

# LAWRENCE: AFTER ARABIA

AN INDEPENDENT FULL LENGTH FEATURE FILM



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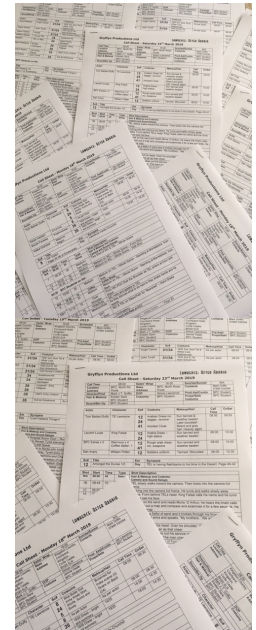
## NOW WE WAIT!

Welcome to our fifth newsletter for Lawrence: After Arabia the forthcoming full-length feature film. Since March of course we've been in a holding pattern. At the end of March we'd planned a couple of days shoot for a "Making Of" video and the "After Arabia" music video both of which were "postponed". Of course the saddest part has been to postpone our screenings and the premiere, which should have been held on May 19<sup>th</sup>. All of these have been pushed into September/October and our fingers are crossed that these will still go-ahead. In the meantime we've opened the Lawrence After Arabia Shop on the website which will help us raise money to pay for the film, we've also completed the novel and our working on the "Making Of" book which is growing like a Tolkien novel! For me the lockdown has meant I can work on a few other Lawrence related projects, which are waiting in the wings and I've given a taster of these below. In the meantime "stay safe" and please continue to support and visit us on Facebook, IMDB, Twitter and the film website.

## FUTURE PROJECTS

While on lockdown I've been avoiding a chore list by working on potential future projects, which I hope will be ready for general release. Of course all the projects are budget and time dependent! These projects include:

- Audiobook of the Novel - the novel written by Ingrid to accompany the screenplay is ready and we'd love to do an audiobook of it so will approach one of our "lead cast" to read it for us.
- Making Of - the book is taking shape and is a chronology of the production of the film from initial ideas to its final version including unseen photos.
- The Death of TE Lawrence Documentary-Drama - I've been working for some months on a documentary to partner the film. The documentary drama treats TEL's death as a "cold case" (like "Waking the Dead") and investigates what could have happened more forensically than could be done in the film. I'm hoping this will be shot later in the year or early next with our core crew and some of the original cast.
- Making Of Video and Music Video - these were to be done in March and are keen to shoot these prior to general release IF this is 16<sup>th</sup> October.
- I have few ideas for a future film project but would like to "clear the decks" and have "Lawrence: After Arabia" out before I get stuck into another.



## THE SHOP IS OPEN!

Just before lockdown hit we had been working on a basic set of merchandise to support the film as we went out for special screenings. The shop was "ready" early in April but we kept its opening fairly "hush hush" as we wanted to test it worked! By early in May we were happy with the way it was operating. We've of course t-shirts, caps and pens as well as the soundtrack 2CD, which includes the end titles song "After Arabia". In addition we've included those items which we will put on sale once the film has had its general release including the novel, screenplay and making of books which if we released might give the plot away. The shop of course supports the production of the film and hope you will support it. We're also planning to add additional products nearer the release date including signed books and posters and "fan bundles".

## FILM AWARDS

Since January we entered a number of film festivals around the globe and these are shown on the film posters and banners on the websites. So far we've won:

Los Angeles Film Awards	Official Selection Semi-Finalist Honourable Mention Best Feature Film
Dumbo (New York) Film Festival	Semi-Finalist
DMOFF	Official Selection
Miami Independent Film Festival	Official Selection
Florence Film Awards	Official Selection Best Feature Film
Kosice Film Festival	Official Selection Honourable Mention Best Picture Best Director Best Film Poster
Accolade Global Film Festival	Official Selection for Best Picture, Makeup and Score - waiting results!

We have eight festivals yet to release their results and will enter the "big ones" in 2021 which were cancelled in 2020. My thanks to everyone in the cast and crew who made these possible. Sadly we don't get trophies for all of these but I know of the Los Angeles and Florence Film Awards where they are "in the post".

## PRE-RELEASE SHOWINGS WITH DIRECTOR'S Q&A

As many folks knew we'd planned a schedule of special screenings with Director's Q&A through May, which sadly have had to be postponed to September/October. Some venues have confirmed these and others won't confirm probably until June/July. The current status is in the table below.

Location	Venue	Day	Date	Notes
Poole - PREMIERE	Lighthouse Theatre	Fri	18-Sep	OK
Poole	Lighthouse Cinema	Sat	19-Sep	OK
Plymouth	Arts Centre Cinema	Sun	20-Sep	99% Certain!
Caernafon	Galeri	Mon	21-Sep	OK
London	Genesis Shoreditch	Tue	22-Sep	Awaiting Response
Oxford	Ultimate Picture Palace	Wed	23-Sep	99% Certain!
Lymington	Malt Theatre	Thu	24-Sep	OK
	DAY OFF/FREE	Fri	25-Sep	City/Venue TBC
Swanage	Mowlem	Sat	26-Sep	OK
Chester	Storyhouse	Sun	27-Sep	OK
Sturminster Newton	Exchange	Mon	28-Sep	OK
Wareham	Rex	Tue	29-Sep	Awaiting Response
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Christchurch	Regent Centre	Thu	01-Oct	OK
Bridport	Electric Palace	Fri	02-Oct	OK
Leeds - Elland	Rex	Sat	03-Oct	Awaiting Response
Edinburgh	Assembly Roxy	Sun	04-Oct	OK
Southampton	Hangar Farm Arts Centre	Mon	05-Oct	99% Certain!
	DAY OFF/FREE	Tue	06-Oct	City/Venue TBC
Birmingham	Midlands Arts Centre	Wed	07-Oct	OK
Lyme Regis	Marine Theatre	Thu	08-Oct	OK
Sherborne	Digby Hall	Fri	09-Oct	OK
Shaftesbury	Arts Centre	Sat	10-Oct	OK
Dorchester	Corn Exchange	Sun	11-Oct	99% Certain!

Most of the dates are confirmed but with a few we're waiting for that confirmation. Tickets from the original dates will of course be valid for the new dates.

I've also got some "blue days" where I'm attempting to arrange a date in another venue around the UK.

Once the lockdown is eased which should be able to nail those dates. As I write I've heard that many cinemas expect to reopen in July so fingers crossed. If however the virus in the UK is not brought under control (and one hopes and prays this is so) and these dates are pushed back again we will of course rearrange for early in 2021.

We're really looking forward to these screenings and will be excited to see folks there!

AND FINALLY...one of the other ways of supporting the movie is to simply visit our IMDB Page (Lawrence After Arabia) where we're at No.1. in low budget UK dramas to be released in 2020!

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