

Ready Steady Doc!

5th European Documentary Festival

16 – 23 February 2012



The 30th edition of the modern Olympic Games is fast approaching, and we have just what you need to put you in the mood! *Ready Steady Doc!* brings together documentaries from all over Europe to help you see sport in a whole new light: from the Homeless World Cup to the disappearing Rimet Trophy, from a four-year-old marathon runner to an 83-year-old pole vaulter, these films have many fascinating stories to tell.

An amazing line-up of sport celebrities will attend: the manager of the Spanish National Football Team Vicente del Bosque, French football star Vikash Dhorasoo, Hungarian three-time water-polo Olympic champion György Kárpáti, European Senior Champion pole-vaulter Herbert Sepp, 98-year-old Belgian Olympic athlete Yvonne Van Bets, and more!

So don't miss the perfect chance to meet athletes, learn about historic sporting exploits, and find out more about the personal experiences of people for whom sport is a profession, a passion, a way of life.

The starting gun goes off on 16 February so ready... steady... doc!

Ready Steady Doc! is a joint project of EUNIC London (European Union National Institutes for Culture), supported by the European Commission Representation in the UK.

www.eunic-london.org

Screenings at Ciné Lumière



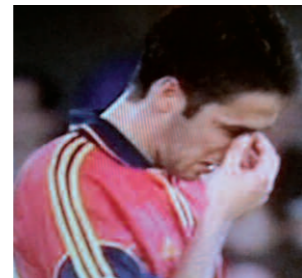
Thu 16 Feb
8.30pm
Ciné Lumière
£10, conc. £8
Football

Substitute

6 April, 2006. Fred Poulet, singer, author and video filmmaker asks his friend, Vikash Dhorasoo, to film his everyday life until 9 July, day of the World Cup final in Berlin. Dhorasoo has been selected to be one of the 23 players of the French team during the qualifying matches in Germany, and ends up playing for a mere 16 minutes. Doomed to watch from the sidelines, this uncommonly gifted football player makes the most of his status as a substitute by filming thrilling scenes with his two super 8 cameras. A sincere portrait of a wounded man, lost in the greatest sport event in the world.

France | 2006 | col | 70 mins | dirs. Fred Poulet and Vikash Dhorasoo | in French with English subtitles

Followed by a Q&A with Vikash Dhorasoo, footballer and director, & Fred Poulet, co-director



Fri 17 Feb
8.45pm
Ciné Lumière
£10, conc. £8
Football

The Soul of the Reds

El Alma de la Roja

The film looks at different eras in the history of the Spanish football team. Santiago Zannou shows various moments of the Reds' story, from their beginnings up to now. He receives help from important personalities in Spanish football history such as Di Stefano, Pepe Claramunt, Víctor Muñoz, Luis Suárez, and more recently, Torres, Casillas and Cesc – without forgetting the recent past with Hierro, Luis Enrique and Zubizarreta, among many others.

Spain | 2009 | col and b&w | 82 mins | dir. Santiago Zannou | in Spanish with English subtitles

Followed by a Q&A with Vicente del Bosque, former footballer and current manager of the Spanish National Football Team (winner of the 2010 World Cup). Chaired by Jimmy Burns, journalist and author.



Fri 17 Feb
6.15pm
Ciné Lumière
£5, conc. £3
Water polo

Freedom's Fury

Freedom's Fury is an award winning feature documentary produced by Quentin Tarantino about the Hungarian Revolution of 1956 and the 'Bloodiest Game in Olympic History.' This hard-hitting film tells the story of the fateful moment in 1956 when Hungary explodes in a people power revolt, which climaxes in the infamous water polo showdown between Hungary and the Soviets at the Melbourne Olympics. Known as the 'Blood in the Water Match,' the documentary follows the journey of the Hungarian Olympic water polo team, who find themselves at the centre of one of the most politicized sports match ever played.

Hungary | 2006 | col | 105 mins | dirs. Colin Keith Gray and Megan Raney Aarons | in English

Followed by a Q&A with Colin Gray, co-director of the film, and the captain of the former Hungarian water polo team, György Kárpáti.



