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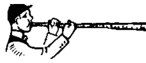

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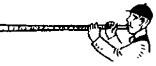

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Adderbury Ensemble
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Tickets: Playhouse 01865 305305 / 07518 479062
Sheldonian Theatre
Thu 8 Mar, 8.00pm

Jibb Rishes Songologue
A Vocal Clown
Irish vocalist Anne L Ryan
Friday 9 March, 8pm, Tickets: £10/£8
Old Fire Station Theatre
George St, OX1 2AQ
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GIGS

Tue 6th

ONE ARABIAN NIGHT / Beautiful and hilarious improvised tales based on 1001 Arabian Nights / The Oxford Imps / 7.30pm, £6 (£5) / Burton Taylor Studio, Gloucester St, OX1 2BN; Tel: 01865 305305

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Wed 7th

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THE MILK / Soul / RnB / DHP Concerts / 8pm. £6 / O2 Academy Oxford, 190 Cowley Road, Oxford OX4 1UE; Tel: Box Office: 0844 477 2000 / Info: 0905 020 3999 (25p/min)

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Odeon George St (0871 2244 007)

A DANGEROUS METHOD [15] — Tue - Thu: 9.00pm
David Cronenberg's period drama about Freud, Jung and the birth of psychoanalysis.

PROJECT X [18] — daily: 1.45, 4.15, 6.45, 9.15pm
Teen house party descends into mayhem. Subt.Sat 1.45, Tue 6.45, Wed 4.15

SAFE HOUSE [15] — Mon: 9pm, Tue - Thu: 2.15, 5.15, 8.15pm
A young CIA agent and his fugitive prisoner go on the run. Subt: Tue 2.15.

THE ARTIST [PG] — daily: 6.30pm
Silent, black and white film - made in 2011.

THE MUPPETS [U] — Tue - Thu: 12.45pm
The muppets reunite to save their theatre.

THE VOW [12A] — Tue - Thu: 3.45pm
A husband works to win his wife again when she wakes from a coma with memory loss.

THE WOMAN IN BLACK [12A] — daily: 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.30pm
Daniel Radcliffe plays young lawyer Arthur Kipps who travels to a haunted town.

THIS MEANS WAR [12A] — daily: 1.00, 3.30, 6.15, 8.45pm
A love triangle in the CIA. Subtitled Fri 3.30, Mon 6.15, Thu 8.45pm

WANDERLUST [15] — daily: 12.30, 3.15, 6.00, 8.30pm
Manhattan couple experiment with living in a rural commune.

MADAME BUTTERFLY [PG] (3D) — Mon: 7.00pm
Tragic opera from the Royal Opera House. Liping Zhang and James Valenti.

SENIOR SCREEN: THE HELP [12A] — Wed: 10.45am
In 1960s America, author writes story of African American maid.

Odeon Magdalen St (0871 2244 007)

HUNKY DORY [15] — daily: 9.00pm
Idealistic drama teacher Minnie Driver tries to make teenagers perform Shakespeare.

THE BEST EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL [12A] — daily: 2.30, 5.30, 8.30pm
Fawlty Towers, Indian style.

THE DESCENDANTS [15] — daily: 3.30pm
Distant father takes on care of his daughters after his wife's accident.

THE MUPPETS [U] — daily: 6.15pm
The muppets reunite to save their theatre.

Vue Cinema (08712 240 240)

THIS MEANS WAR [12A] — Mon-Thu: 11.00am, 1.20, 3.40, 5.50, 8.10, plus 11.30pm Wed.
A love triangle in the CIA.

WANDERLUST [15] — daily: 1.30am, 2.00, 4.30, 6.50, 9.10pm plus Wed: 11.35pm and Tue, Thu: 11.30am
Manhattan couple experiment with living in a rural commune.

PROJECT X [18] — Mon-Thu: 10.40am, 12.40, 2.50, 5.00, 7.20, 9.30 plus 11.40pm Wed
Teen party descends into madness and mayhem.

ONE FOR THE MONEY [12A] — Wed: 10.40pm
Katherine Heigl as lingerie buyer turned bounty hunter.

SAFE HOUSE [15] — Wed: 10.30am, 1.10, 3.50, 6.20, 8.50, 11.20pm; Mon & Tue, Thu: 10.30am, 1.10, 3.50, 6.20, 8.50pm
CIA agent on the run.

THE BEST EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL [12A] — Mon - Thu: 12.20, 3.00, 5.40, 8.20pm
Hard-up British retirees head to India.

THE MUPPETS [U] — Mon - Thu: 11.40am, 2.30, 5.10pm
The muppets reunite to save theatre.

