



Dive-in movies

at Tooting Bec Lido*

*Winner of the 2006 London Pools Campaign Golden Goggles Award

Friday 28 – Sunday 30 July 2006

Welcome to Dive-in movies at the Tooting Bec Lido! Tooting Bec Lido celebrates its 100th anniversary on 28 July 2006. The pool is unique in having remained open year round during that time. At 100 yards long and 33 yards wide, it is the largest outdoor fresh water swimming pool in Britain.

Built in 1906, the pool, the brainchild of the Reverend John Hendry Anderson, the Rector of Tooting, was created as a scheme for the employment of 400 local men. Originally called the Tooting Bathing Lake, the Lido was named after the fashionable beach in Venice and contains one million

gallons of water. At a time when we are losing public pools the Centenary aims at preserving this London gem for the next 100 years.

DIVE-IN MOVIES celebrates one hundred years of films, shorts and archive footage, all featuring swimming pools and swimming. So whether you swim here everyday or have walked through the gates for the first time, collect your celebratory centenary drink to toast swimmers past, present, and future, then settle into enjoying a magnificent summer swimming pool film bonanza.

Friday 28 July Programme

7.30–9pm: Enjoy a swim. The bar and café will remain open until 11pm. As this is the Lido's Gala night there will also be a few celebratory surprises and speeches. When finding spaces to sit in the garden, we ask you to be considerate of others. We all want to see the films! Please make sure your mobile phones are switched off. And off means OFF! (Not vibrate)

9.45pm SCREENING COMMENCES
FUTURE SHORTS (20 mins total)

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The Lido A history of the Lido. From the archives of British Pathe. Courtesy of ITN.

Synchro Synchronised swimming is not as easy as it looks, and neither is being the only male on the Santa Clara Aquamaids team. Directed by Kristen Nutile, USA

Taris Jean Vigo enlists the help of champion swimmer Jean Taris to demonstrate the basic strokes out of water. He quickly gets bored and dives in the pool doing wild dances in the water. Directed by Jean Vigo, FRANCE

The Swimmer (Cert PG) Ever passed a swimming pool and felt the urge to take an illicit dip? This is the dream of The Swimmer's errant hero, played by Burt Lancaster. Flashing his dazzling smile, his azure eyes lighting up the screen, he announces "This is the day Ned Merrill swims across the county." So starts Ned's picaresque journey homewards, pool-crashing through sun-drenched Connecticut charming, sparring and flirting with friends, enemies and lovers as his life unravels around him. Since its low-key release, The Swimmer – masterfully adapted from John Cheever's short story – has grown in stature to become not only a cult classic, but also a showcase for Lancaster's most complex and exuberant performance. Lancaster got through 17 pairs of dark blue nylon swimming trunks during the filming, his bronzed acrobat's body plunging into pool after pool as if his life depends on it. It's thrilling stuff. *Alexander Ballinger.* Director Frank Perry 1968. 91 mins



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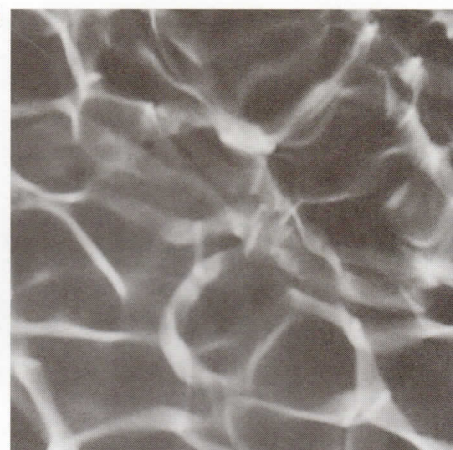
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Million Dollar Mermaid

