



# ACADEMY EVENTS



Cambridge Film Festival  
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**BAFTA: A Life in Pictures** is a series of special events held across the UK which celebrate film, exploring a major and distinctive contribution by a BAFTA winner or nominee. Previous subjects have included Meryl Streep, Guillermo del Toro, The Coen Brothers, Tilda Swinton, Cate Blanchett, Amitabh Bachchan and Alfonso Cuarón.

**BAFTA presents...**

## **Michael Palin: A Life in Pictures**

**at the Cambridge Film Festival in association with Screen East**

Michael Palin CBE is an award-winning performer, writer and broadcaster with over 30 years experience on screen. He first rose to popularity as part of the Monty Python comedy troupe in the early 70s, bringing many memorable characters to our screens, including The Lumberjack, The Dead Parrot Vendor and Sir Galahad.

Following this success, Palin went on to perform in and co-write a number of films throughout the 1970s and '80s. He co-wrote and acted in fellow Python Terry Gilliam's *Time Bandits* in the early '80s, and featured in his subsequent film *Brazil*. He co-produced, wrote and played the lead in *The Missionary* opposite Maggie Smith, who also appeared with him in *A Private Function*, written by Alan Bennett. He was awarded a BAFTA for Best Supporting Actor in 1989 for his memorable portrayal of stuttering Ken in *A Fish Called Wanda*. Palin went on to write and star in *American Friends*, a film based on the life of his great-grandfather.

Over recent years, Palin has presented seven successful travel series for television: *Around the World in 80 Days*, *Pole to Pole*, *Full Circle*, *Hemingway Adventure*, *Sahara*, *Himalaya* and *New Europe*, and has written bestselling books to accompany them. He is also the author of a number of children's stories, the play *The Weekend* and the novel *Hemingway's Chair*. In 2005, BAFTA honoured him with the award for 'Outstanding Contribution to Television' and in October this year, he and the other Pythons will be awarded a BAFTA Special Award to honour their outstanding contribution to film and television.

Event Partners



## Filmography (selected)

- 1997 **Fierce Creatures** - as "Bugsy"
- 1991 **American Friends** - Writer & as "Reverend Francis Ashby"
- 1988 **A Fish Called Wanda\*** - as "Ken Pile"
- 1985 **Brazil\*** - as "Jack Lint"
- 1984 **A Private Function\*** - as "Gilbert Chilvers"
- 1984 **The Dress** - as "Howard"
- 1983 **The Meaning of Life** - Co-writer & Performer
- 1982 **The Missionary\*** - Writer & as "Reverend Charles Fortescue"
- 1981 **Time Bandits\*** - Co-writer & Performer
- 1979 **Life of Brian** - Co-writer & Performer
- 1977 **Jaberwocky** - as "Dennis Cooper"
- 1975 **Monty Python and the Holy Grail\*** - Co-writer & Performer
- 1971 **And Now For Something Completely Different** - Co-writer & Performer

\*Extracts from these films will be played during this event

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### Mark Kermode

Mark Kermode is one of the UK's leading film critics and regularly contributes to *Sight & Sound* magazine and *The Observer*. Kermode is a presenter on *The Culture Show*, often appears on *Newsnight Review* and is the resident film critic for FilmFour and Channel Four. Since 2008, he has featured in a twice-weekly video blog for the BBC website.

**This event coincides with the launch of *Michael Palin: Halfway to Hollywood Diaries: 1980-1988*. Signed copies of the book will be available from Toppings & Co of Ely.**

## Learning & Events

### The Academy's Mission

The British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) supports, develops and promotes the art forms of the moving image, by identifying and rewarding excellence, inspiring practitioners and benefiting the public. This evening was organised by BAFTA Learning & Events, which seeks to inspire industry practitioners and diverse public audiences with venue-based and online learning. For further information or to join our mailing list: email [events@bafta.org](mailto:events@bafta.org), call [020 7292 5858](tel:02072925858) or visit [www.bafta.org](http://www.bafta.org)

### Upcoming London Events

- 25 Sept Enid: TV Preview Screening and Q&A with Helena Bonham Carter
- 10 -12 Oct Premier Japan Weekend: screenings, Q&As and themed workshops
- 17 Oct A Life in Pictures: Viggo Mortensen: In conversation with the BAFTA nominee

### Upcoming Events Around the UK

- 24 Sept BAFTA Presents Peep Show: Preview screening followed by a Q&A with special guests from the show at the Cambridge Film Festival.
- 24 Sept Cinéformation: Bristol's regular forum for filmmakers with a Red Camera demo.
- 25 Sept Short Sighted! Get Your Short Film Seen by the People who Matter: Session in Liverpool

### 195 Piccadilly, BAFTA Headquarters

For a tour of the facilities or to find out more about using 195 Piccadilly for your event, call [020 7292 5811](tel:02072925811) or email [jennyb@bafta.org](mailto:jennyb@bafta.org)

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