Leeds International Film Festival 2009
Film Summaries for Licensing

**199 Tips to be Happy**
A film about a ménage a trios, set in Barcelona, where three people come together to deal with their loss and create something beautiful. Features scenes of a sexual nature. Recommended certificate: 18

**5150 Elm's Way**
French Canadian shocker about a student locked up and tortured by a religious psychopath. Some scenes of violence. Recommended Cert18

**A Frozen Flower**
A King’s court is torn apart by dynasty-threatening passions in this bold Korean action spectacle, scenes of violence and a sexual nature. Showing at London Korean Film Festival. Recommended 18.

**A Thousand Oceans**
An original narrative approach about a boy has suffered a car crash and is in a coma but doesn’t realise it. Features a car crash. Recommended certificate: 12

**Ander**
A feature film about a gay man coming out. Features gay and heterosexual sex scenes. Showing at the London Film Festival. Recommended certificate: 18

**Angel's Egg**
Unseen in Europe for 20 years, Angel's Egg is a hauntingly beautiful animation with a heartbreaking story from Mamoru Oshii. Recommended 12A.

**Another Planet**
A cinematic poem and rigorous critique of the unfair distribution of wealth as children from around the world tell their own stories. Includes descriptions of traumatic experience. Recommended Cert 12.

**Art and Copy**
Documentary about the designers and artists who led the creative revolution in the 1960s and changed the face of corporate advertising. Recommended Cert PG

**Babaji, an Indian Love Story**
An affectionate and magical documentary about Babaji Basant, a 100 year old Hindu shaman with beautiful traditional Indian music. No contentious material. Recommended Cert PG.

**Bananas**
The David and Goliath tale of a small LA law firm representing Nicaraguan farmers in a lawsuit against the world’s biggest fruit company. No contentious material. Recommended Cert PG.

Beacon 77
Three hackers accidentally unleash a supernatural force in a thriller that foretells the end of days. Two scenes of physical violence. Recommended Cert 15

Below Sea Level
A fascinating documentary on ‘Slab City’, an eccentric community living on the margins of society in the Californian desert. Includes some strong language. Recommended Cert 15.

Black Sun
An exquisite and radical rendering of an empowering reaction to sightlessness. Features a verbal description of an attack which left a man blinded. Recommended certificate: 12

Blow Horn
Documentary about Buddhism. However, the film may be incomprehensible to very young children. Recommended certificate: PG

Buskers
Documentary about the world of street performing, featuring stunts such as fire breathing and holding chairs with your teeth. Recommended certificate: 12

Can Go Through Skin
Dutch drama about a young woman recovering from a traumatic experience. Includes depiction of a rape and psychologically disturbing scenes but not visually explicit. Showing at London and Cambridge. Recommended Cert 15.

Carmen Meets Borat
The extraordinary story of the alarming transformation of a Romanian gypsy village after the arrival of Sasha Baron Cohen’s comedy blockbuster Borat. Some strong language. Recommended Cert 12.

Chaw
Korean black comedy horror Chaw is a horror delight. A small town is thrown into pandemonium by a giant boar. Recommended 18.

Coffin Rock
An Australian thriller horror from the producers of Wolf Creek (released in UK, cert. 18) featuring bloody violence and mild nudity. Bought by a UK distributor (High Fliers) and due to show at Fright Fest (in London) and at the Sheffield Showroom. Recommended certificate: 18

Colin
Colin tells the story from the zombie’s point of view. Some horror images of zombies attacking people. Recommended Cert 18
Comrade Couture
A personal documentary journey into the parallel universe of East Berlin's fashion designers by ex-GDR model Marco Wilms. Includes some strong language. Recommended Cert 15.

Crush and Blush
In this oddball Korean black comedy, an unpopular teacher with a chronic blushing condition can't avoid painful embarrassment and humiliation. Recommended 12A.

Crying with Laughter
An intensely edgy comedy-thriller about a controversial, confrontational stand up comic whose life comes apart at the seams. Includes strong language throughout. Showed at Edinburgh. Recommended Cert 18.

Departures
2009 Oscar winner for Best Foreign Language Film, Departures is a delightful and sensitive journey into the heartland of Japan. Bought for UK distribution, recommended 15.

