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Film Fundays with Free Workshops at BFI Southbank June – August

Funday Preview: *Ice Age 4: Continental Drift* 3D (30 June)

TV Preview: *Sinbad* (+Q&A) (1 July)

***The Pirates! In an Adventure with Scientists!* (5 August)**



Wednesday 20 June, London. BFI Southbank's **Film Funday** series continues throughout the summer with a Funday Preview of ***Ice Age 4: Continental Drift***, a TV preview of Sky One's forthcoming television series ***Sinbad*** (which will be followed by a **Q&A** with cast and crew members), and a Film Funday featuring the latest offering from Aardman Animation (*Chicken Run*, *Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit*) - ***Pirates! In an Adventure with Scientists!*** Not only will these BFI **Film Fundays** offer audiences a chance to see the latest family entertainment on the big screen, they will also provide a chance for parents to sit back and relax in the *benugo* lounge while the children experience one of the **BFI's free Funday workshops**, complete with games, competitions and masterclasses.

Saturday 30 June will see a preview of the latest in the ***Ice Age*** saga. ***Ice Age 4: Continental Drift* 3D** is an epic adventure in which Sid the Sloth, Diego the Sabre-toothed tiger and Manny the woolly mammoth see their continent set adrift. They are forced to use an iceberg as a boat, but before long they are battling sea creatures and a band of unwieldy pirates who are all determined that they will never get home. Meanwhile, in the midst of this peril, Sid finds his long-lost family and Diego meets the female tiger of his dreams. Before the preview **BFI Southbank** will host a **Funday Ice Age Workshop**. Participants will be able to produce their own tales of danger and adventure by drawing pictures of characters, putting them into a storyboard and bringing them to life with the help of animation experts. With prizes to be won for the most imaginative stories and drawings, the **Funday Ice Age Workshop** is free to all ticket holders of ***Ice Age 4***.

July's **Film Funday** will be a TV Preview of Sky's **Sinbad** on **Sunday 1 July**. In a 21st-century reimagining of the classic *Arabian Nights* Sinbad finds himself banished from his homeland of Basra and needing to rid himself of a curse which has been placed on him following the death of his brother. A high-octane adventure for all ages, **Sinbad** will be followed by a **Q&A** with actor **Elliot Knight**, director **Colin Teague** and visual effects supervisor **Dave Houghton**. In addition, preceding the screening will be a mix of competitions and masterclasses in a **Sinbad Funday Workshop**. The workshop will feature amazing opportunities to view costumes and props direct from the set, take part in a visual effects masterclass and watch a showcase of dramatic stunts performed by the **Sinbad** team. The **Sinbad Funday Workshop** is free to all ticket holders of **Sinbad**.

On **Sunday 5 August** there will be a screening of **The Pirates! In an Adventure with Scientists!** The latest feature from the Aardman Animations studio **The Pirates!** features David Tennant as a young scientist by the name of Charles Darwin. When Darwin meets the ship's 'parrot', a story packed with adventure, treachery, gold and a very grumpy Queen beckon in Victorian London. Before the film aspiring animators will be able to learn all about the art of claymation at the **Pirates Workshop**. To celebrate this seafaring adventure film, participants will be invited to create their own pirate characters and bring them to life with the help of the **BFI's** animation experts. The **Pirates Workshop** is free to all ticket holders of **Pirates! In an Adventure with Scientists!**

Film Funday events June - August:

Funday Preview: Ice Age 4: Continental Drift 3D

USA 2012. Dir Steve Martino & Mike Thurmeier. With voices of Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, Denis Leary. 86min. Digital 3D. U. Courtesy of Twentieth Century Fox The fourth chapter of the *Ice Age* saga continues with our heroes starting an epic adventure after their continent is set adrift and they are forced to use an iceberg as a boat. Before long they are battling sea creatures and being hunted by Captain Gutt and a band of unwieldy pirates who are determined that they will never get home. In the midst of this peril, Sid the Sloth finds his long-lost family and Diego, the sabre-toothed tiger, discovers the female tiger of his dream

Sat 30 June 13:30 NFT1

Funday Ice Age Workshop

Ice Age 4 is all about friendship and adventure – so come along to our June Funday and explore these momentous themes in our Funday workshop. We invite you to come up with your own tales of danger and adventure set against the backdrop of an inhospitable and treacherous landscape. Create your own cast of amazing friends and pit them against the worst baddies you can think up. Draw us pictures of your characters, put your stories into a storyboard and then bring it all to life with the help of our animation experts. With prizes to be won for the most imaginative stories and drawings – come in from the cold and join us at BFI Southbank for the *Ice Age 4* Funday frolics.

Free for ticket-holders to Ice Age 4

Sat 30 June 11:30 Foyer

Funday TV Preview:

Sinbad + Q&A

Impossible Pictures for Sky 1 HD 2012. Dir Colin Teague. With Elliot Knight, Naveen Andrews, Orla Brady, Elliot Cowan. 60min

Banished from his homeland of Basra, Sinbad finds himself cast out to sea on *The Providence*. He must now embark on an epic and emotional quest to rid himself of a curse placed on him following the death of his much-loved brother, and embrace his new destiny. Sinbad is a 21st-century reimagining of the classic *Arabian Nights* tales and is a gritty, high-octane adventure for all ages.

We are delighted to welcome actor Elliot Knight, director Colin Teague and visual effects supervisor Dave Houghton to take part in a Q&A after the screening

Sun 1 July 13:30 NFT1

Sinbad Funday Workshop

Don't miss our Funday *Sinbad* extravaganza – an absolute must for all bold young adventurers everywhere. With amazing opportunities to view costumes and props direct from the *Sinbad* set and to attend a drop-in visual effects masterclass, we are offering an outstanding chance to get behind the scenes of this major new TV drama. Test your mettle on specially tailored *Sinbad* interactive games and look on in awe at a showcase of dramatic stunts performed by the *Sinbad* team. With our usual competitions and collectable prizes galore – be sure to embark with us on this epic *Sinbad* Funday adventure.

Free to ticket-holders to Sinbad preview

Sun 1 July 11:30 Foyer

Film Funday: The Pirates! In an Adventure with Scientists!

UK 2011. Dir Peter Lord. With the voices of Hugh Grant, Martin Freeman, Salma Hayek, Brian Blessed. 88min. Digital 3D. U

Winning the Pirate of the Year Award is like winning an Olympic Gold Medal and the Nobel Prize at the same time, but for the Pirate Captain to claim this most coveted of treasures he must first out-pirate his arch-rivals and plunder the most booty. When a young scientist by the name of Charles Darwin meets the ship's 'parrot', Polly, adventure, treachery, gold and a very grumpy Queen beckon in Victorian London. Based on the book by Gideon Defoe, this is one crackin' seafarin' adventure from the ever-reliable Aardman.

Sun 5 Aug 13:00 NFT1

Pirates Workshop

Ahoy there me heartys! This month we are celebrating Aardman's dastardly seafaring adventure *The Pirates!* This Funday is all about creating your very own pirate character and bringing them to life with the use of claymation animation techniques. Whether your pirates are out carousing the high seas looking for ships to plunder, or sitting around swigging grog and telling yarns of the sea – we'll be giving out some fine booty for the best pirates you can muster up. Don't be a lily-livered landlubber this Sunday: come to BFI Southbank and join us for our *Pirates* special!

Free to ticket-holders for *The Pirates! In an Adventure with Scientists!*

Sun 5 Aug 11:00 Foyer

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- 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

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