

**INCREDIBLE STORIES IN MAY  
EXCLUSIVE STORIES AND NEW ZEALAND PREMIERES.**



**TOP 6 MAY HIGHLIGHTS**



## THE THICKET

PREMIERES MAY 3, 8.30PM

When fierce bounty hunter Reginald Jones is recruited by a desperate man to track down a ruthless killer known only as 'Cutthroat Bill', he rallies a band of unlikely heroes including a grave-digging ex-slave and a street-smart woman-for-hire. Together they embark on a perilous quest to track down Cutthroat Bill that leads them into the deadly 'no-man's-land' known as...The Thicket.

### CAST:

Four x Primetime Emmy Award Winner Peter Dinklage (Brothers), Oscar Nominee Juliette Lewis (Yellowjackets)



## KID SNOW

PREMIERES MAY 10, 8.30PM

A washed-up Irish boxer named 'Kid Snow' is finally faced with a chance to redeem himself when he is offered a rematch against the man he fought a decade prior, on a night that changed his life forever. When he meets single mother, Sunny, he is forced to contemplate a future beyond boxing.

### CAST:

Billy Howle (The Perfect Couple), Tom Bateman (Based on A True Story)



## GIRL YOU KNOW IT'S TRUE

PREMIERES MAY 17, 8.30PM

Dancers Rob Pilatus and Fab Morvan rise to worldwide fame in the late 80's as Milli Vanilli. They became pop sensations. But the duo never sang a word in their songs nor their debut album and, when the truth was finally revealed, they started one of the biggest scandals in music history.

### CAST:

Tijan Njie, Elan Ben Ali



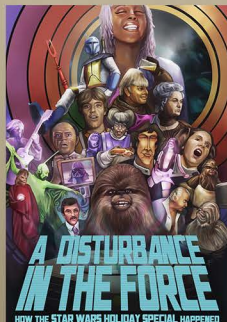
## THE APPRENTICE

PREMIERES MAY 31, 8.30PM

1970s New York. Aspiring mogul Donald Trump, determined to emerge from his powerful father's shadow and make a name for himself in Manhattan real estate, is in the earliest days of his career when he encounters the man who will become one of the most important figures in his life, political fixer Roy M. Cohn. Seeing promise in young Donald, the influential attorney who secured espionage convictions against Julius and Ethel Rosenberg and investigated suspected Communists alongside Senator Joseph McCarthy, teaches his new acolyte how to amass wealth and power through deception, intimidation, and media manipulation. The rest is history.

### CAST:

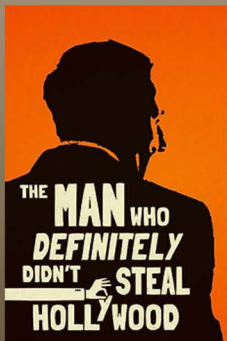
Oscar Nominee Sebastian Stan (A Different Man), Oscar Nominee Jeremy Strong (Succession)



## A DISTURBANCE IN THE FORCE

PREMIERES MAY 7, 8.30PM

In 1978, filmmaker George Lucas is persuaded to turn over Star Wars to the world of the '70s variety hour, culminating in 'The Star Wars Holiday Special', often cited as one of the worst forms of entertainment of all time. It only aired once. The behind-the-scenes story of the making of the infamous 'Special', featuring interviews with Seth Green, Weird Al Yankovic.

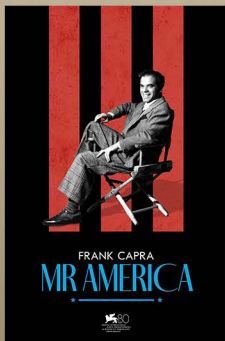


## THE MAN WHO DEFINITELY DIDN'T STEAL HOLLYWOOD

PREMIERES MAY 14, 8.30PM

When a former waiter turned movie mogul, Giancarlo Parretti, buys the legendary MGM/UA (the studio behind The Wizard of Oz, Gone with the Wind and the Bond franchise) for \$1.3 billion in 1990, everyone hoped this charismatic Italian, with a mysterious mountain of cash to spend, will make the lion roar again. But within weeks, the 17th James Bond movie is put on ice and pay cheques to Dustin Hoffman bounce. Parretti soon faces an FBI investigation for alleged financial irregularities and his ownership of Hollywood's most famous studio spirals out of control. With unprecedented access to MGM insiders, directors, actors, writers and Giancarlo Parretti himself, The Man Who Definitely Didn't Steal Hollywood unpacks one of Hollywood's biggest scandals blow-by-blow.

