



DRIVING MISS DAISY: THE PLAY
PLUS Q&A WITH ANGELA LANSBURY AT BFI SOUTHBANK
STARRING ANGELA LANSBURY AND JAMES EARL JONES –
FILMED AT THE COMEDY THEATRE, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA IN 2013



Monday 31 March 2014, London.

BFI Southbank today announces a special screening of *Driving Miss Daisy: The Play*, starring **Angela Lansbury** and **James Earl Jones**, filmed at The Comedy Theatre, Melbourne in 2013. This very special screening on **Sunday 25 May** is presented in association with Omniverse Vision and will be followed by an **onstage Q&A** with **Angela Lansbury**, who was recently made a Dame in the 2014 New Year's Honours list.

This stunning comedy-drama play based on the 1989 film of the same name starring two of the world's greatest living actors - five-time Tony Award® and three-time Academy Award® nominee **Angela Lansbury** and two-time Tony Award® winner and Academy Award® nominee **James Earl Jones**, alongside four time Tony Award® winner **Boyd Gaines**.

Driving Miss Daisy: The Play tells the affecting story of the decades-long relationship between a stubborn Southern matriarch and her compassionate chauffeur. An iconic tale of pride, changing times and the transformative power of friendship, the play has warmed the hearts of millions of theatregoers worldwide. The subsequent Q&A with Lansbury will provide audiences with an insight in to her motivations for taking on the role, as well as providing an opportunity to look back at her incredible career in film and on the stage.

Event Listings:

Driving Miss Daisy + Q&A with Angela Lansbury

Sun 25 May 17:30 NFT1

Tickets £24, concs £16 (BFI Members pay £1.50 less). One ticket covers both the play and the Q&A. BFI Champion and Cinema Members can enter a ballot for up to two tickets before 12:00 on Fri 4 April at bfi.org.uk/members. Any unclaimed tickets will be available for general sale at 11:30am on Sat 12 April.

Press Contacts:

Liz Parkinson – Assistant Press Officer, BFI Southbank
liz.parkinson@bfi.org.uk / 020 7957 8918

Ilona Cheshire – Press Officer, BFI Southbank
ilona.cheshire@bfi.org.uk / 020 7957 8986

NOTES TO EDITORS:

About the BFI

The BFI is the lead organisation for film in the UK with the ambition to create a flourishing film environment in which innovation, opportunity and creativity can thrive by:

- Connecting audiences to the widest choice of British and World cinema
- Preserving and restoring the most significant film collection in the world for today and future generations
- Championing emerging and world class film makers in the UK investing in creative, distinctive and entertaining work
- Promoting British film and talent to the world
- Growing the next generation of film makers and audiences

The BFI Southbank is open to all. BFI members are entitled to a discount on all tickets. BFI Southbank Box Office tel: 020 7928 3232. Unless otherwise stated tickets are £11.00, concs £8.50 Members pay £1.50 less on any ticket. Website www.bfi.org.uk/southbank

Tickets for FREE screenings and events must be booked in advance by calling the Box Office to avoid disappointment

BFI Shop

The BFI Shop is stocked and staffed by BFI experts with over 1,200 book titles and 1,000 DVDs to choose from, including hundreds of acclaimed books and DVDs produced by the BFI.

The benugo bar & kitchen

Eat, drink and be merry in panoramic daylight. benugo's décor is contemporary, brightly lit and playful with a lounge space, bar and dining area. The place to network, hang out, unpack a film, savour the best of Modern British or sip on a cocktail.

There's more to discover about film and television through the BFI. Our world-renowned archival collections, cinemas, festivals, films, publications and learning resources are here to inspire you.

*****PICTURE DESK*****

A selection of images for journalistic use in promoting BFI Southbank screenings can be found at www.image.net under BFI / BFI Southbank / May 2014 / Special Events