

Welcome to our Entertainment Picks newsletter where we will share with you Films on Kanopy.

Seeing the Big Picture - Composition

The Great Courses

Define symmetry and asymmetry in painting and sculpture, and the key effects on the viewer of each. Also, study scale and proportion of figures, and the distinction between "open" and "closed" composition, reflecting the artist's approach to visually framing the image.



Little Ted's Big Adventure

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

This Play School series is an exploration of transport and all things that move. From steam trains, to tall ships, hot air balloons, helicopters and horse and carriage. All adventures show exciting and unique ways of getting from one place to another.

Monsieur Verdoux

Mk2 Films

Inspired by notorious French serial killer Landru, Henri Verdoux lures wealthy women by promising them sweet happy-everafters. After the wedding bells chime, however, he murders them for their fortunes. In this particularly dark comedy, Chaplin questions our perception of evil: isn't this refined criminal a mere amateur compared to weapons suppliers and dictators? We stand ready to condemn a murderer, but when war victims are counted in millions, we celebrate a hero!

Alice

Visit Films

ALICE (Emilie Piponnier) is the perfect wife and mother, living happily with her husband Francois and their son in an apartment in Paris. When her credit cards are declined one day while shopping, ALICE discovers that Francois has been living a secret life, spending all of their money at a high-end escort service and leaving them completely bankrupt. Even worse is that Francois has suddenly abandoned them, leaving ALICE and their son to fend for themselves. When she learns that the bank will foreclose on their home in just a few weeks, she becomes desperate and visits the same escort service that Francois was addicted to in the hopes of finding a way to quickly make some cash and save the apartment. At first reluctant in her new profession, ALICE soon begins to thrive with the help of another escort who befriends her, giving ALICE both financial independence and a sense of empowerment that she has never felt before. But when Francois shows up again at their doorstep, ALICE is forced to reconcile between the life she had shared with him and the new one she has built for herself.

Book Club

Transmission Films

Four lifelong friends played by Diane Keaton, Candice Bergen, Jane Fonda, and Mary Steenburgen have their lives forever changed after reading Fifty Shades of Grey in their monthly book club.



Is Knowledge Possible?

The Great Courses

Having covered ways of gaining evidence and justifying belief in pursuit of knowledge, now ask: Is knowledge really possible? See what Plato had to say. Then delve into Rene Descartes' celebrated struggle with this problem, analyzing the strengths and weaknesses of his position.

Maurice's Big Adventure

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Play School's much loved teddy bear Maurice is invited along to experience important events in a preschooler's life, joining his young friends as they embark on exciting adventures into school, new family members and beyond.

The Great Dictator

Mk2 Films

A barber wounded during the First World War returns home after 20 years within hospital walls. His shop has grown full of cobwebs and dust, but it is the hateful graffiti on his shop window that takes him totally by surprise. Hynkel, the tyrannical dictator, and his henchmen persecute the barber, as well as the rest of the Jewish community, including the beautiful Hannah...A visionary satire that marked history, just as history itself left its mark on the film.

The Little Bird and the Squirrel

Magnet Film

It is Autumn; at the end of a branch hangs a red leaf. A little black bird comes along to water it when suddenly, a squirrel nicks the bird's bright green watering can. The bird follows the cheeky thief and so begins an exciting chase through the forest. Nominated for Generation Kplus - Best Short Film at the Berlin International Film Festival.



Senorita Extraviada

Women Make Movies

This award winning documentary tells the haunting story of more than 350 kidnapped, raped and murdered young women from Juarez, Mexico. Visually poetic, yet unflinching in its gaze, this compelling investigation unravels the layers of complicity that have allowed for the brutal murders of women living along the Mexico-U.S. border. Winner of the Special Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival. Official Selection at the Toronto International Film Festival. Official Selection at the San Francisco International Film Festival. "...Filmmaker Lourdes Portillo steps into this chilling murder mystery with a haunting documentary..." - Anne-Marie O'Connor, Los Angeles Times "...A powerful film that bears witness to the humanity of the victims...and a powerful testament to the bravery of the women who have refused to be intimidated and have dared to speak out, organize and protest. 'Senorita Extraviada' is a cry of outrage and a call to activism." - Marcia Gillespie, Ms. Magazine

Babette's Feast

Umbrella Entertainment

Daughters of a devout clergyman, Martine and Philippa become spinsters on the desolate coast of Jutland, keeping alive their father's teachings long after his death. But when Philippa's former suitor sends a Parisian refugee named Babette to serve as the family cook, their small world begins to change in a big way. As the dedicated and highly skilled cook Babette serves up new and unusual meal options, the lavish banquets have a major impact on the family's dwindling congregation, not used to the rich flavours of gourmet French cuisine.

All the Wild Horses

Quiver Distribution

ALL THE WILD HORSES documents the Mongol Derby horse race, the longest and toughest horse race in the world, and easily the most epic and dangerous, as it leads through 650 miles of Mongolian steppe, desert and mountain ranges.