



PRESS RELEASE

Ticket rush at Raindance Film Festival for British musical comedy, *Meet Pursuit Delange*

Vue adds extra screening of Indy film to cope with record ticket demand

Raindance Film Festival and Vue have announced a third screening of British musical comedy, *Meet Pursuit Delange* due to public demand for tickets at this year's leading independent film festival.

With the backing of Raindance, and the power of word of mouth and social media, the film's two scheduled screenings at Vue Piccadilly sold tickets in record time, leading to the addition of an unprecedented third screening at Vue West End to cope with demand.

Meet Pursuit Delange has not only caught the imagination of the general public, industry names from the UK and Hollywood are coming to see the premiere screening at Vue Piccadilly on Thursday 1st October, sponsored by The May Fair Hotel.

Described by Raindance as 'inventive, amusing, honest and musical', the film marks the big comeback role for British comedy legend, Peter Bowles and a standout performance by Jason Flemyng of *Lock, Stock and Benjamin Button* fame. Other household names that appear in the film include Larry Lamb, Colin Salmon, Right Said Fred, Hannah Waddingham, Stefan Booth, Tom Chambers and Stephanie Leonidas.

It also features an original score by Jazz legend and grammy award winner, Tim Garland, and choreography by Aussie choreography star, Jason Gardiner. Right Said Fred also contributed a song to the movie.

Howard Webster, Director of *Meet Pursuit Delange*, comments: "We're absolutely delighted by the public's demand to see the film and that this has led to a third screening at Raindance. It just goes to show how important the festival is for independent filmmakers. By sidestepping the industry middlemen Raindance allows the general public to tell the world what they want to see, and pay money for tickets to see films many distributors might have ignored because it didn't feature any big movie names."

Raindance Founder Elliot Grove comments: "Meet Pursuit Delange is the breakthrough film of the festival and a testament to Raindance's mantra of 'Discover and be discovered.' It's fantastic to see such high public demand for tickets and the industry sitting up and listening to it."

Shona Gold, Head of Marketing at Vue adds: "We are delighted to continue supporting and hosting the Raindance Film Festival. Our state-of-the-art technology, digital screens and stadium-style seating provide an unrivalled viewing experience in which to enjoy everything the festival has to offer."

Tickets for the third screening (7pm on 2nd October at Vue West End, Leicester Square) have to be bought in person at the cinema.

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Full details on the programme and tickets to the festival can be found at www.raindancefestival.org

About Raindance Film Festival

Raindance, which takes place in London at **Vue Piccadilly between 23rd September – 4th October**, is Europe's largest independent film festival and will this year play host to **90 feature length films**, almost **200 shorts** and **30 industry events**.

Main partners of the 23rd Raindance Film Festival: Vue Cinemas, The May Fair Hotel, BFI/Creative Skillset, Shortlist, Variety.

Now in its 23rd year, Raindance Film Festival is Europe's leading independent Film Festival showcasing feature films, shorts and docs from around the world and specialising in independent films and directorial debuts. The festival has a strong legacy of showing alternative, edgy films. Since 1993 Raindance Film Festival has uncovered the hottest new filmmakers to hit the cinematic scene.

Raindance-premiered hits include Pulp Fiction, Memento, the Blair Witch Project, Ghost World and Love Exposure. Listed by Variety as one of the world's top 50 'unmissable film festivals', Raindance aims to nurture, support and promote independent films and filmmakers from the UK and around the world.

Raindance – The Voice of Independent Film

Raindance is dedicated to fostering and promoting independent film in the UK and around the world. Based in the heart of London, Raindance combines Raindance Film Festival, Training Courses, the prestigious British Independent Film Awards.

About Vue International

From its inception in May 2003, Vue became a worldwide operator and developer of modern, innovative multiplex cinemas. With the acquisition of Apollo Cinemas and the takeover of CinemaxX (Germany and Denmark) in 2012, the acquisition of Multikino (Poland, Latvia and Lithuania) in 2013, and most recently Space Cinemas (Italy) in 2014, Vue Group today operates 1,741 screens at 187 state-of-the-art multiplex cinema locations in 9 countries, namely the United Kingdom, Ireland, Germany, Denmark, Poland, Latvia, Lithuania, Italy and Taiwan.

***Ticket prices:**

Film/Events:

£12 weekday evenings + weekends all day long

£8 weekdays before 5pm

Concessions (students, seniors 60+, Raindance Members):

£9 weekday evenings + weekends all day long

£6 weekdays before 5pm

Gala Nights:

Opening Gala, 23rd September - 6.45pm screening, 9pm party:

Film + Party: £30 [Raindance Members £25]

Party: £20 [Raindance Members £15]

Shortlist Gala - 30th September - 6.45pm screening, 9pm party

Film + Party: £30 [Raindance Members £25]

Party: £20 [Raindance Members £15]

Closing Gala - 4th October - 6.45pm screening, 9pm party

Film + Party: £30 [Raindance Members £25]