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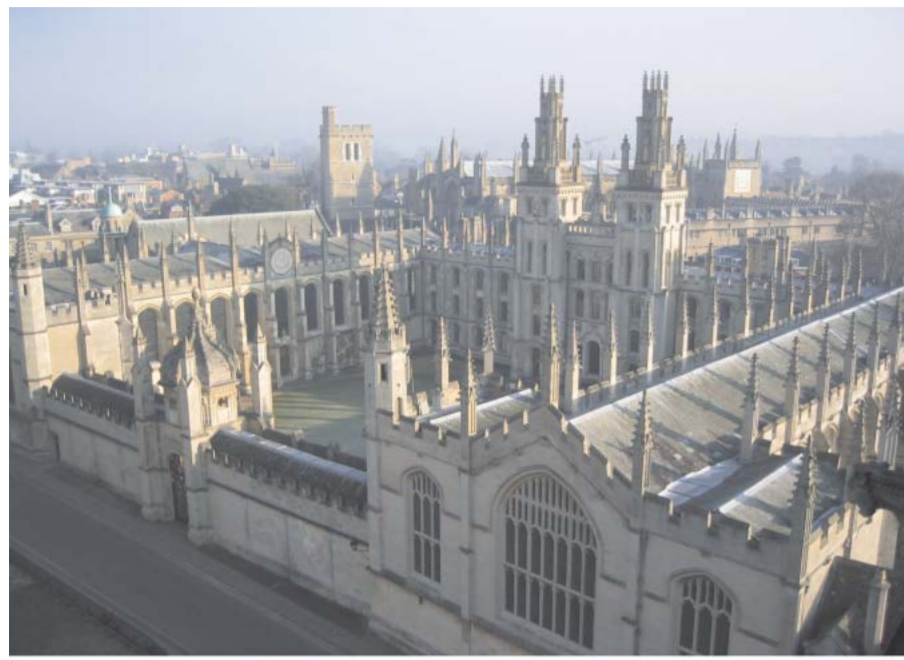
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All Souls College, Oxford

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MAY MORNING EVENTS

WHERE	WHAT	WHEN
North Parade	Morris Dancers and general parading.	12.30pm
Fishers Restaurant.	Champagne breakfast: £9.95. Full english or smoked salmon & scrambled eggs, with a glass of bubbly. Booking advised, but walk-ins possible.	6am - to about 8am
Friends, Walton Street	Champagne breakfast	6.30-8.30am
King's Arms, by the lights at the end of Broad street	Full English breakfast, veggie or carnivore. Arrange your free ticket in advance.	6.30-8.30am
Next Door, ...next door to King's Arms	Full English breakfast, veggie or carnivore	6ish (awaiting license details) until probably 10ish.
White Horse, Broad Street	Breakfast available, Morris dancers outside.	6.00-8.00am
Tuf Tavern, Bath Place	Bacon & Sausage baguettes	6.00-8.00am
Gloucester Arms, Friar's Entry	Full breakfast £3.50, Monster breakfast with steak £5.50	From 6.30am (fish) right through
Cock & Camel, George St	DJ, bacon & sausage butties, cheese toasties, champagne offers 6-9am, full breakfast from 9.00.	6.00 open, license 6.30-8.30
Grapes, George St	Breakfast & drinks	6.00-9.00am
Grand Cafe, 84 High St	Two set breakfast sittings, £14.95 with champagne, £10.95 without. Booking essential	6.30-7.30, 7.30-8.30

~May Morning~



CINEMA

Until Thurs 1st May

Odeon George Street
0870 5050007
THE JUNGLE BOOK 2 (U) Daily: 12.15, 2.15, 4.30, 7.15, 9.15
Mowgli's back for more adventures
DREAMCATCHER (15) Daily: 1.00, 4.45, 8.00
Ravenous space worms... See review at dailyinfo.co.uk
Wheelchair access Thu only
PHONE BOOTH (15) Daily: 2.00*, 4.15*, 6.30*, 8.45*
Don't ever be bad... or don't ever answer the phone. See review at dailyinfo.co.uk
No wheelchair access Thu 25TH HOUR (15) Daily: 1.30*, 5.00*, 8.15*
Spike Lee's latest: love it or hate it. See review, above right
HOW TO LOSE A GUY IN 10 DAYS (12A) Daily: 12.00, 2.45, 5.45, 8.30
...it's trickier when he's got a bet on making you fall in love with him
JOHNNY ENGLISH (PG) Thu: 12.30, 3.00, 5.30, 7.45
Rowan Atkinson in spy spoof. See review at dailyinfo.co.uk
X-MEN 2 (12A) Thu: 1.15, 4.30, 7.45
They're, erm, back.

