

The View From The Projection Box

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Well the year seems to be just zinging by. It'll soon be time for the summer blockbusters! Before then, lots of great films are coming to The Ritz.

A big one for the April school holiday will be *The Spiderwick Chronicles*. When they move into the run-down Spiderwick Estate with their mother, twin brothers Jared and Simon Grace, along with sister Mallory, find themselves pulled into an alternate world of faeries and other creatures sounds fun.

Now for the grown-ups, *Love in the Time of Cholera* is a love triangle set in turn-of-the century South America. Two lovers wait out careers, marriages, affairs and deaths until they can finally reunite.

Morgot at the Wedding, a sharply observed portrait of a family in distress, an unflinchingly honest story about coming to terms with one's family and oneself, a journey that is both funny and heartbreaking – Nicole Kidman and Jack Black star.

We don't very often show horror films at The Ritz, but *The Orphanage* is a good old-fashioned horror in the best possible way, beautifully told, a terrifying ghost story that will linger with you long after the shivers have stopped – think *Rosemary's Baby* meet *The Exorcist*.....scary!

Now for something entirely different – *Lars and The Real Girl*, a boy meets doll story, yes really, a pathologically shy young man introduces his new girlfriend, Bianca, a life-like plastic doll, to his family and local community. Apparently, despite this unlikely premise lies a warm, rather sweet film.

As I write this we're still working on the programme for May but look out for; *27 Dresses*, *Water Lilies*, *Shine a Light* and *Son of Rambow*, a comedy spoof on the Rambo films. Enjoy and don't forget your wine and cake to take into the film.

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

Which famous actress starred in *Rosemary's Baby*? 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 5 May 2008.