THE WOMAN IN BLACK [12A] — daily: 11.50, 2.10, 4.20, 6.40, 9.00pm plus 11.30pm Wed
Young lawyer travels to a haunted town. Subtitled Tue 6.40

THE VOW [12A] — Mon - Thu: 10.30am, 12.50, 3.10, 5.30, 8.00pm
A husband works to win brain-damaged wife for a second time.

CHRONICLE [12A] — Wed: 10.50pm
Three high school kids gain super-powers which spiral out of control.

THE DESCENDANTS [15] — Wed: 11.10pm
Distant father takes on care of his daughters after his wife's accident.

WAR HORSE [PG] — Wed: 7.50, 10.55pm; Mon & Tue, Thu: 7.50pm
Spielberg treatment of Michael Morpurgo's story.

THE ARTIST [PG] — Mon - Thu: 10.50am, 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30pm
Silent film - made in 2011.

EXTREMELY LOUD AND INCREDIBLY CLOSE [12A]
9-year old searches NYC for a lock. Mon: 7.50pm; Wed & Thu: 11.30am, 2.20pm

Phoenix Picturehouse (0871 902 5736)

THE BEST EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL [12A] — Mon - Thu: 12.30, 3.15, 6.00, 8.45pm
Maggie Smith, Judi Dench and Dev Patel star in comedy.

THE WOMAN IN THE FIFTH [15] — Mon: 9.00pm; Tue: 1.30, 9.00pm; Wed: 3.30, 6.15pm; Thu: 1.30, 6.15pm
Ethan Hawke meets mysterious woman in Paris.

MARTHA MARCY MAY MARLENE [15] — Tue: 12.15pm; Thu: 8.30pm
Woman relives disturbing encounter with cult.

BIG SCREAM: MARTHA MARCY MAY MARLENE [15] — Wed: 11.30am
Exclusive screening for parents with babies under 1.

THE IRON LADY [12A] — Mon, Thu: 3.45pm; Wed: 8.30pm
Meryl Streep plays Margaret Thatcher.

HADEWIJCH [12A] — Mon: 6.15pm
Young fanatic ex-nun falls in with radical Muslims. French and Arabic with subtitles.

KHODORKOVSKY [12A] — Tue: 6.15pm
Documentary: Mikhail Khodorkovsky challenges Pres. Vladmir Putin. Russian, English subt.

NT LIVE ENCORE: THE COMEDY OF ERRORS — Tue: 3.00pm
Lenny Henry plays Antipholus of Syracuse.

Ultimate Picture Palace (245288)

THE DESCENDANTS [15] — Mon & Tue: 9.00pm; Wed: 6.30pm; Thu: 4.00, 6.30pm
Distant father takes on care of his daughters after his wife's accident.

HOUSE OF TOLERANCE [18] — Wed & Thu: 9.00pm
Drama set in a Belle Epoque Parisian brothel. French with English subtitles.

BARTON FINK [15] — Mon: 6.45pm
New York playwright with writers' block comes to LA.

BLACK GOLD [U] — Tue: 6.30pm
Documentary on what the WTO does to farmers. For Fairtrade Fortnight.

BABY CLUB: THE DESCENDANTS [15] — Thu: 12.30pm
Distant father takes on care of daughters. Exclusive screening for parents with babies under 1.

Rewley House (01865 270360)

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Wed 7th

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OPEN MIC / Hosted by Lee Davies / 8.30pm. Free entry / The Cape of Good Hope, 1 Iffley Road, Oxford OX4 1EA; Tel: 01865 262291

THEATRE to Sat 10 Mar

Oxford Playhouse (305305)

YES, PRIME MINISTER — Mon 5th - Wed 7th: 7.30pm; Thu 8th, Sat 10th: 2.30pm, 7.30pm; Fri 9th: 8pm
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New Theatre (0844 8471585)

I'M SORRY I HAVEN'T A CLUE OFFICIAL STAGE TOUR — Mon 5th: 7.30pm
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DARA O'BRIAIN - CRAIC DEALER — Fri 9th & Sat 10th: 8pm
Host of TV's Mock The Week in new stand-up show. *£22.*

Pegasus Theatre (812150)

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Burton Taylor Studio (305305)

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ONE ARABIAN NIGHT — Tue 6th - Sat 10th: 7.30pm
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Corpus Christi College (276700)

PATIENCE — Wed 7th - Sat 10th: 7.30pm
Gilbert & Sullivan's. Love, laughter and levity 1881-style! *£10 (£8)*

