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axis Ballymun and Dublin City Council Arts Office in association with the Irish Film Institute and access Cinema launch

THE PICTURES

New Monthly Film Club for Over 55's

axis Ballymun and Dublin City Council's Arts Office, in association with The Irish Film Institute and access Cinema are launching a new monthly Film Club for over 55's. The Pictures commences this month with the classic comedy ***Some Like It Hot*** and will show one screening per month of all genres of films in axis arts and community resource centre, Ballymun.

The film club is a new initiative lead by the Arts Office, Dublin City Council. Anne Marie Lyons, the North West Area Arts Officer, has been working on establishing a film club for older people following the very successful response to the film screenings during the Bealtaine Festival and Ballymun Positive Ageing Week last year. She said, "We are delighted to be working with axis on this initiative and feel that the The Pictures Film Club for over 55's will play an exciting part in our extended arts service to city communities".

Registration for The Pictures will take place at 2pm on Monday 28th January at axis Ballymun and will be followed by a free screening of *Some Like it Hot*. Billy Wilder's classic comedy, starring Tony Curtis and Marilyn Monroe, tells the story of two musicians who inadvertently become witnesses to the St Valentine Day's massacre and are forced to hit the road in an all female band disguised as women to escape the wrath of the gangsters. En route further complications set in when one falls for another band member but can't tell her his gender, and the other has a rich suitor who will not take no for an answer.

Seasonal membership costs are €2 plus €2 per film, non-members €4 per film. The season continues with three other films: ***About Schmidt*** on Monday 18th February at 2.30pm, ***The Swingin' 60's*** on Monday 31st March at 2.30pm and ***The Painted Veil*** on Monday 28th April at 2.30pm.

Members are also invited to the axis Café for lunch prior to the films where there will be special events such as music, bingo and singalongs.

These films are subject to confirmation by the distributor and therefore may be subject to change.

About Schmidt -The Golden Globe winning film tells the story of Warren Schmidt (Jack Nicholson) who arrives at several of life's crossroads at the same time. Set adrift following retirement and the sudden death of his wife, he sets out on a journey of self-discovery in a desperate bid to find something meaningful in his unimpressive life.

The Swinigin' 60's: 3 short films from the Irish Film Archive offers a look at 60's Ireland. The One Nighters follows the adventures of the popular Royal Showband on tour. Amharc Eireann was a series of Irish Language newsreel films produced by Gael Linn, to be shown in Irish Cinemas from 1959- 1964, this issue, dating from May 1964, is typical of the series. The New Matchmakers features courtship etiquette for young farmers; street dancing in Lisdoonvarna and ballroom dancing at the Anonymous Bachelor Club in Limerick and shows interviews with young county-men and women as they find their feet in Dublin.

The Painted Veil – Based on the novel of the same name and set against the visually stunning backdrop of 1920s China, The Painted Veil tells a unique love story of an estranged husband (Edward Norton) and wife (Naomi Watts) who find redemption and unexpected grace in a very unlikely place.

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