Mon 20 Feb
6.00pm
Ciné Lumière
£5, conc. £3:
Australia +
From Romania
with Love
Football

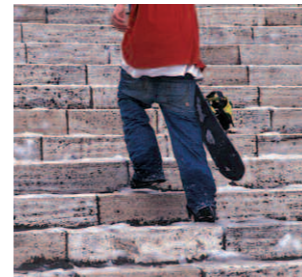
Australia

This film follows the genesis of the first National Romanian Football Team that participated in the Homeless World Cup in Melbourne in 2008. Full of insights into homeless people's lives, *Australia* shows their transformation from outcasts to true football players. The documentary focuses on the players, and on how such a dramatic transformation may change the lives of socially challenged youth. Six homeless people – Vasile Bereghi, Benjamin Calancea, Pavel Calancea, Daniel Podina, Claudiu Kostity and Radu Muntean – are trained by Mihai Rosus, their coach.

Romania | 2009 | 64 mins | dir. Claudiu Mitcu | an HBO Romania Original Production | in Romanian with English subtitles

Preceded by an introduction by Homeless World Cup President, Mel Young.

Shown with *From Romania with Love*



Mon 20 Feb
6.00pm
Ciné Lumière
£5, conc. £3:
Australia +
From Romania
with Love
Snowboarding

From Romania with Love

Bringing together professional snowboarders from Slovakia, France, Poland and Hungary and putting them alongside amateurs as well as Romanian professional boarders, this documentary has us follow a road trip through the Romanian snowboarding scene and discover the Carpathian mountain region. *From Romania with Love* is part of an ongoing project which is as much about an exchange between people who share the same passion as a documentation of the most progressive Eastern European freestyle snowboarding.

Romania/Germany | 2005 | col | 26 mins | dir. René Eckert | in English, Slovak, Romanian, German and French with English subtitles

Shown with *Australia*



Thu 23 Feb
8.15pm
Ciné Lumière
£5, conc. £3
All disciplines

London 1948 – War & Olympics

No Belgian Olympic Team performed better than the one that travelled to London three years after World War II. London had four weeks to organise the 14th Olympic Summer Games. Sixty years after these first Post War Olympic Summer Games 'Belga Sport' brought together the members of the 1948 Belgian Olympic Team. In a cinema complex in Brussels they watched the recently discovered official film made of their Olympics. The oldest athlete, a fencer, was 99. And while outside the gusty winds blew everything away, inside the warmth of everlasting friendship and sweet memories created an unforgettable atmosphere.

Belgium | 2008 | col and b&w | 50 mins | dirs. Luc Kempen, Alain Van Driessche and Luc Lemaitre | in Dutch and French with English subtitles

The screening will be preceded by a free drink, and followed by a Q&A with 98-year-old Olympic athlete Yvonne Van Bets.



Wed 22 Feb
8.15pm
Ciné Lumière
£5, conc. £3
Speed climbing

To the Limit

Am Limit

Two brothers, one goal and just 180 minutes to reach it. Award winning filmmaker Pepe Danquart accompanies brothers Alexander and Thomas Huber on their attempt to break a speed climbing record. Together with his team he faced many technical challenges to capture their attempt to climb up the 1000-metre high towering rock face of 'El Capitán' in Yosemite National Park in the United States. A breathtaking spectacle, the film also explores what drives the brothers to constantly test their own limits and how they cope with the dangers involved.

Germany/Austria | 2007 | col | 96 mins | dir. Pepe Danquart | in German with English subtitles

Followed by a Q&A with director Pepe Danquart

Screenings at the Hungarian Cultural Centre



Tue 21 Feb
6.30pm
Hungarian
Cultural Centre
Free
Football

Paneka Against the Rest of the World

Paneka proti zbytku sveta

Czech footballer Antonin Panenka captivated the crowds with his unpredictable and attractive charismatic style in the 70s and 80s. Not only an extremely original player, Panenka was also a very successful one, winning gold and bronze medals at the European Football Championships. He won the Austrian League's medal twice and was in the winning team of the Austrian Cup three times. The film, neither documentary nor pure fiction, illustrates Panenka's abilities via a fictional match and includes famous archive footage from the 1976 European Championship in Belgrade with Panenka's now famous game-winning penalty kick.

Czech Republic | 2001 | col | 30 mins | dir. Jan Gogola | in Czech with English subtitles

Shown with *World Champion*



Thu 23 Feb
6.15pm
Hungarian
Cultural Centre
Free
Football

Danish Dynamite

...Og det var Danmark

This is the story of the Danish National Football Team's rise to glory in the period 1979-92, and the team's transformation from amateurs to heroes. The audience gets to relive the magic moments from the biggest games and has the opportunity to see the heroes of the period – Simonsen, Laudrup, Povlsen and Elkjær – like they have never seen them before. The team's three coaches are at the centre of the story, and in their own way define the period. The film starts with Kurt 'Nikkelaj Nielsen's' departure in 1979. The young and ambitious German Sepp Piontek is introduced, followed by Richard Møller Nielsen, who succeeded in winning the European Championship in 1992.

