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### **Old College quad sets the scene for enchanting cinema experience**

Cult classics, family favourites and Oscar-winning performances are to feature in a series of open air cinema screenings in a dramatic setting this summer.

The University of Edinburgh's Old College quadrangle will stage an eclectic mix of 16 films over five days (12-16 August) during the Festival Fringe.

The packed programme features a host of eighties' classics, including *The Goonies*, *Withnail & I*, *This is Spinal Tap* and *The Lost Boys*.

Everyone is welcome to enjoy Free Matinee screenings of children's favourites *The Lego Movie* and *Paddington* over the weekend, catering for children and adults alike.

The Oscar-winning *Theory of Everything*, charting the extraordinary life of astrophysicist Stephen Hawking, will close the series on Sunday evening.

Short films created by Animation and Film and Television students from Edinburgh College of Art will be shown on the big screen each evening.

Principal of the University of Edinburgh, Professor Sir Timothy O'Shea, said: "We are delighted to host a second programme of film screenings in our historic Old College quad. We are particularly pleased to present the series in partnership with the Edinburgh International Film Festival and showcase some of the wonderful work of our students."

Further attractions include sci-fi blockbusters *Starship Troopers* and *Blade Runner*, road-trip classic *Thelma and Louise*, 1950s musical *Singin' in the Rain* and critically acclaimed Italian drama *Cinema Paradiso*.

Late night showings of *Fight Club*, starring Brad Pitt and Ed Norton, and the comedy-horror *An American Werewolf in London* will be held on Friday and Saturday night.

As well as enjoying the atmospheric surroundings, festival-goers can bring rugs and a picnic, enjoy a drink from the outdoor bar whilst watching classic films on the quad's lawn.

*Film in the Old College Quad* is presented by the University of Edinburgh, in association with the Edinburgh International Film Festival, and is produced by Unique Events.

Full listings can be found on the University of Edinburgh Festivals website: [www.ed.ac.uk/festivals](http://www.ed.ac.uk/festivals). Further special screenings will be announced in the coming weeks.

Tickets cost £6.50 + booking fee per film (family matinees are free) and can be purchased at the entrance to the quad, or via the Edinburgh Festival Fringe website.

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