Blackwells Bookshop (792792)

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Ashmolean Museum (278000)

PATIENCE — Mon 5th: 7.30pm
Gilbert & Sullivan's. Love, laughter and levity 1881-style! Gala Performance. *£15*

Moser Theatre, Wadham College

PIRACY! — Tue 6th - Thu 8th: 7.30pm
Arr! There be pirates about! A comic take on swashbucklers. *£5 (£4) http://oules.lightentertainment.org/*

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MEETINGS & LECTURES

Tue 6th

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SHOULD WE BE WORRIED ABOUT DEPLETION OF THE EARTH'S MINERAL RESOURCES? / Despite the facts that even very rare elements are abundant, recycling is possible and substitution of is normally feasible, here's why we should still be concerned. / 4pm. www.ox.ac.uk/go.rm?id=24127 / 01865 614966 / Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment, Hayes House, 75 George Street, Oxford OX1 2BQ

POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INSTITUTION BUILDING: OXFORD IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE / The guidance political science can provide for institutionalising a discipline, and why it's harder here than elsewhere. Speaker: Robert E. Goodin, FBA Professor of Government, Uni. of Essex; Distinguished Prof. of Philosophy, Australian National Uni. / 5 - 6.30pm / www.ox.ac.uk/go.rm?id=24049 / 01865 279350 / Examination Schools, 75-81 High St, Oxford, OX1 4BG

HACKING AWAY AT THE TRUTH / With Prof. Montserrat Garcia-Closas, Institute of Cancer Research / 1-2pm, free / www.ox.ac.uk/go.rm?id=24185 / Richard Doll Building, Old Road Campus, Headington OX3 7LF

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Wed 7th

EVENING OF MINDFULNESS / Meditation, teaching, discussion. / Oxford Thich Nhat Hanh Sangha / 7 - 9pm, £3-£5 / http://interbeing.org.uk / Friends' Meeting House, 43 St Giles, Oxford OX1 3LW; Tel: 01865 557373

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GEOPOLITICS OF ENERGY / Oil and Politics in Iraq: Gregg Muttitt, author of Fuel on Fire / 5.30pm. Free / www.sant.ox.ac.uk/centres/geopolitics.html / 01865 889123 / St Antony's College, Woodstock Road, OX2 6JF

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COIN AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL IDENTIFICATION SCHEME / Bring your finds. / 12-4pm, free / Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont St, OX1 2PH

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY PARKS / Superintendent, plantsman, designer Walter Sawyer talks / 1.30pm, £1 inc tea and cake / www.smi-oxford.org.uk/ / St Margaret's Institute, Polstead Road

HOW SHOULD WE (NOT) TALK ABOUT ISLAM? / Discussion with Irshad Manji, author of Allah, Liberty and Love / 5pm / www.freespeechdebate.com / European Studies Centre, St. Anthony's College, Woodstock Road

CINEMA REVIEW

Martha Marcy May Marlene [15]

A haunting and moving depiction of an isolated youth, Sean Durkin's directing and writing debut is a psychological drama that is assured as it is surreal.

Martha Marcy May Marlene tells the story of Martha (Elizabeth Olsen), a young woman trying to recover from flashbacks of her abusive experience in a family cult. Adding to Martha's confused state of mind, she is taken in by her distant sister Lucy (Sarah Paulson) and brother-in-law Ted (Hugh Dancy), who struggle to understand her erratic behaviour. As the film jumps between Martha's life in the present day and in the cult, we start to question. Where was she happier?

> "we start to question. Where was she happier?"

Deakin's direction, which won him a breakthrough award at the Sundance film festival, is beautifully crafted with a minimalist approach. This manages to complement the suitably understated performances of his actors perfectly. The two best examples of this in the supporting roles come from John Hawkes - unnerving as the head of the disconnected family - and Sarah Paulson, Martha's conflicted sister. If you are, however going to remember this film for a performance, it is safe to say that Elizabeth Olsen's will be the one that sticks in your memory. In many ways in a strange role, Olsen (sister of famous twins, Mary-Kate and Ashley) gives Martha's existential despair a sympathetic edge of believability.

> "Elizabeth Olsen's performance will be the one that sticks in your memory"

There should also be a mention for the seamless editing and cold cinematography that add to create the movie's dark mood and tone. Bearing in mind that this is Deakin's first film, it is a remarkable effort, promising an exciting future for the director. He manages to bring out the best in his actors, write a realistic script - and most importantly, explore issues usually untouched by American cinema, let alone Hollywood.

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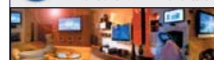

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