Odeon Magdalen Street
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X-MEN 2 (12A) Thu: 1.45*, 5.00*, 8.15*
They're, erm, back.
WELCOME TO COLLINWOOD (15) Thu: 1.45, 4.00, 6.45, 9.00
George Clooney in 'idiots try to conduct heist' scenario. See review at dailyinfo.co.uk

Phoenix Picture House 512526
RUSSIAN ARK (U) Thu: 2.15, 6.45, 9.00
The history of the country, condensed into a dream-like 96 minutes.
LILJA 4-EVER (18) Daily: 2.00, 4.15, 6.30, 8.45
The youth of Russia. See review at dailyinfo.co.uk
BERGMAN: CRIES AND WHISPERS (15) Thu: 7.15
Check time with cinema
'Haunting & shattering'
Ultimate Picture Palace 245288

FRIDA (15) Thu: 7.00
A political, sexual and artistic revolutionary
AVALON (12) Thu: 9.30
The youth of a devastated future world plunge into virtual reality.
* = Wheelchair Access

THEATRE REVIEW



Comic highlights included the wonderfully dead-pan Ashley Harvey as Charles the Butler, Sam Hedges as the swifly-aging Sir Jasper Tring (an actor with admirable command of a walking stick for a 17-year-old) and Alex Williams (as Bill Snibson) whose innumerable antics added zest to a huge (and very funny) part.

The direction (a debut by Dave Crewe) was innovative, and the music supplied by the fourteen-piece band was toe-tapping stuff. The young and extremely talented cast pulled off the 2½ hour performance to loads of curtain calls and spontaneous applause. Don't miss next year's performance!

Joe Pike, 26.04.03

MEETINGS/LECTURES

MOLECULAR EVOLUTION, VARIATION, AND BIO-INFORMATICS / Inaugural Lecture by Prof J Hein, Professor of Bioinformatics / 5pm / Schools
EUROPE: VANISHING MEDIATOR? / Lecture by Etienne Balibar, University of Paris X. Admission free / Thursday 1st May at 5.15pm / Maison Française, Northam Road / Tel: 274220, Fax: 274225 / maison@herald.ox.ac.uk

THEATRE

Until Thurs 1st May

Oxford Playhouse 305305
STONES IN HIS POCKETS Mon 28 - Sat 3
Daily: 7.30pm Thu & Sat: 2.30, 7.30 Fri: 8pm
A Hollywood studio descends on an Irish village. See review at dailyinfo.co.uk
The Apollo Oxford 0870 6063500
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CINEMA REVIEW

In Spike Lee's '25th Hour', drug dealer Monty Brogan has been shipped to the Drug Enforcement Agency, and is due to be incarcerated in 24 hours. If he manages to come out the other side of his seven-year sentence alive, he knows his life will never be the same again. The film follows his last day and night of freedom, as he tries to settle accounts with his oldest friends (played by Barry Pepper and Philip Seymour Hoffman), his wife (Rosario Dawson), his father (Brian Cox) and his Ukrainian suppliers.

'25th Hour' is as defiantly far from Hollywood in its narrative as in its New York setting, flirting with conventional revenge and escape plots only to reject them for something altogether more true to life, just as Monty in the end decides to abandon the American Dream for a much harsher version of American history, where for him there is no future. Edward Norton is cleverly cast as Monty, and allowed to riff off several of his previous screen roles: so when he is interviewed by DEA officers, Norton tries to play all innocent as he did in his first film 'Primal Fear' but fails because this time he's no choirboy; and we have a good idea of what will happen to a pretty picture like him once in prison, because that picture has already been painted graphically in our minds by 'American History X' - and this time he's no neo-nazi thug capable of putting up a fight.

David Beni off's novel, on which '25th Hour' is based, was in fact written before the Twin Towers came down, but like his fellow New Yorker Woody Allen, Spike Lee has always been, amongst other things, the city's unofficial archivist in celluloid, and here the spectre of Ground Zero forms an ever-present visual reference point to haunt the proceedings. Under Lee's direction, this story of life cut short, of unresolved anger, guilt and bitterness, and of the difficulty of saying goodbye, becomes an elegy for post-9/11 New York.

All the performances in '25th Hour' are superb, with those of Edward Norton and Brian Cox especially remarkable. Beni off's script is compelling, and Lee's direction is full of his usual bravura touches without ever distracting from the drama. If I have any criticism at all, it is that I found the characters a little soulless, and it was therefore harder to feel sympathy for them in their plight.

Still, this film confirms Lee's reputation as one of the greatest living directors. Well worth a look.

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