

LONDON SOCIALIST FILM CO-OP AT THE RENOIR

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A NATION THAT
OPPRESSES ANOTHER
CANNOT BE FREE.

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10.30 for 11am SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER 2009

Today's event is dedicated to the memory of Jack Firestein. Tickets must be obtained as usual but they will be issued free. We appreciate donations to cover the expenses and to contribute to the cost of completing the making of *Only a Bookseller*. We are grateful to Jill Nicholls and the BBC for permission to screen *This Land is Your Land*



ONLY A BOOKSELLER PHOTO: STILL: PLATFORM FILMS

FOLK AMERICA – THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND

Jill Nicholls, UK 2008 [E], DVD, 60 mins

In the depression of the 1930s, convicted murderer Leadbelly set a new agenda for folk music, redefining it as the voice of protest, the voice of the outsider and the oppressed.

Dustbowl drifter Woody Guthrie fitted the mould perfectly and the two of them teamed up with friends who believed 'they could make a better world if they all got together and just sang about it'. The documentary's contributors include Pete Seeger, Rambling Jack Elliot, Anna Lomax, Tom Paxton, Roger McGuinn, Woody Guthrie's sister and daughter and Josh White's son.



JACK FIRESTEIN – ONLY A BOOKSELLER

Chris Reeves, UK 2009, DVD, 60 mins

Jack Firestein ran a book stall, rain or shine, every Saturday morning outside the old Labour Party rooms in Bayham Street, NW1. He was a feisty campaigner for all the good causes. He fought at Anzio, was one of Lady Astor's 'D-Day Dodgers', was wounded and imprisoned by the Germans. He was one of the first members of the Unity Theatre Society from the 30s and an active founder member and convenor in 1990 of the London Socialist Film Co-op. But Jack was best known for his lifetime contribution to the labour movement – first in the Communist Party, then the Camden Labour Party and in his union.

Discussion led by Jill Nicholls and Chris Reeves



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10.30 for 11am SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2009

STILLS: ARTIFICIAL EYE



HIDDEN (CACHÉ)

Michael Haneke, Italy/Germany/France 2005
[advised 15], 35mm, English subtitles, 118 mins

The complacency of a middle class couple in Paris is shattered by a long-suppressed revelation. The static opening shot, which lasts for several minutes, is of the exterior of a house in a quiet Parisian neighbourhood. The credits are gradually typed across the screen, passers by come and go in the frame, and we hear voices on the soundtrack. The image is then fast-forwarded: we've actually been watching a surveillance tape, and Haneke is quickly warning us to treat with suspicion the 'reality' of what we are being shown.

Discussion led by Catherine Wheatley,
author of *Michael Haneke's Cinema*, Berghahn
Books, 2009, and **Jon Cruddas MP**



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10.30 for 11am SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER 2009



STILLS: ICAIC
AND AARO HAZAK

MEMORIES OF UNDERDEVELOPMENT

**Tomás Gutiérrez Alea, Cuba 1968 [cert tbc]
35mm, English subtitles, 104 mins**

Based on the novel of the same name by Edmundo Desnoes, the film is based on the diary of a middle class intellectual caught in the midst of the rapidly changing social reality of revolutionary Cuba. Sergio is a landlord and self-styled writer who decides to remain behind when his wife, family and friends, leave for Miami. But Sergio is unable to commit himself to the revolution either, and so remains a sceptical observer. His perceptions of Cuban society, both before and after the revolution, are interwoven with documentary footage of historical events, such as the Bay of Pigs invasion and the Cuban missile crisis of 1962.



SHATTERED SPACE

**Enrique Colina, ICAIC, and Stephen Hart, UCL,
Cuba 2009, DVD, English subtitles, 16 mins**

These documentaries, made at the 2009 International Film and TV School in Havana, portray aspects of contemporary Havana, including the everyday life of the man who carried Fidel Castro's rucksack in the Sierra Maestra 50 years ago, the art produced by the Taller de Gráfica, the ambition of a young girl to make it in Cuba's competitive music industry, and the determination of young boxers at a local boxing club to make their dreams come true.

Discussion led by Stephen Hart, Professor of Hispanic Studies at University College London

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10.30 for 11am SUNDAY 10 JANUARY 2010

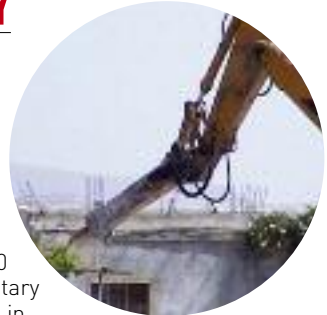


JERUSALEM... THE EAST SIDE STORY

Mohammed Alatar,
Palestine 2008 [E],
DVD, English
subtitles, 57 mins

This documentary covers nearly 100 years of history. It exposes the past 40 years of Israeli military occupation policies in

Jerusalem and their devastating impact on the city and its peoples. It features interviews with prominent Israeli and Palestinian leaders, peace activists and political analysts, including Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, Meron Benvenisti, Dr. Nazmi Ju'beh, Dr. Mahdi AbdulHadi, Professor Menahim Klein.



