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**ABDUCTION [12A]** Thu: 1.30, 4.00, 6.30, 9.00pm; Fri: 12.45, 3.15, 5.45, 8.15pm  
 Accomplice finds his own picture on a database of missing children.  
**CRAZY, STUPID LOVE [12A]** Thu: 2.30, 5.30, 8.15pm  
 Accomplished woman teaches single friend how to pick up guys. Submitted: Thu: 2.30pm  
**HARRY POTTER & THE DEATHLY HALLOWS PART 2 (3D) [12A]** Thu: 1.30, 4.00, 6.30, 9.00pm  
 It all comes to an end: the second half of the last installment. Thu: 2.45pm  
**SHARK NIGHT 3D [15]** Thu: 1.45, 4.15, 9.30pm  
 Yet more anti-shark propaganda.  
**THE DEBT [15]** Thu: 12.30, 3.15, 6.00, 8.30pm; Fri: 6.45pm  
 Drama thriller about Mossad agents, starring Helen Mirren.  
**THE INBETWEENS [15]** Thu: 12.30, 9.15pm  
 Film of the popular British comedy series about teenage schoolboys.  
**WARRIOR [12A]** Thu: 5.45pm  
 Brothers confront family issues with martial arts.  
**WHAT'S YOUR NUMBER [15]** Thu: 1.00, 3.30, 6.15, 8.45pm  
 Woman looks back over her last 20 relationships and wonders if any of them were the one.  
**DRIVE [18]** Fri: 9.15pm  
 Ryan Gosling as a stuntman turned getaway driver in slick crime thriller.  
**JOHNNY ENGLISH REBORN [PG]** Fri: 12.30, 1.30, 3.00, 4.00, 5.30, 6.30, 8.00, 9.00pm  
 Accident-prone secret agent. Submitted: Fri: 12.30

**Ultimate Picture Palace (245288)**  
**BABY CLUB: JANE EYRE [PG]** Thu: 12.30pm  
 Brooding Mr Rochester keeps a secret from his governess. Exclusive screening for parents with babies under 1yo.  
**THE SKIN I LIVE IN [15]** Thu: 4.15, 9.15pm  
 Plastic surgeon creates synthetic skin in chilling tale of obsession. Spanish with subtitles.  
**KILL LIST [18]** Fri: 9.00pm  
 Horror thriller: a contract killer confronts his disturbed past.  
**BEGINNERS [15]** Fri: 6.45pm  
 Romantic comedy by Woody Allen: a rich American couple visit Paris. Submitted: Fri: 6.45pm  
**FEAR AND LOATHING IN LAS VEGAS [18]** Fri: 11.30pm  
 Pseudo-psychotic adaptation of 1971 Hunter S. Thompson classic.

