

## **RAINDANCE FILM FESTIVAL 2015 – FEATURE FILMS**

### About Raindance

Now in its 23rd year, the festival has a strong legacy of showing alternative films and uncovering the hottest new filmmakers to hit the cinematic scene. Raindance-premiered hits include Memento, Old Boy, the Blair Witch Project, Pusher, Ghost World and Love Exposure. Listed by Variety as one of the world's top 50 'unmissable film festivals', Raindance aims to nurture, support and promote independent films and filmmakers from the UK and around the world. Balkan programme had a massive success in the past with movies like; Fuse, No man's land, Absolute 100, Skyhook, Karaula, Just between us, Halima's Path, last year's Monument for Michael Jackson, Barbarians and many many more.

This year programme is fascinating mix of weird, extreme and historic, and please do remember all the movies are UK premieres, so this is a unique chance to see them here and spread the word.

### **Amsterdam Express** (Albania/UK/Netherlands, 91')

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| Thursday 24 September | 20:40 | Friday 25 September | 13:50 |
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**Director:** Fatmir Koci

**Cast:** Blerim Destani, Flonja Kodheli, James Biberi

**Synopsis:** A young Albanian immigrant looking for honest work falls into the Amsterdam criminal underworld. Edgy.

Feature film preceded by Rose (11')

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### **Cash Only** (USA/Albania, 88')

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| Sunday 27 September | 13:20 | Tuesday 29 September | 16:20 |
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**Director:** Malik Bader

**Cast:** Nickola Shreli, Stivi Paskoski, Danijela Stajnfeld

**Synopsis:** A landlord tries to turn his life around after his wife's death.

Feature film preceded by Open 24 hours (7')

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### **Fire** (Spain, 103')

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| Wednesday 30 September | 18:10 |
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**Director:** Luís Marías

**Cast:** Jose Coronado, Aida Folch, Leyre Berrocal

**Synopsis:** After a bomb obliterates life as he knew it, Carlos's only cure is revenge.

Feature film preceded by Playing away from home (7')

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**Happy 140** (Spain, 98') – **Nominated for the BEST International Feature Category**

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| Thursday 1 October | 20:40 | Saturday 3 October | 13:45 |
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**Director:** Gracia Querejeta

**Cast:** Maribel Verdú, Antonio De la Torre, Eduard Fernández

**Synopsis:** On her 40th birthday, Elia gathers together a few select relatives and friends at a luxury country house to tell them some extraordinary news: she has won a Jackpot of 140.000.000 €! Great Celebration – Big Mistake!

Feature film preceded by Devil (7')

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**Little Buddho** (Serbia, 95')

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| Tuesday 29 September | 18:00 | Thursday 1 October | 15:50 |
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**Director:** Danilo Beckovic

**Synopsis:** Airhead rich kid Buddho becomes an accidental gangster in this dark Balkan comedy. Huge Box office success.

Feature film preceded by An Urban Myth: incision (5')

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**Next to Me** (Serbia, 95')

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| Friday 2 October | 18:10 | Saturday 3 October | 10:00 |
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**Director:** Stevan Filipović

**Cast:** Hristina Popović, Slaven Došlo, Nikola Glišić

**Synopsis:** A group of students is forced to spend one winter night in highschool, without their mobile phones or internet access. Great choice of Movie soundtrack. Winner in Pula and Sarajevo Film Festivals.

Feature film preceded by It's perfect here (8')

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**Our Everyday Life** (Bosnia and Herzegovina, 89')

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| Friday 25 September | 18:10 | Saturday 26 September | 11:40 |
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**Director:** Ines Tanovic

**Cast:** Uliks Fehmiu, Emir Hadzihafizbegovic, Jasna Ornela Bery

**Synopsis:** A moody drama examining the effect of devastating news on family relationships. This is truly a story of everyday life, without any hugely dramatic tragedies or hysterically uplifting moods.

