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An Exclusive Exhibition featuring Original Costumes from Apple Original Film's *BLITZ*, written and directed by Steve McQueen

Opens today at the Barbican Centre Friday 25 October



Blitz, Apple Original Films

Friday 25 October: Apple Original Film's **BLITZ** costume exhibition will be unveiled today at Barbican Centre London in celebration of the film being released in cinemas on 1 November and on Apple TV+ on 22 November. **BLITZ** is directed, produced and written by Academy Award and BAFTA winner Steve McQueen. The exhibition will be free to access and include original costumes as worn in the film by **Saoirse Ronan**, **Elliott Heffernan** and **Paul Weller**.

The costumes have been designed by Academy Award and BAFTA winning costume designer **Jacqueline Durran**. The display will be located on Level G Foyer, Barbican Center between Fri 25 Oct – Fri 22 Nov.

Steve McQueen's BLITZ follows the epic journey of George (**Elliott Heffernan**), a 9-year-old boy in World War II London, whose mother Rita (**Saoirse Ronan**) sends him to safety in the English countryside. George, defiant and determined to return home to Rita and his grandfather Gerald (**Paul Weller**) in East London, embarks on an adventure, only to find himself in immense peril, while a distraught Rita searches for her missing son.

Written and directed by Academy and BAFTA Award-winning **Sir Steve McQueen**, the film stars Academy and BAFTA Award-nominee **Saoirse Ronan** and newcomer **Elliott Heffernan**, with **Harris Dickinson, Benjamin Clementine, Kathy Burke, Paul Weller, Stephen Graham, Leigh Gill, Mica Ricketts, CJ Beckford, Alex Jennings, Joshua McGuire, Hayley Squires, Erin Kellyman** and **Sally Messham** rounding out the cast.

Alex Davidson, Acting Head of Barbican Cinema says:

*"We are excited to be partnering with Apple Original Film to host this exhibition of the costumes of **BLITZ**. It's fantastic to showcase Jacqueline's talent with these stylish wartime costumes that bring the film to life. **BLITZ** portrays a vibrant and diverse World War II London as we've rarely seen before onscreen and we're also delighted to present a special preview of the film and ScreenTalk with director **Steve McQueen**, ahead of its general release in November."*

In addition to the costume display, the Barbican will also host an exclusive preview of **BLITZ + ScreenTalk** with writer/director **Steve McQueen** on Thu 31 Oct in Cinema 1. The Barbican is one of a few selected Cinemas in the UK to be screening the film from Fri 1 Nov, before its general release on Fri 8 Nov and then streams on Apple TV+ from Fri 22 Nov.

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THE COSTUMES OF BLITZ

Fri 25 Oct - Fri 22 Nov 2024

Barbican Centre, Level G Foyer

Silk St, London EC2Y 8DS

Free of charge

BLITZ PREVIEW + SCREENTALK WITH DIRECTOR STEVE MCQUEEN

Thu 31 Oct 2024, 6.10pm

Barbican Cinema 1

Silk Street, London EC2Y 8DS

Box office: www.barbican.org.uk

Tickets: Standard £14.50/ Members £11.60/ Young Barbican £5

GENERAL SCREENINGS OF *BLITZ*

Fri 1—Thu 7 Nov 2024

Barbican Cinema 1

Silk Street, London EC2Y 8DS

Box office: www.barbican.org.uk

Tickets: Standard £13/ Members £10.40/ Young Barbican £5

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About the Barbican

The Barbican is a catalyst for creativity, sparking possibilities for artists, audiences, and communities. We showcase the most exciting art from around the world, pushing traditional artistic boundaries to entertain and inspire millions of people, create connections, provoke debate, and reflect the world we live in.

We are an international arts and events centre rooted firmly in our own neighbourhood, collaborating with local communities and putting the City of London on the map as a destination for everybody. Central to our purpose is supporting emerging talent and shaping opportunities that will accelerate the next generation of creatives.

As a not-for-profit, we rely on the generosity of individuals and organisations, including our principal funder the City of London Corporation. Every ticket purchased, donation made, and pound earned supports our arts and learning programme and enables the widest possible range of people to experience the joy of the arts.

Opened in 1982, the Barbican is a unique and audacious building, recognised globally as an architectural icon. As well as our theatres, galleries, concert halls and cinemas, we have a large conservatory with over 1,500 species of plants and trees, a library, conference facilities, public and community spaces, restaurants, bars, and a picturesque lakeside oasis.

We're proud to be the home of the [London Symphony Orchestra](#), and a London base of the [Royal Shakespeare Company](#). We regularly co-commission, produce and showcase the work of our other associates and partners including the [Academy of Ancient Music](#), [the BBC Symphony Orchestra](#), [Boy Blue](#), [Britten Sinfonia](#), [Cheek by Jowl](#), [Darbar Festival](#), [Doc'n Roll Film Festival](#), [Drum Works](#), [EFG London Jazz Festival](#), [London Palestine Film Festival](#), [Serious](#), and [Trafalgar Entertainment](#).

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About Barbican Cinema

We connect audiences with a curated programme of international cinema; from celebrated

filmmakers to ground-breaking and under-heard voices from past and present.

Our programmes are presented in Cinemas 1 in the main centre and Cinemas 2&3 on Beech Street. Our programme ranges from thematic seasons that respond to today's world, to new releases, ScreenTalks, cross-artform collaborations, family events, access screenings and event cinema that presents the performing arts on screen.

We showcase the work of emerging filmmakers, as well as less familiar work of exceptional filmmakers from the UK and around the world. We champion the work of Barbican Young Programmers and give stage to emerging musicians in our ongoing film & live music series which includes our flagship collaboration with the Guildhall School of Music & Drama.

As part of a cross-arts centre, our cinemas are a cultural space for people to share the viewing experience. We strive to be inclusive in everything we do; providing platforms for the widest possible range of filmmakers and ensuring we are an open, welcoming and accessible venue for all our audiences.

About Apple Original Films

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Momentum around the Apple Original Films slate continues to grow since the debut of Apple TV+ four years ago. In addition to Apple making history as the first streaming service to land the Academy Award for Best Picture with "CODA," Apple Original Film "The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse" also recently earned the Academy Award for Best Animated Short, "Killers of the Flower Moon" recently landed 10 historic Oscar nominations, including Best Picture, and "Napoleon," from Ridley Scott, landed three Oscar nominations. Highly anticipated Apple Original Films include an upcoming Jon Watts thriller starring Academy Award winners George Clooney and Brad Pitt who will both produce under Clooney's Smokehouse Pictures and Pitt's Plan B Entertainment; "The Instigators," a heist-gone-wrong film starring Matt Damon and Casey Affleck for director Doug Liman; "Blitz," from Academy Award-winning filmmaker Sir Steve McQueen; an untitled Formula 1 feature film starring Brad Pitt from director Joseph Kosinski and producer Jerry Bruckheimer; and more.

About Apple TV+

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