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**WHAT'S YOUR NUMBER [15]** Thu: 1.10, 3.40, 6.20, 9.10pm  
 Can one find true love by reuniting one's eyes? Comedy. Fri: 11.00pm  
**THE DEBT [15]** Thu: 12.40, 3.10, 5.50, 8.20pm; Fri: 8.50, 11.20pm  
 Mossad agent (Helen Mirren) hunts Nazi war criminal.  
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**TINKER, TAILOR, SOLDIER, SPY [15]** Thu: 12.30, 3.20, 6.10, 9.00pm  
 Star-studded remake of le Carre's spy thriller. Fri: 12.10, 3.10, 6.10, 9.00pm  
**JANE EYRE [PG]** Thu: 1.15, 3.50, 6.30pm; Fri: 3.20, 6.10pm  
 Brooding Mr Rochester is a hit with shy governess in updated Brontë classic.  
**FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS [15]** Thu: 9.20pm; Fri: 10.40pm  
 Justin Timberlake and Mila Kunis in cynical romance.  
**THE INBETWEENS [15]** Thu: 12.20, 2.30, 4.50, 7.10, 9.30pm  
 Four 18-year olds do holiday in Greece. Fri: 9.50pm  
**THE SMURFS (2D) [U]** Thu: 11.50am, 2.10, 4.30pm  
 The blue world collides with our own in smart-fab family adventure. Fri: 12.50pm  
**CRAZY, STUPID, LOVE [12A]** Thu: 12.00, 2.40, 5.20, 8.00pm  
 Romantic comedy by Woody Allen: a rich American couple visit Paris. Fri: 12.30, 3.00, 5.40, 8.20pm  
**MIDNIGHT IN PARIS [12A]** Thu: 1.20, 3.50, 6.20, 8.40, 10.50pm  
 Romantic comedy by Woody Allen: a rich American couple visit Paris.  
**DON'T BE AFRAID OF THE DARK [15]** Thu: 11.50am, 2.20, 4.40, 7.00, 9.20, 11.40pm  
 Horror film: young girl moves into gothic mansion and is tormented by creatures.  
**JOHNNY ENGLISH REBORN [PG]** Thu: 12noon, 1.00, 2.30, 3.30, 5.00, 6.00, 7.30, 8.30pm  
 Rowan Atkinson returns as accident-prone secret agent.  
**THE LION KING (3D) [U]** Fri: 11.20am, 1.30, 3.40, 5.50, 8.00, 10.50pm  
 Disney classic rereleased in 3D.

**Phoenix Picturehouse (0871 902 5736)**  
**MELANCHOLIA [15]** Thu: 2.45, 5.45pm  
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# FILM REVIEW



With *Melancholia* [15] as a title, and Lars Von Trier as a director, it's pretty clear that this isn't going to be a light-hearted romp of a film. It's an examination of depression and anxiety; it questions the existence of God, and whether there is any good in the world. And it also happens to be a disaster movie in which a massive planet called Melancholia is on its way to destroy the Earth. It is a relief that Bruce Willis isn't in it, otherwise would anyone even be able to tell the difference between this and *Armageddon*?

The film is split into two parts, one for Justine (Kirsten Dunst) and the other for Claire (Charlotte Gainsbourg). In part one, Justine sabotages her own wedding reception at the beautiful home of Claire and her husband (an excellent, and rather different from Jack Bauer, Kiefer Sutherland) in a self-destructive spiral into depression. The feeling of foreboding as the family bickers and we watch everything gradually unravel is superbly managed. In the second part, we see the sisters' reactions to the looming disaster, as the planet Melancholia comes ever closer. Justine, whose own melancholia has already overcome her, accepts her fate calmly. Claire is terrified.

The strange thing was that I felt the tension of impending doom much more strongly in the ruined wedding day part than in the destruction of the earth part. By the end I just wanted the planet to hurry up and send everyone on their miserable way. The performances were all remarkable, but the difficulty with watching a film populated by emotionally detached people is that I became emotionally detached myself.

Artistically it is a beautiful film. The slow motion opening sequence is stunning, as Justine and Claire feature in a set of images illustrating their melancholia to come - Claire tries to walk but sinks into the ground; Justine floats down a river in her wedding dress; the planet Melancholia slowly travels towards Earth, all to Wagnerian accompaniment. These scenes were moving. However, two and a bit hours later I, like Justine, was looking forward to the release of eternal blackness. Though in my case it was the credits, rather than death, that I was yearning for - it wasn't that bad.

- Debbie Sims  
 See *Melancholia* at the Phoenix Picturehouse, Wed 5th October: 2.45, 5.45, 8.45pm  
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...FRANKLY WILFRED, IM COMPLETELY AT A LOSS TO EXPLAIN IT... AT HOME WHEN I LEAVE THE KITCHEN I LIKE A BOMB SITE OVERNIGHT, IT'S ALL TIDIED UP WHEN I COME DOWN THE NEXT MORNING... THAT HASNT HAPPENED ONE SINCE I'VE BEEN LIVING ON MY OWN.