Feature film preceded by Tempus (4')

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**Racket** (Bosnia and Herzegovina, 80') – **Nominated in the Best DEBUT category**

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| Saturday 26 September | 16:20 | Sunday 27 September | 14:20 |
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**Director:** Admir Buljugic

**Cast:** Adnan Haskovic, Izudin Bajrovic, Dragan Marinkovic

**Synopsis:** Amil, a photographer and traveller finds himself shooting bullets instead of frames as he returns to Bosnia and the corruption that is encroaching upon his father's life. Tough, gritty, independent cinema at it's best.

Feature film preceded by Death in Bloom (11')

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**Sailing to Paradise** (Slovenia, 83')

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| Saturday 26 September | 15:40 | Monday 28 September | 15:40 |
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**Director:** Blaz Završnik

**Cast:** Ajda Smrekar, Klemen Janezic

**Synopsis:** A young man struggling with the death of his parents meets an extroverted girl who joins him on his sailing trip. While spending time together, the dark secrets they are both running away from start to show.

Feature film preceded by 300 Hours (3')

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**The Judgement** (Bulgaria / Germany / Croatia, 107')

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| Thursday 1 October | 18:10 | Friday 2 October | 14:20 |
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**Director:** Stephan Komandarev

**Cast:** Miki Manojlovic, Assen Blatecki, Ovanes Torosian, Ina Nikolova

**Synopsis:** Lowly Mityo finds an opportunity to earn money quickly through smuggling immigrants in this compelling tale of fathers, sons and repressed pasts.

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**The Kids from the Marx and Engels Street** (Montenegro/Croatia, 96')

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| Saturday 26 September | 14:10 | Wednesday 30 September | 14:20 |
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**Director:** Nikola Vukcevic

**Cast:** Momcilo Otasevic, Goran Bogdan, Emir Hadzihafizbegovic

**Synopsis:**

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Story about two brothers: in the same night - older brother, Stanko (30), is going to kill a man for a first time – and his 16-years brother Vojo is going to make love for the first time. What seems to be easy – it is not at all at Balkans.

Feature film preceded by Volley (10')

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**The Reaper** (Croatia/Slovenia, 98')

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| Saturday 3 October | 20:20 | Sunday 4 October | 10:00 |
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**Director:** Zvonimir Juric

**Cast:** Ivo Gregurevic, Mirjana Karanovic, Igor Kovac

**Synopsis:** A labourer in a small Croatian village has a series of fateful encounters over the course of a single night. Creepy story which attempts to find traces or hints of warmth, friendship, love and peace in the nocturnal planes of corn fields

Feature film preceded by Pigs (8')

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**The Serbian Lawyer** (Germany/UK/Serbia, 86')

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| Friday 2 October | 20:40 | Saturday 3 October | 10:00 |
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**Director:** Aleksandar Nikolic

**Cast:** Marko Sladojevic, Tina Drolec, Nikola Knezevic

**Synopsis:** Ten years after fleeing the regime in Serbia, Marko finds himself defending some of the very people that he fought against while he lived there, including the notorious Radovan Karadzic. As Marko prepares to start a family of his own, he realises that he must choose between his job and his humanity.

Feature film preceded by The Last Round (11')

**The Weight Of Chains 2** (Canada/Serbia, 123')

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| Sunday 27 September | 20:30 | Wednesday 30 September | 13:40 |
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**Director:** Boris Malagurski

**Cast:** Noam Chomsky, Oliver Stone, Carla Del Ponte

**Synopsis:** The Weight of Chains 2 is the sequel of the popular and controversial documentary film. This film will uncover the possible solutions to the crisis in the Balkans that includes indebted countries, impoverished communities and a loss of faith in a better life.

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**We Will Be World Champions** (Serbia, 126')

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| Sunday 27 September | 15:40 | Tuesday 29 September | 15:40 |
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**Director:** Darko Bajic

**Cast:** Strahinja Blažić, Aleksandar Radojičić, Miloš Biković

**Synopsis:** This is a story about 4 pioneers who founded the YUGOSLAV School of Basketball. The central event is the 1970 World Cup game between Yugoslavia and the United States. A must for anyone remotely interested in Basketball!

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