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Film fans lives revolutionised with launch of new site FindAnyFilm.com by UK Film Council

The fastest way to find any film in any format

Film fans' lives have just been revolutionised with the launch of a ground-breaking new website by the UK Film Council – FindAnyFilm.com (<http://www.FindAnyFilm.com>). A first-of-its-kind film search engine, like a Google for films, it will find out when, where and how a film is available in the UK – legally and across all formats and platforms – cinema, TV, DVD & Blu-ray sale or rental, download and streaming.

FindAnyFilm.com is a major industry first and the first time that anything like this has been delivered on the internet that indexes all available films in the UK. It is totally free and easy to use. Hours spent scanning newspapers, calling cinemas or scouring retailers or online sites for a much desired film will be a thing of the past, solved by a few clicks and a matter of seconds.

FindAnyFilm.com contains over 30,000 unique film records – which is about seven years' worth of film at your fingertips - and is expanding on a daily basis as more films become available to watch in the UK. There are 20 genres covering everything from Action, Foreign and Classic to Thriller, Bollywood and Drama, and people can even search by inputting a mood, a location or using keywords like 'fairytale ending'. The site also contains films in over 60 different languages ranging from English to Japanese, Hindi, Arabic, French and Cantonese.

Peter Buckingham, Head of Distribution and Exhibition at the UK Film Council who pioneered this new site says:

“This new site is going to transform how consumers find the films they want to watch - we will soon wonder how we ever coped without it! We have turned what was often an incredibly time-consuming, frustrating process into one that makes it much easier for film fans to see films in the UK. FindAnyFilm.com does exactly what it says on the tin and is the fastest place to find a film to watch in any format, if it's legally available in the UK.”

Lord Puttnam, the producer of Chariots of Fire, The Killing Fields and The Mission says:

"I am delighted that the UK Film Council has developed this innovative and user-friendly site to make it that much easier for people find films in a digital age."

FindAnyFilm.com is incredibly user friendly. Simply entering a film into the search engine will return all the formats that the film is available in; these are then broken down by proximity, price and popularity. Users can click straight through from a chosen film and be taken directly to the cinema or retailer website where they can book a seat at their nearest cinema or buy the film there and then, using the cheapest or preferred retailer. Other features include trailers for films, details about new and coming soon films and most popular searches - across all formats.

Film lovers will be particularly drawn to the 'Alert Me' feature which will automatically alert them as soon as their chosen film, no matter how obscure, becomes available in the UK in their chosen format. So if their favourite film is ever shown at the cinema again or becomes available to download – they will be the first to know about it.

Peter Buckingham concludes:

"The launch of FindAnyFilm.com comes at a time where everything points to the massive popularity of film, with UK box office takings growing five per cent to a record £949 million last year. FindAnyFilm.com will help more people find and enjoy more films."

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About the UK Film Council

The UK Film Council is the Government backed lead agency for film in the UK ensuring that the economic, cultural and educational aspects of film are effectively represented at home and abroad. It invests Government grant-in-aid and Lottery money in developing new filmmakers, in funding exciting new British films and in getting a wider choice of films to audiences throughout the UK. It also invests in training, promoting Britain as an international filmmaking location and in raising the profile of British films abroad.