Disco and Atomic War
A personal perspective on pop culture and totalitarian power from filmmaker Jaak Kilmi, who grew up in Soviet Estonia during the cold war. No contentious material. Recommended Cert PG.

Doctor S Battles the Sex Crazed Reefer Zombies: The Movie
Homage to the sci-fi and horror films of the 1950's - Comedy with mild scenes of blood and gore. Recommended Cert 18

Dogtooth
'Dogtooth' is about a patriarch who rules his household with an iron fist, treating his family like dogs which need to be trained. Features scenes of a sexual and violent nature. Bought by a UK distributor (Verve) and will screen at London Film Festival. Recommended certificate: 18

Earth Days
A fascinating overview of the history of the environmental movement followed by a discussion presented by Friends of the Earth. No contentious material. Has shown in Sheffield. Recommended Cert PG.

Edgar Varese: The One All Alone
The history, folklore and escalating value of the legendary Stradivari violins followed by a profile of innovative composer Edgar Varèse. No contentious material. Recommended Cert PG.

El Árbol
Calling to mind the Dardenne brothers with a difference, El Arbol is about a man who has separated from his wife and family and is trying to cope with it. Recommended certificate: 12

Encirclement
An enlightening and rigorous critique of the dominant ideology of neo-liberalism including interviews with Noam Chomsky and Susan George. No contentious material. Recommended Cert PG.

**Episode III: Enjoy Poverty**
In an ingeniously provocative and controversial film, Renzo Martens launches an ‘emancipation project’ to benefit poor villagers in the Congo. No contentious material but adult themes. Recommended Cert 12.

**Exhausted**
Shot on Super 8, a horror film about the effect of factories on humans. Features bloody violence. Recommended certificate: 18

**FILM IST. a girl & a gun**
A sheer delight for all lovers of early cinema, archive footage from the first four and a half decades of cinema. Featuring nudity but within a critical context. Recommended certificate: 15

**First Squad: The Moment of Truth**
Anime maestros and DJ Crush combine for this momentous tale of an elite teenage fighting squad and demonic terror in World War II. Recommended 15.

**Francesca**
Acclaimed Romanian drama about a woman desperate to migrate to Italy and failed by her boyfriend. Recommended Certificate 15.

**Grill Point**
A character drama from Germany tracking the fallout from an illicit affair. Includes some strong language and non-explicit sex scenes. An archive film that has screened before in the UK. Recommended Cert 15.

**Guidance**
A Swedish film about the world of self-help, where middle-aged Ray is pushed to his limits by a strange therapist. Features mild violence. Recommended certificate: 12

**Heartless**
An intelligent contemporary horror film that taps into the current climate of fear pervading modern society. A couple of scenes of bloody violence. Recommended 18

**Hidden**
Norwegian chiller - a man returns to his childhood home to face the horrifying memories of his past. Atmospheric and psychological horror. Recommended Cert 18

**If You Are the One**
A romantic comedy about unrequited longing, If You Are the One is a dream union of major Far Eastern talent. Recommended 12A.

**In Search of the Messiah**
The history, folklore and escalating value of the legendary Stradivari violins followed by a profile of innovative composer Edgar Varèse. No contentious material. Recommended Cert PG.

In the Shadow of Dr Mabuse - the Daughters of Norbert Jacques
Documentary about the daughters of Norbert Jacques, telling the story of the Holocaust and the difficulties of being a Jew at that time. Recommended certificate: PG

Introspective
A spellbinding music documentary exploring ‘post-rock’, featuring great live footage of bands like Mogwai, Tortoise, Low and Mouse on Mars. Has shown in London. No contentious material but taking place in a venue for over 18s anyway.

Invitation Only
Survival horror - 5 partygoers are subjected to a twisted party game, includes graphic and bloody scenes. Recommended Cert 18

I Need That Record!
A documentary about independent record shops and their struggle for survival. Includes some strong language. Has shown in London. Recommended Cert 15.

Kimjongilia
The first film to fully expose the humanitarian disaster in North Korea through an extraordinary and moving tapestry of defectors’ stories. Includes disturbing descriptions of human rights violations. Recommended Cert 12.

