
Amazing Grace + Forever Maybe (short) Rated G	
A music documentary that captures Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin as she records the most successful gospel album of all time, AMAZING GRACE, recorded at The New Bethel Baptist Church in Watts, Los Angeles in January 1972.	
Director: Sydney Pollack Documentary <i>English</i>	

23 June [USA, 1995] 102 mins Devil in a Blue Dress Rated M Denzel Washington stars as Easy Rawlins, an out-of-work war hero who is drawn into a dangerous world of crime and subterfuge in 1948 Los Angeles, in this stylish neo-noir based on Walter Moseley’s novel. Director: Carl Franklin Mystery/Thriller English	25 August [UK, 2022] 95 mins A Bunch of Amateurs Rated M Growing old amid flickering memories, one of the oldest amateur film clubs in the world is teetering on the brink of survival. Desperately clinging to their dreams, and to each other, this hilarious and moving portrait of artistic folly speaks to the delusional escapist dreamer in us all. Director: Kim Hopkins Documentary English	27 October [Italy/Belgium/France, 2022] 147 mins The Eight Mountains Unclassified An epic journey of friendship and self-discovery set in the breathtaking Italian Alps. Director: Felix van Groeningen, Charlotte Vandermeersch Drama Italian
30 June [Australia, 2022] 88 mins Sweet As Rated M Troubled 16-year-old Murra finds herself abandoned after an explosive incident with her mother. Her caring policeman uncle Murra throws her a lifeline in the shape of a photo safari into the Pilbara country, with two adult guides and three other teenagers facing their own challenges. The teens set off on an adventure that will reshape their lives for the better. Director: Jub Clerc Drama English	1 September [Mexico/Denmark/France, 2023] 93 mins Totem Unclassified Over the course of a single day, seven-year-old Sol and her extended family prepare for a surprise birthday party for her father. Director: Lila Aviles Drama Spanish	3 November [USA, 1952] 102 mins Singin’ in the Rain Rated G A golden era Hollywood musical about the turmoil suffered by the movie industry in the late 1920s as movies were transitioning from silent to talkies. Led by an all-star cast including Gene Kelly, Donald O’Connor and Debbie Reynolds. Director: Stanley Donen, Gene Kelly Musical English
	8 September [USA, 2023] 105 mins All of Us Strangers Rated MA15+ Living alone in London, writer Adam (Andrew Scott) encounters his neighbour Harry (Paul Mescal), which punctures the rhythm of his everyday life. Preoccupied with childhood memories as he works on a screenplay, Adam is drawn to his family home where his parents appear to still be living, just as they were on the day that they died 30 years ago. Director: Andrew Haigh Romance/Drama English	10 November [India, 2022] 112 mins Last Film Show Rated M Samay fights heaven and earth to find light. He wants to catch, control, cut and project that light to tell stories. Now to pursue that dream he must leave everything he loves and take a flight to find the light. Director: Pan Nalin Drama Gujarati
JULY 7 NO SCREENING - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS		
JULY 14 NO SCREENING - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS		
JULY 21 NO SCREENING - TFF		
28 July [France, 2022] 104 mins Other People’s Children Rated M Virginie Efira stars as a teacher whose new relationship with a single father becomes complicated when she begins to bond with his young daughter. Director: Rebecca Zlotowski Drama/Romance French	15 September [USA, 1971] 102 mins A New Leaf Rated G In this modern, pitch-black take on the screwball comedy, Walter Matthau stars as Henry Graham, a formerly affluent playboy whose lifestyle has drained his fortune. He sets his sights on meek but wealthy botany professor Henrietta Lowell (Elaine May) to avoid climbing down the social ladder. Director: Elaine May Comedy English	
4 August [UK, 1971] 111 mins Get Carter Rated MA15+ Michael Caine is Jack Carter, a London gangland enforcer who returns to his hometown of Newcastle to investigate his brother’s death. Director: Mike Hodges Crime/Thriller English	22 September [Australia, 2022] 113 mins The Giants Rated M A poetic portrait of environmentalist Bob Brown and the forest that draws on emerging science and Brown’s experiences of activism to inspire a new chapter in our relationship with trees. Director: Laurence Billiet, Rachael Anthony Documentary English	
	29 SEPTEMBER NO SCREENING - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
	6 OCTOBER NO SCREENING - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
11 August [Finland/Germany, 2022] 81 mins Fallen Leaves Unclassified This beguiling new comedic romance from celebrated auteur Aki Kaurismäki follows two lost souls who meet by chance in the Helsinki night and then try, in turbulent times, to find companionship. Director: Aki Kaurismäki Romance/Comedy Finnish	13 October [Australia] 81 mins Damage Ali is not a citizen. He drives a taxi using another man’s license and relies on the GPS to negotiate his way around a city he doesn’t know. His passenger, Esther, can’t remember where she is going. She is angry because she has been stripped of everything that is familiar to her and she doesn’t recognise the world anymore. An Australian drama about undiscovered connections and how mere humanity can bond us all. Director: Madeleine Blackwell Drama English	
18 August [Australia] 117 mins Shayda Rated M Shayda, a brave Iranian mother, finds refuge in an Australian women’s shelter with her six-year-old daughter. Over Persian New Year, they take solace in Nowruz rituals and new beginnings, but when her estranged husband re-enters their lives, Shayda’s path to freedom is jeopardised. Director: Noora Niasari Drama Farsi, English	20 October [USA, 2023] 92 mins Theater Camp Ben Platt and Molly Gordon star as lifelong best friends and drama instructors at a rundown camp in upstate New York. When clueless tech-bro Troy arrives to run the property (into the ground), Amos, Rebecca-Diane band together with the staff and students to stage a masterpiece to keep their beloved summer camp afloat. Comedy	

