

The View From The Projection Box

THE RITZ CINEMA PROJECTIONIST PAUL WINFIELD (PICTURED) LOOKS FORWARD TO THE BIG FILMS COMING YOUR WAY. PAUL WILL BE A REGULAR CONTRIBUTOR TO ALL THINGS LOCAL...

Here at The Ritz we've had a sensational first year with over 50,000 admissions to our luxury 100 seat auditorium. The Ritz isn't just about film, we sell quality wines, spirits and beers; simply delicious cakes; chocolates and ice cream; tea and coffee; all sorts of sweets and off course, freshly cooked popcorn. You can take whatever you fancy into the auditorium to enjoy while you watch the film. So, commercial over!

What films are coming to our big screen soon? Christmas is nearly upon us again and it's a time for the children so one of our films will be Ratatouille, a spectacular animation from the Disney/Pixar Studios. It's an unlikely tale of a rat who dreams of becoming a famous chef, look forward to lots of laughs and stunning visuals.

Into the first months of the new year and The Golden Compass, an adaptation of Philip Pullman's First Volume in his dark material trilogy. A young girl travels to the far North to save her best friend, encountering shape-shifting creatures and witches in a parallel universe. There's a big cast with Nicole Kidman and the Casino Royale pairing of Eva Green and Daniel Craig (more about Bond later). In May, Indiana Jones returns with The Kingdom of the Crystal Skull and the lovely Cate Blanchett joins Harrison Ford for his long awaited return to the role.

Now, I'm a fan of Abba and love musicals so the screen version of Mamma Mia, the long running stage show based around Abba's greatest hits will be my summer favourite. Mamma Mia opens at The Odeon, Leicester Square on 4 July.

James Bond is back later in the year, currently filming under the working title Bond 22. Daniel Craig who recently signed up for four more Bond films returns. He's certainly a Bond for the 21st Century, but will he emerge from the sea in those little blue swimming trunks again?? Bond 22 opens in Leicester Square on 7 November 2008.

Have a great Christmas and New Year and I'll be back in the February/March issue.

WIN A PAIR OF TICKETS TO THE RITZ CINEMA BY ANSWERING THE FOLLOWING QUESTION:

THE FIRST JAMES BOND MOVIE OPENED IN LONDON ON 5 OCTOBER 1962 DO YOU KNOW (CLUE!) WHAT IT WAS CALLED? Write your answer on a piece of paper with your name, address and telephone number and post to: Ritz Competition, All Things Local, 74 Woodhouse Road, Kilburn, Belper, Derbyshire DE56 0NA. Closing date for entries is Monday 7 January 2008.



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