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Monthly Film Club for Over 55's & Friends **axis**, Ballymun

The Pictures' summer season will this month begin with a screening of the Oscar winning family comedy ***Little Miss Sunshine*** (Monday 26th May, 2.30pm). The monthly film club for over 55's was launched in January 2008 by **axis** Ballymun and Dublin City Council's Arts Office, in association with The Irish Film Institute and access Cinema. Since January, **axis** Ballymun have screened one film per month of all genres and this summer they will show a comedy, romance, thriller and even a surprise film.

The film club was developed by Dublin City Council Arts Office in association with **axis**. 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.

The Pictures film club currently has over 120 members with new members joining all the time. Due to popular demand **axis** are extending seasonal membership has now been extended to annual membership, which costs €2 plus €2 per film, non-members €4 per film. The season continues with three other films: ***Casablanca*** on Monday 30th June at 2.30pm, ***The Lives of Others*** on Monday 28th July at 2.30pm and a ***Surprise Film*** on Monday 25th August at 2.30pm. These films are subject to confirmation by the distributor and therefore may be subject to change. Members are also invited to the **axis** Café for lunch prior to the films to enjoy a cuppa or a bite to eat.

Little Miss Sunshine - is an American road comedy that shatters the mould. Audiences are introduced to one of the most endearingly fractured families, The Hoovers, whose trip to beauty pageant results not only in comic mayhem but in death, transformation, and a moving look at the surprising rewards of being losers in a winning-crazed culture.

Casablanca – Set in the Moroccan city of Casablanca during World War II, this classic romance tells the story of an American expatriate who meets a former lover, with unforeseen consequences. Stars Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman.

The Lives of Others: Winner of the 2007 Academy Award for Best Foreign Language film this thriller/drama set in 1984 East Berlin tells the story of an agent of the secret police, conducting surveillance on a writer and his lover, who finds himself becoming increasingly absorbed by their lives.

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