Kites
A fresh perspective on daily life in Afghanistan from the cameras of a group of Afghan teenagers mentored by Polish director Jacek Szaranski. No contentious material. Recommended Cert PG.

It Came from Kuchar, Cocktail Crooners and Sins of the Fleshapoids
Cory Mcabee introduces a tribute to the legendary underground filmmaking twins George and Mike Kuchar, featuring cult shorts and a documentary. Has shown in London and Cambridge. No contentious material but taking place in a venue for over 18s anyway.

La Pivellina
A film about people living in a small community in Rome who find an abandoned toddler and look after her. Recommended certificate: PG

La Tigra, Chaco
A wonderfully acted piece of new Argentine cinema with a gentle pace and understated power. Features a mild fight scene and a developing relationship. Recommended certificate: 12

Latest from the Da-Da-eR
Two cabaret clowns satirize life the year after the Wall came down at the end of the East German era. An archive film that has screened before in the UK. No contentious material. Recommended Cert PG.

**Letter to a Child**
A documentary featuring intimate conversations with perfect strangers addressed to a child, to impart some wisdom about life. However, the film might be incomprehensible to very young children. Recommended certificate: PG

**Love and Rage**
New Danish feature about an exceptionally talented young pianist who treads a fine line between love and rage. Features mild sex scenes and scenes of violence. Recommended certificate: 15

**Love Exposure**
An extraordinary four-hour cult epic sensation from Japan, Love Exposure is an outrageous romantic action comedy about obsessive first love. Bought for UK distribution, recommended 18.

**Low Lights**
Gorgeously shot amidst Vilnius' roads at night, this is a stylish Lithuanian film about a failing relationship which gets a second chance. Features implied marijuana use. Recommended certificate: 15

**Macabre**
Comic-strip style horror - A group of friends must survive one of the creepiest families in film history. Recommended Cert 18

**Millennium: Girl with the Dragon Tattoo**
A gripping thriller with tense moments, but no real images of horror. Recommended Cert 15

**My Girlfriend is an Agent**
A light-hearted blast of a spy spoof, one of the biggest hits of the year in Korea. Recommended 12A.

**Natural Born Star**
A compelling cinematographic documentary about live-ravaged Fred Robsahm who was once a golden boy of spaghetti westerns, a fallen angel. Mentions the fact he is a heroin addict. Recommended certificate: 12

**Nick Cave: Do You Love Me Like I Love You?**
A Nick Cave tribute featuring short documentaries on his classic albums, videos from Dig!!! Lazarus Dig!!! and film readings from his new novel. Has shown in London. Includes some strong language. Recommended Cert 15.

**North**
Following a nervous breakdown, ski athlete Jomar sets off on a strange journey on a snowmobile to find himself. Recommended certificate: 12
Norwegian Woods
Cracking low-budget horror comedy from Korea. Three kids, two crooks, and a couple are stalked by a liver-loving serial killer. Recommended 18.

Oblivion
A fresh and inventive documentary about the city of Lima, Peru, the national cocktail, political corruption and struggling street performers. No contentious material. Recommended Cert PG.

Oil City Confidential
Julien Temple’s documentary profile of Canvey Island’s finest Dr Feelgood tracing their influence on punk spliced with excerpts of film noir. Includes some strong language. Has shown in London. Recommended Cert 15.

Pomegranates and Myrrh
A wonderful film about a Palestinian woman trying to keep her soul free and her spirit alive, despite persecution. Features depictions of conflict with Israeli militia. Recommended certificate: 12

Pontypool
Thought provoking zombie film set around the local radio station in a small rural Canadian community. Scary scenes of zombies attacking but no gore or horrific scenes. Recommended Cert18

Puccini and the Girl
A beautiful and classical film about Puccini’s relationship with his house maid (revealing the situation in a new light based on recent research), set to gorgeous music. Features a verbal description of a suicide. Recommended certificate: 12

Rocksteady: The Roots of Reggae
A contagiously enthusiastic reunion of great Jamaican musicians, the creators of Rocksteady, a laidback and soulful predecessor of reggae. No contentious material. Has shown in London. Recommended Cert PG.

Our Latin Thing
An electrifying documentary exploring the vibrant Latino Salsa music scene in 1970s New York preceding the Rumberos Club night at the Wardrobe. Archive film has screened in UK before and been available on DVD though not rated. No contentious material but taking place in a venue for over 18s anyway.