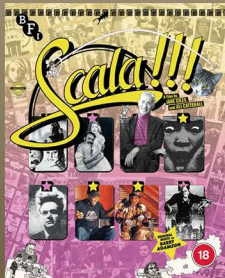




## FRANK CAPRA: MR AMERICA

PREMIERES MAY 21, 8.30PM

Frank Capra: Mr America tells the story of how Frank Capra, a young immigrant, rose through the ranks of early Hollywood to become one of the great American storytellers, and one of the most influential filmmakers of his generation. His iconic films include It's A Wonderful Life and Mr Smith Goes To Washington offered an inspiring vision of America where ideals win, integrity triumphs and ordinary people have their day.



## SCALA!!!

PREMIERES MAY 28, 8.30PM

In Britain's post-punk Thatcher years, the infamous and legendary Scala cinema showed a diverse range of films, from high art to cult classics, sexploitation, horror, Kung-Fu and LGBTQIA+. Nudging boundaries of convention, it became an inspiration for future famous creatives. With interviews from nearly fifty contributors, previously unseen archive footage and film clips, Scala!!! is an anarchic, uproarious documentary telling the riotous inside story of the cinema. It was finally forced to close for screening A Clockwork Orange, the film that Kubrick had pulled from UK distribution.



## WELCOME TO THE DARKNESS

PREMIERES MAY 1, 8.30PM

In 2003, British glam rockers The Darkness took the world by storm with their smash hit single 'I Believe in A Thing Called Love'. Then at the height of their fame, the band split up and fell into obscurity. Twenty years on from their platinum-selling debut, they tell their story. Featuring Ed Sheeran and Brian May.



## CATCHING FIRE: THE STORY OF ANITA PALLENEBERG

PREMIERES MAY 8, 8.30PM

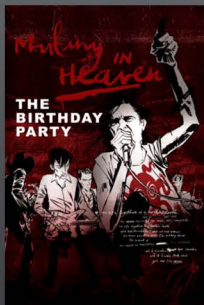
Anita Pallenberg was at many points in her life a newspaper headline - a "rock 'n' roll goddess", a "voodoo priestess," and an "evil seductress" in the 60's. She was accused of trying to break up The Rolling Stones, among other things. Never-seen-before home movies and family photographs explore her life with The Rolling Stones and tell a bittersweet tale of both triumph and heartbreak. From Barbarella to the Swiss Alps, and the Lower East Side to London, Anita Pallenberg was a creative force ahead of her time.



## RYUICHI SAKAMOTO: OPUS

PREMIERES MAY 15, 8.30PM

On 28 March 2023, legendary composer Ryuichi Sakamoto passed away after his struggle against cancer. In the years leading up to his death, Sakamoto could no longer perform live. Single concerts, not to mention sprawling global tours, were too taxing. Despite this, in late 2022, Sakamoto mustered all his energy to leave the world with one final performance: a concert film, featuring just him and his piano.



## MUTINY IN HEAVEN: THE BIRTHDAY PARTY

PREMIERES MAY 29, 8.30PM

Mutiny In Heaven is the first fully authorised telling of the history of The Birthday Party, one of underground music's most notorious and influential bands. Narrated exclusively by the original band members, this film delves deep into a band's psyche, chronicling how Nick Cave and his school friends startled audiences with their confrontational performances, primal screams, outlaw gothic horror, and anarchic lifestyle. Featuring never-before-seen personal footage from band members, dynamic animation sequences, and jaw-dropping concert clips, the film provides a sweaty, electrifying front-row seat to one of the most legendary live acts in rock history.