

## BFI Southbank presents Sonic Cinema and the UK Premiere of: **Anyone Can Play Guitar**



**Featuring special guests from Radiohead, Supergrass and Ride**

BFI Southbank's new strand **Sonic Cinema**, which fuses film and music in exciting ways, presents the UK premiere of **Anyone Can Play Guitar** (2011) in November. **John Spira's** extraordinary music documentary celebrates the Oxford music scene that gave the world genre-defining acts such as **Radiohead, Ride, Supergrass** and **Foals**.

Five years in the making with independent financing, *Anyone Can Play Guitar* is an intimate document of the alternative music scene in Oxford, telling the story of the people and the bands against the backdrop of the last 30 years of the British music industry. The film features new interviews and previously unseen archive material of artists that include Radiohead, Foals, **Swervedriver**, **The Candyskins** and **Talulah Gosh**. Narrated by comedian **Stewart Lee**, *Anyone Can Play Guitar* not only celebrates the remarkable bands that emerged from the Oxford scene, but also gives a voice to the bands that didn't make it, and in so doing highlights the harsh realities of the popular music industry.

After the screening, BUG front man **Adam Buxton** will be joined on-stage by **Ed O'Brien** and **Colin Greenwood** of Radiohead, **Gaz Coombes** of Supergrass, **Mark Gardener** of Ride and the film's director Jon Spira, to reveal rare insights into their musical experiences. This will lead into a live performance from musicians featured in the film, followed by DJ sets from Mark Gardener and Tayo Popoola (co-curator of Sonic Cinema) in the benugo bar and kitchen.

This event will be the second instalment of the new, bi-monthly event *Sonic Cinema* at BFI Southbank. Last month saw Radio One's **Rob da Bank** perform a live soundtrack to **King Kong** (1933). Each *Sonic Cinema* will be an exciting evening of explorations in music and moving image, with screenings of feature films and documentaries, plus live performances that marry the two art forms together in innovative ways. The BFI strand is curated by Stuart Brown, Head of Events at BFI Southbank, and Tayo Popoola, renowned music producer and

DJ. Whatever the main feature, the night is set to become a regular highlight in the clubbers' diary, with live music and DJ sets rounding off the evening in the benugo bar & kitchen.

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