Samson and Delilah
Two teenagers, forced to leave their small and isolated aboriginal community for the city, struggle to survive against racism and intolerance. Recommended Cert 15

Schultze Gets the Blues
A bittersweet German comedy-drama, Schultze escapes his dreary life to an adventure in the Zydeco country of Louisiana. No contentious material. An archive film that has screened before in the UK. Recommended Cert PG.

Searching for the Elephant
Three childhood friends are plunged into adult self-destruction in this stylish, visceral, and often surreal action drama, a Korean debut. Recommended 18.

Seven Minutes in Heaven
Outstanding performances blend with a great narrative in this fulfilling and sophisticated film by an impressive new talent. Features a mild sex scene and a depiction of a bus bombing. Due to show at the London Jewish Film Festival. Recommended certificate: 15

Seventh Moon
The nail biting horror from the director of the Blair Witch Project, honeymooners are lost in rural China but they are not alone. Recommended Cert 18

Sleepwalking Through the Mekong
A joyful celebration of the power of music, following Los Angeles band Dengue Fever on their recent journey to Cambodia. No contentious material but will take place in a venue for over 18s anyway.

Slovenian Girl
A film about a Slovenian student who relies on prostitution. Features an non-glamorous portrayal of prostitution. No nudity but some mild violence. Recommended certificate: 15

Small Crime
Filmed on a beautiful Greek island, Small Crime is a romantic comedy with a murder mystery twist. Recommended 15.

Sodium Babies
A contemporary stylised vampire film that tells the thirty year story of a vampire’s slave. Very little horror, mainly fantasy elements with some physical violence. Recommended Cert 18

Stay the Same Never Change
A debut feature by video artist Laurel Nakadate which explores gender roles in modern western society. Recommended certificate: 12

Stingray Sam
Fantasy adventure -screened at London sci-fi Film Festival. Cert 12a

Summer Wars
A captivating and spectacular new animated feature from Japan about a family in conflict with the devastating Love Machine virus. Recommended 12A.

Sun Alley
A warm and irreverent comedy set in the heart of East Berlin in the heart of the 1970s on a street bisected by the Berlin Wall. An archive film that has screened before in the UK. Recommended Cert 12.

Superheroes
An entertaining and subversive snapshot of creative activism, civil disobedience and economic injustice in Hamburg with shoplifters dressed as superheroes. Includes some strong language and footage of civil disobedience. Recommended Cert 15.

**The Happiest Girl in the World**  
A Romanian satirical real-time drama about a teenage girl, the not-so-lucky winner of a new car in a competition. Has shown in London. No contentious material. Recommended Cert. PG.

**The Horde**  
Very bloody and violent fantasy horror about cops and gangsters forced to work together to escape a zombie apocalypse. Adult language and violence  
Recommended Cert 18

**The Human Centipede (First Sequence)**  
An insane doctor has a very distorted view of the human race and strives to create his own, perfect, vision of the human form. Surreal horror, screened at Frightfest horror festival in London. Recommended Cert 18

**The King of Escape**  
A comic tale of a single gay man who decides to try a heterosexual relationship. Features some nudity and sex scenes, both gay and heterosexual, and the implied use of a mythic natural version of Viagra. Recommended certificate: 18

**The Leeds Summat**  
A free, all-day gathering including peace and justice film screenings addressing the big issues of our time presented by Together for Peace. Highest film certificate 12.

**The Man Who Bottled Clouds**  
A love letter to Brazilian music through the songwriter Humberto Teixeira featuring Caetano Veloso, Gilberto Gil and David Byrne. No contentious material. Recommended PG.

**The Mighty Boosh on Tour: Journey of the Childmen**  
The roller coaster ride of the huge 110 show Mighty Boosh tour screening with a blackly comic short by Julian ‘Howard Moon’ Barratt. Includes some strong language. Has shown in London. Recommended Cert 15.

