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Luminate Film Tour and Events

This year, Luminate, Scotland's creative ageing festival includes a specially curated film programme, screening in cinemas across Scotland during October. Chosen for their varied representations of older people, the films have something to say to all of us about our understanding of age and ageing.

The film tour offers you the chance to discover, rediscover or share with friends the heart warming and life affirming comedy *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*, about seven cash-strapped Brits seeking happiness in a retirement resort in India. The all star cast features Dames Judi Dench and Maggie Smith in an honest representation of life after sixty. At some screenings, the main feature will be preceded by the enchanting short film *Lochgelly Old Pensioners Drive to Crook o' Devon*. An early outing, complete with charabancs, this silent black and white film complements and contrasts *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* with a very different experience of travel from days gone by.

This is Martin Bonner is a beautifully paced new drama, including an outstanding performance from Australian actor Paul Eenhoorn, which won the Best of NEXT Audience Award at the 2013 Sundance Film Festival. Everything is new for Martin Bonner. He's finding it tough starting a new life in Reno, Nevada, but an unexpected friendship unfolds to offer hope. Some screenings will be preceded by *Friend Request Pending*, a comedy drama short starring Judi Dench as a silver surfer who knows a thing or two about online dating.

On 12 October, Luminate will host a special event at Edinburgh's Filmhouse exploring the power of older artists and older audiences in film. British Film Institute statistics indicate that their influence is growing but how accurately do films, from John Madden's *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* to Emmanuelle Riva's *Amour*, really represent older people? And what messages do they give to younger audiences about ageing? This lively discussion with industry professionals and moviegoers of all ages will be chaired by Scotsman journalist Joyce Macmillan with a panel including...

Other film events to look out for include *Morning Move Madness: Silver Screen Classics* at the Harbour Arts Centre, Irvine, featuring *The Glen Miller Story*, *Some Like It Hot*, *Casablanca*, *12 Angry Men* and a *Marx Brothers Double Bill*. The Burrell Collection in Glasgow will also be screening Classic Cinema specially for Luminate and the Glasgow Film Theatre's October programme includes a Luminate screening of David Lynch's *The Straight Story*. At the Hippodrome, Bo'ness their regular *Monday Cuppa Film Café* features screenings from the Luminate film tour and includes scrumptious cake and tea. Families will have the chance to share *Up* at An Lanntair in Stornoway, in a 3D showing

of this animated intergenerational comedy adventure in which a retired balloon maker and an eight year old fly towards adventure seeking the famous Paradise Falls.

At macrobert, Stirling, *The Savages* starring Philip Seymour Hoffman and Laura Linney tells the heart rending story of a brother and sister who haven't spoken for years, as they come to terms with dementia and face new and painful responsibilities.

As part of Luminare's Outreach programme, Viewpoint Housing Association and Impact Arts will be *Bringing the Movies Home*, taking the total cinema experience into a care home setting and offering residents the pick of the movies from the 2013 touring film programme for a special screening with their friends and families in their own home.

The Luminare Film Tour will visit:

- Robert Burns Centre Film Theatre, Dumfries
- Dundee Contemporary Arts
- Glasgow Film Theatre
- Filmhouse, Edinburgh
- The Hippodrome, Bo'ness
- Eden Court, Inverness
- An Lanntair, Stornoway
- Heart of Hawick
- Mareel, Lerwick, Shetland
- Screen Machine, Lochmaddy, North Uist
- Macrobert, Stirling

Full listings information is available at www.luminatescotland.org

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Notes to editors

Luminare, Scotland's creative ageing festival is now in its second year. During October the festival will host an amazing array of performances, events and activities that shine a light on our creativity as we age.

Embracing the length and breadth of Scotland, every day in October community groups, cultural organisations, artists and performers will bring together audiences and participants from across the generations as part of Luminare.

Highlights from Luminare 2013 include:

- A Luminate commission with UK-wide charity **Live Music Now**, creating and performing **The Luminate Suite**, a new song cycle based on the music, poems and songs remembered and shared by older people in the Western Isles.
- **Recount**, a site-specific installation by artists **Roxane Permar** and **Susan Timmins** at the Royal Observer Corps' most northerly bunkers on Shetland, exploring islanders' recollections of its role in the Cold War conflict.
- **Super Vivere**, an exhibition by photographer **Susie Rea** using stunning portraits, audiovisual narrative and text to explore the lives of siblings in their 90s.
- A touring production of **Translunar Paradise**, **Theatre Ad Infinitum**'s award-winning mask and movement theatre piece that tells the story of William as he retreats to his memories following the death of his wife but must ultimately learn to let her go.

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