Denmark | 2008 | col | 107 mins | dirs. Mads Kamp Thulstrup and Carsten Sosted | in Danish with English subtitles



Tue 21 Feb
6.30pm
Hungarian
Cultural Centre
Free
Athletics

World Champion

Maailmameister

Just a schoolboy when Estonia became independent, Herbert Sepp was later imprisoned by the Soviet state in a Siberian camp. Years later, 83-year-old Herbert stands on his head, does handsprings and is the best Estonian professional pole-vaulter in his age group. Herbert's achievements include winning a silver medal in the European Senior Championship games. But, as Finland prepares to host the World Senior Championship games, his dream is to win the World Champion title and break the world record. Does he have what it takes to make his dreams come true?

Estonia | 2009 | col | 36 mins | dir. Moonika Siimets | in Estonian with English subtitles

Followed by a Q&A with Herbert Sepp, three-time Olympic champion pole-vaulter

Shown with *Paneka Against the Rest of the World*

Screenings at other venues



Sat 18 Feb
6.30pm
Italian Cultural
Institute
Free
Football



Mon 20 Feb
7.30pm
Austrian
Cultural Forum
London
Free
Football

The Rimet Trophy

Using filmed reconstructions, archive material and interviews with witnesses and experts, this documentary charts the history of the incredible and mysterious events behind the Jules Rimet Trophy. Forged in gold at the insistence of Jules Rimet in 1929, the cup dates back nearly a century. Along with international players such as Carlos Alberto Torres, Joao Havelange, Gary Lineker and Jorge Valdano and with the help of experts, historians, writers and journalists including Martin Atherton and Mauro Betting, the documentary traces the history of the trophy, revisiting some places and meeting witnesses who help us shed light on the mystery of the Cup.

Italy | 2010 | col | 50 mins | dirs. Filippo Macelloni & Lorenzo Garzella | in Italian with English subtitles

Kick Off

The Homeless World Cup is an annual international football tournament, uniting teams of people, among them the homeless, asylum seekers, former alcoholics and drug addicts. None of them will earn money in this competition – it's about much more than that: a chance to play themselves back into life. *Kick-Off* is a remarkable documentary that follows the Austrian team as they prepare physically and mentally for the tournament in Melbourne, Australia in 2008. The film tells the stories of these determined individuals as they regain feelings they lost a long time ago: respect, pride, self-confidence and a renewed zest for life.

Austria | 2009 | col | 94 mins | dir. Hüseyin Tabak | in German with English subtitles

Followed by a Q&A with Homeless World Cup President Mel Young and director Hüseyin Tabak



Tue 21 Feb
8.00pm
Lithuanian
Embassy
Free
Basketball



Wed 22 Feb
6.30pm
UCL
Free
Athletics

Sabas

This documentary is a sport and family portrait of Arvydas Sabonis (nickname Sabas), the greatest Lithuanian basketball player of all time. It shows all the most important moments from the history of basketball in Lithuania, beginning with the European championships of 1938. The legendary sports professional talks about the unforgettable Zalgiris-CSKA (Central Sports Club of the Army) matches in which the Lithuanians defeated the CSKA – which one could with some justification call the Soviet team – three times in a row, in 1985, 1986 and 1987, and discusses the Olympic Games in Seoul, Barcelona and Atlanta, as well as the European championships.

Lithuania | 1998 | col | 56 mins | dir. Vytautas V. Landsbergis | in English

Marathon Boy

An award winning, action packed real life drama, *Marathon Boy* is the story of four-year-old Budhia Singh, who is plucked from an Indian slum by his coach and trained to become India's greatest runner. But what starts as a real-life "Slumdog Millionaire" quickly becomes more complex, as real life often does: the boy's coach and mother try to make the most of the boy's determination, while the Indian government accuses them of child endangerment. Using footage gathered over five years, Atwal presents the circumstances and the controversy in a vérité style that gives an immediate sense of involvement. A tale of greed, envy and broken dreams that will resonate well past the last frame.