**The Misfortunates**  
Received to howls of laughter at its Cannes screening this year, this is a fresh and hilarious Belgian comedy about a family of misfits. Features nudity and drunkenness. Recommended certificate: 15

**The Pilgrimage of Ti-Jean**  
A real treat for lovers of traditional Irish music, a documentary on Canadian fiddler Ti-Jean’s pilgrimage to Ireland presented by The Gathering. Made for BBC and screened in the 1970s. No contentious material. Recommended Cert PG.

**The Revenant**
Comedy horror - A soldier killed in Iraq awakens and needs blood to stop decomposing. Some scenes of blood and gore. Recommended Cert 18

The Run Up
An evening of street art and hip-hop culture featuring a selection of short films on urban artists. Includes some strong language. Recommended Cert 15.

The Seashell and the Clergyman + The Smiling Madame Beudet
A phenomenal dream-like black and white film considered to be the first Surrealist film (about a clergyman lusting after a general's wife), and another film by the same filmmaker considered the prototype of feminist cinema (about a woman in an unhappy marriage), shown with live musical accompaniment. Features one scene of nude breasts. Recommended certificate: 12

The Sound of Insects - Record of a Mummy
A stunning experimental cinematic manifesto based on a book after a true event where a man starved himself to mummification. Features extracts from a diary describing the process of self starvation but doesn’t visually explore it at all. Recommended certificate: 15

The Tunnel
A German thriller based on the true story of a daring escape from east to west Berlin by Olympic swimmer Harry Melchior. An archive film that has screened before in the UK. Includes thriller scenes and mild swearing. Recommended Cert 12.

The Two in Tracksuits
A wonderful dry comedy from Japan. A father and son escape the Tokyo heat wave for their forest retreat and tracksuits. Recommended 12A.

The Underdog Knight
A Chinese action drama about an ex-soldier turned neighbourhood vigilante who exists in his own world of invincibility. Recommended 18.

The Wooden Lightbox: A Secret Art of Seeing
Expanded cinema performed live with a hand-cranked, homemade 16mm projector - the dream world and sleight of eye. Recommended certificate: U

Throw Down Your Heart
American banjo virtuoso Béla Fleck journeys to Africa to explore the African roots of the instrument and play with great African musicians. No contentious material. Recommended Cert PG.

Todd P Goes to Austin
A cultural snapshot of America’s underground, do-it-yourself music scene with unforgettable performances by cult artists at the South by Southwest Festival. Some strong language. Taking place in a venue for over 18s anyway

Trash Humpers
Provocative director Harmony Korine (Gummo, Mister Lonely) returns with a strange and anarchic tale of a psychotic suburban family. Psychologically disturbing scenes of violence and menace. Recommended Cert 18.

**Trimpin: the Sound of Invention**  
A rare chance to discover the extraordinary artist / inventor / composer, Trimpin and his genre-defying musical inventions and artworks. Has shown in London. No contentious material. Recommended Cert PG.

**Turn it Loose**  

**Vampire Girl vs Frankenstein Girl**  
Comedy horror with vampires, zombies and strange mutations. Lots of fake blood and martial arts violence but all done in a highly stylised comedy way. Recommended Cert 18

**Video Love: VJs and Vamplers: the Beginnings of Live Cinema**  
An intoxicating amalgamation of French synth pop and live video samples featuring James June Schneider, director of 123 Whiteout (LIFF 2007). No contentious material but taking place in a venue for over 18s anyway.

**Vintage Smalls: Rayon Rose**  
A mini-cinema experience of curious short films from the archive presented in vintage group Rayon Rose’s beautiful customised caravan. No contentious material. Recommended Cert PG.

**War and Love in Kabul**  
A moving documentary about life in Kabul and an enduring love story where war and want threaten compassion and humanity. No contentious material. Recommended Cert PG.

**West of Pluto**  
A French-Canadian film that’s both funny and profound which follows a group of teenagers through a day in their life. Features mild violence. Recommended certificate: 12

**When It Was Blue**  
An experimental and hand painted film which transports you through the ravishing nature of Iceland, New Zealand, Canada and Central America. Recommended certificate: U

**White Night Wedding**  
An Icelandic film about a man whose relationships keep breaking down. Features mild nudity. Recommended certificate: 12

**Wolfy**
Told through the eyes of a little girl, the film explores the painful relationship between mother and daughter. Also screening at London Film Festival. Recommended Cert 18