

QUESTIONNAIRE

FEBRUARY 2023

Select no more than **EIGHT** titles and put the number of each film in the boxes at the end. This does not mean that season 2023-2024 will be entirely from this list.

1. **The Quiet Girl** (6/22). Bafta-nominated Irish language feature: a young girl is sent to live with relatives in the summer of 1981 and blossoms. **S/T**
2. **Good Luck to You, Leo Grande** (7 & 8/22). Emma Thompson is Nancy, a retired – and widowed – teacher who hires a male escort. Witty and poignant drama.
3. **Anaïs in Love** (9/22). French drama. Anaïs is a graduate student who meets an older man; the twist is that she falls in love with his wife. **S/T**
4. **Where is Anne Frank** (9/22). A clever animated film from Ari Folman (*Waltz with Bashir*) that combines the past and the present day.
5. **Both Sides of the Blade** (10/22). Claire Denis's latest French drama examines Sara and Jean's happy relationship that changes when her ex-lover reappears. **S/T**
6. **Catherine, Called Birdy** (10/22). 14-year-old Catherine is about to be married off in this 13th-century comedy; potentially, it has the most laughs since *C'est la Vie*.
7. **The Banshees of Inisherin** (11/22). *Banshees* is an Irish tragicomedy that unravels a long-standing friendship on the smallest of the Aran islands, in 1923.
8. **One Second** (11/22). Chinese film from Zhang Yimou set during the Cultural Revolution; a labour-camp escapee forms a tentative partnership with an orphan. **S/T**
9. **Emily** (11/22). Biopic of Emily Brontë and how she *might* have been inspired to write *Wuthering Heights*!
10. **See How They Run** (11/22). London's West End, 1953 - The Mousetrap has reached its 100th performance, when the proposed director of a film adaptation is murdered . . .
11. **Living** (12/22). This is a remake of the 1952 Japanese classic *Ikiru* and stars Bill Nighy as the civil servant who discovers he has only months to live.
12. **Medieval** (12/22). A Czech drama that was filmed in English and covers the early life of national hero Jan Zizka, a 15th-century knight-mercenary.
13. **Aftersun** (12/22). A woman in her thirties looks back on a holiday she took as a child with her father. Several critics have said this modest drama is one of the year's best.
14. **Call Jane** (12/22). The Jane Collective was an abortion support network in the US during the 1960s. Elizabeth Banks and Sigourney Weaver head the cast.
15. **The Gravedigger's Wife** (12/22). A man returns to his home village hoping the sale of his herd will pay for his wife's operation. A film helping to reawaken Somali film culture. **S/T**
16. **Corsage** (1&2/23). Back to 1877 and Empress Elisabeth of Austria is in a reflective mood – underpinned by a soundtrack including The Rolling Stones and Kris Kristofferson.
17. **Utama** (1&2/23). *Utama* is a low-key drama, with some spectacular scenery, about an elderly couple in rural Bolivia. **S/T**
18. **Alcarràs** (1&2/23). Three generations of a large family struggle to make a living from a Catalan peach farm, as modern technology intrudes. **S/T**

19. **Tori and Lokita** (1&2/23). The latest film from the Dardenne brothers, a Cannes prize winner, is about two young African refugees trying to survive in Belgium. **S/T**
20. **Empire of Light** (1&2/23). Olivia Colman is the duty manager in a seaside cinema during the 1980s (Margate, alas, not Lyme Regis).
21. **Till** (1&2/23). Moving drama, taken from real events, about the lynching of Emmett Till (aged 14) in 1955 and his mother's fight for justice and civil rights for all.
22. **She Said** (1&2/23). Carey Mulligan heads the cast of this newsroom drama, as one of two journalists who uncovered the Harvey Weinstein scandal.
23. **The Fabelmans** (3/23). Steven Spielberg's love letter to his younger self and to the cinema that became his passion and his life.
24. **Nostalgia** (3/23). Felice returns to Naples after 40 years of living in Egypt still feeling the guilt of his best friend becoming a gangster. **S/T**
25. **EO** (3/23). An update of the 1966 Bresson classic *Au Hasard Balthazar* follows a donkey on its perilous navigation of Europe's human world. **S/T**
26. **Saint Omer** (3/23). A writer, Rama, sits in on the trial of a mother accused of killing her own daughter; all sides are presented in a strong story. **S/T**
27. **Blue Jean** (3/23). Jean is a popular PE teacher – but she is a lesbian, it is 1988 and the government is trying to introduce Section 28
28. **Women Talking** (3/23). Mennonite women are assaulted regularly whilst they sleep. Which option do they choose: flight, fight or do nothing?
29. **The Whale** (3/23). This film has attracted some controversy, but Brendan Fraser gives a tremendous performance as a professor ashamed of his 600-pound body.

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