UK | 2010 | col | 98 mins | dir. Gemma Atwal | in Oriya & English

Followed by a Q&A with director Gemma Atwal (tbc)

Date	Time	Venue	Title	Country
Thu 16 Feb	8.30pm	Ciné Lumière	Substitute	France
Fri 17 Feb	6.15pm	Ciné Lumière	Freedom's Fury	Hungary
	8.45pm	Ciné Lumière	The Soul of the Reds	Spain
Sat 18 Feb	6.30pm	Italian Cultural Institute	The Rimet Trophy	Italy
Mon 20 Feb	6.00pm	Ciné Lumière	Australia From Romania with Love	Romania Romania/Germany
	7.30pm	Austrian Cultural Forum	Kick Off	Austria
Tue 21 Feb	6.30pm	Hungarian Cultural Centre	Panenka Against the Rest of the World World Champion	Czech Republic Estonia
	8.00pm	Lithuanian Embassy	Sabas	Lithuania
Wed 22 Feb	6.30pm	University College London	Marathon Boy	UK
	8.15pm	Ciné Lumière	To the Limit	Germany
Thu 23 Feb	6.15pm	Hungarian Cultural Centre	Danish Dynamite	Denmark
	8.15pm	Ciné Lumière	London 1948 – War & Olympics	Belgium



Venues

Austrian Cultural Forum London
28 Rutland Gate
London SW7 1PQ
T. 020 7225 7300
www.acflondon.org

Hungarian Cultural Centre
10, Maiden Lane, Covent Garden
London WC2E 7NA
T. 020 7240 8448
www.hungary.org.uk

Lithuanian Embassy
Lithuania House
2 Bessborough Gardens
Westminster
London SW1V 2JE
T. 020 7592 2840
www.lithuanianembassy.co.uk

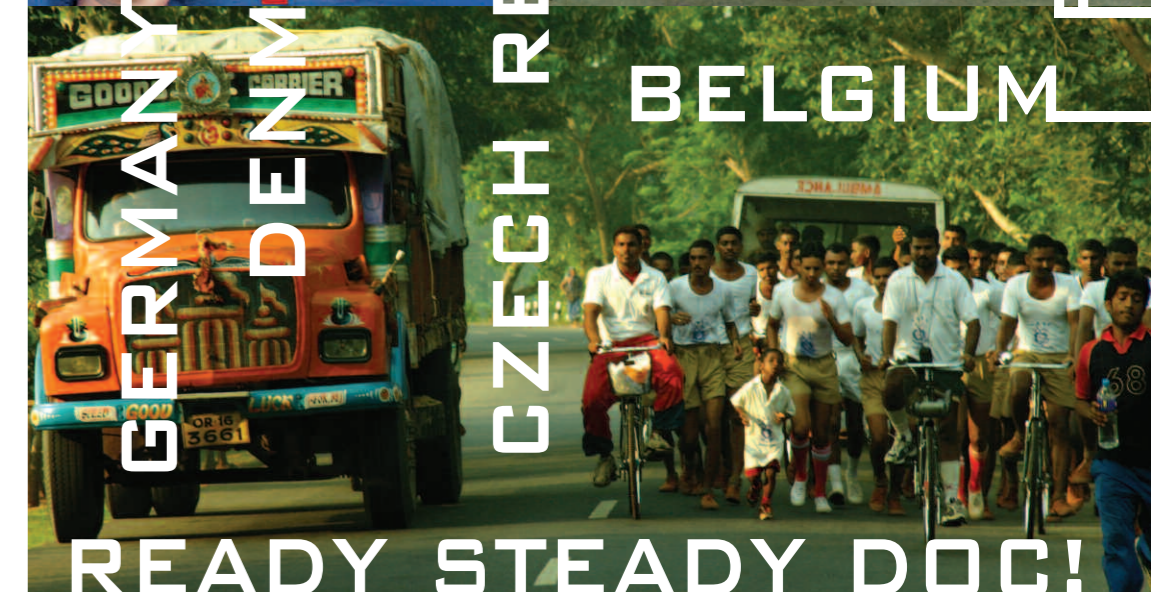
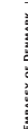
Ciné Lumière at the Institut français
17 Queensberry Place, South Kensington
London SW7 2DT
T. 020 7871 3515
www.institut-francais.org.uk

Italian Cultural Institute
39 Belgrave Square,
London SW1X 8NX
T. 020 7235 1461
www.icilondon.esteri.it

University College London
A V Hill Theatre
London WC1E 6BT
T. 020 7679 4907
www.opencitylondon.com

All films are subtitled in English (unless otherwise stated)

www.europeandocfestival.org.uk



Ready Steady Doc!
5th European
Documentary Festival

16 – 23 February 2012

Austrian Cultural Forum London
Ciné Lumière
Hungarian Cultural Centre
Italian Cultural Institute
Lithuanian Embassy
University College London