MATZPEN – ANTI ZIONIST ISRAELIS

Eran Torbiner, Israel
2003 [E], DVD, English
subtitles, 54 mins

Most members of the socialist organisation Matzpen were Israeli-born, coming from the core of Israeli society. Their fight against Zionism and against the occupation, as well as their contacts with Palestinian and European left-wing activists, were the cause of threats and slander, as well as political and social isolation.

The film touches on the main issues of the Zionist-Palestinian struggle, through the eyes of the organisation's prominent figures, their ideas, opinions and activities.



STILLS: ERAN TORBINER



STILLS: PALESTINIAN AGRICULTURAL RELIEF COMMITTEES

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Sunday 14 February 2010

Meeting Resistance

Molly Bingham/Steve Connors
USA 2007, DVD, 84 mins

and

Waiting for Mordechai

Jenny Morgan, UK 2005, DVD, 30 mins. Discussion led by
Jeremy Corbyn MP and Jenny Morgan

Sunday 14 March 2010

**The Brits Who
Fought for Spain**

Matt Richards, UK 2009, DVD,
c80 mins

and

The Long Road to Spain

Dan Carrier, UK work in progress, 10 mins. Discussion led
by Matt Richards, Max Arthur and Dan Carrier



Sunday 11 April 2010

American Sandinista

Jason Blalock, US 2009, DVD, EST, 31 mins
and



Tocar y Luchar

Alberto Arvelo Mendoza,
Venezuela 2006, DVD, EST
70 mins. Discussion led by
Jason Blalock and
Counsellor Alvaro
Sanchez, of the Venezuelan
Embassy press office

Sunday 9 May 2010

To be confirmed:

La Rue Cases Nègres

Euzhan Palcy, Martinique/France
1983, DVD, EST, 107 mins

Discussion led by Sylviane
Rano



**Sunday 13 June
2010**

La Cécilia

Jean Louis Comolli
Italy/France 1976, 16mm
EST, 110 mins

and

Tower Colliery

Claire Pollak, UK
2008, DVD, 11mins

Discussion led by
Carl Levy, Claire
Pollak and Stan
Newens



■ Full details of our February to June
programme will be available in January 2010

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ABOUT US

Now in its nineteenth year, the **London Socialist Film Co-op (LSFC)** promotes socialist culture by arranging screenings where people can see films and take part in a panel discussion.

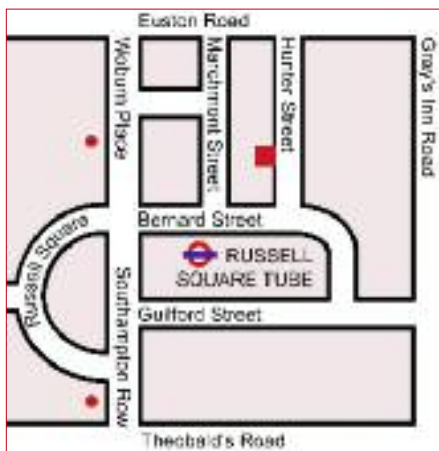
We show recent cinema releases and pictures that are rarely screened because they are old films, foreign films or were censored. We show films that inform and educate.

We encourage our members and like-minded filmmakers to make films and DVDs and we are always interested to hear of appropriate films – low-budget shorts or campaign videos as well as fully funded professional programmes – that we might want to screen.

We welcome members, old or new, who would like to help plan and organise activities and we are very happy to give advice to anyone interested in setting up a similar film co-op.

Cinema information:

Renoir Cinema, Brunswick Square, WC1.



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For updates on disabled access, please call the Renoir on **08717-033 991**

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Membership: shareholding £2, annual subscription £10, concessions £8. For membership enquiries: 020-7278 5764, nseyd@hotmail.com

Screenings are on the second Sunday of the month. Doors open at 10.30am. Films start promptly at 11am.

Want to run a film show? The LSFC is able to assist community groups and organisations with projection equipment for film/DVD/video shows in the London area. Please contact Chris on 020-7278 8394

Call for submissions. Have you a film or video you'd like to screen? The LSFC runs showings for new and old work by independent filmmakers or students. If you would like to participate, please send a DVD viewing copy to the address below. If the work is on film only, please ring Chris on 020-7278 8394

Your suggestions please. LSFC members are encouraged to send in suggestions for future showings and discussions. Those for the 2010-2011 season must be received by 31 March 2010

London Socialist Film Co-op
13 Foundling Court
Brunswick Centre
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The LSFC is a community co-operative, registered in England and Wales, Reg. No 29459R



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I wish to join the London Socialist Film Co-op and enclose cheque/postal order for £12/£10 (unwaged students, OAPs) payable to London Socialist Film Co-op. The fee includes an initial £2 for a member's shareholding. Existing shareholders wishing to renew their subscription pay £10/£8.

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I am a member of The Co-operative Group (previously CRS, CWS, etc.): Yes No

Membership: shareholding £2 annual subscription £10 £8 Donation _____

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Please return this form to: **The Membership Secretary, LSFC, 13 Foundling Court, Brunswick Centre, London WC1N 1QE. Enquiries: 020-7278 5764 or nseyd@hotmail.com**

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