(U) It was a casting director's dream – MGM's "queen of the surf" Esther Williams plays Australian swimming legend Annette Kellerman in this effervescent biopic. Mermaid charts Kellerman's feisty early life from swimming champ to New York Hippodrome headliner and then onto Hollywood sporting her audacious one-piece swimsuit! Victor Mature's jaunty carnival showman – whose hilarious antics range from managing a real-life boxing kangaroo to discovering Hollywood's canine star Rin Tin Tin – ably provides Williams' love interest. Scenes to soak up include Kellerman's crowd-catching 26-mile swim from Putney to Greenwich together with Busby Berkeley's gravity-defying aquabatic numbers. Here gutsy Esther Williams literally risked life and limb to achieve the greatest aquatic stunts in Hollywood's history. *Alexander Ballinger.* Director Mervyn LeRoy 1952. 111 mins

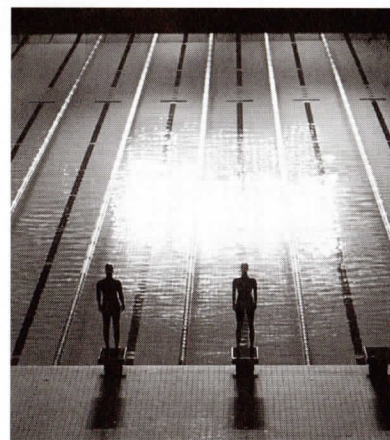


A personal message from Beverly Hills to all those attending Dive In Movies from **Esther Williams** herself: "CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL! AND KEEP SWIMMING! IT'S THE ONLY SPORT YOU CAN DO FROM YOUR FIRST BATH TO YOUR LAST WITHOUT HURTING YOURSELF - AND STILL LOOK PRETTY!"

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Future Shorts presents Future Cinema creating a spectacular centenary show with swimming shorts, theatrical performances and installations. Transforming the Lido into a retro leisure area of the early 20s with dance routines, ushers in swimming costumes and much more besides for a Dive-in Movie Finale.



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The Crawl A visual and delicately poetic story about the relationship between a swimmer and water. Directed by PV Lehtinen, FINLAND

Friday's Child Will Young works his way up to become a swimming Champion. Directed by Dougal Wilson, UK

INTERVAL 10mins

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Eating Sausage A woman having recently arrived in New Zealand from Korea learns to swim. Directed by Zia Amandiwalla, NEW ZEALAND

INTERVAL 10mins

Swimming A dark and eerie portrayal of a Slovakian swimming pool. Directed by Martin Repka, SLOVAKIA

City Paradise When Tomoko arrives in London she has no idea that soon she will discover a mysterious secret hidden beneath the city. Directed by Gaelle Denis FRANCE

Swim Song A catchy public service announcement informing us about the delights of swimming.

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All Around the World Highly original and accomplished music video for Daft Punk. From legendary Director Michel Gondry

Swimming with David Wilkie An important message from Champion swimmer David Wilkie

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On the Café Screen throughout the evening (smaller screen by the café)

Cliptest

A beautiful film about synchronized swimmers. Justine Pearsall

Twenty Lengths

Twenty Lengths is a video installation exploring Katie Barlow's experience of swimming twenty lengths of Tooting Bec Lido, filmed entirely from her point of view by attaching a small video camera to her goggles. Filmed throughout different stages of the day to capture the true essence of the Lido – *Twenty Lengths* takes the viewer on a eclectic journey – one that at times will be familiar and at others will offer a unique perspective of this magnificent lido. Katie Barlow, UK

The Future Shorts *Water Experience* is a visual montage of the very best short films about water.

Archives from the world of the Lido by British Pathe, courtesy of ITN.

Notes on tonight's performance

Future Cinema brings you live theatre tonight which has been directed by the Pikled Pikchers Theatre Lab, www.pikledpikchers.com – set designers and visual architects, whose work develops in time based media using various representations of existence. Exploring the passing of time and the limits of imagery perception, they devise kaleidoscopic installations and theatrical pieces on dreams, illusions and the bending of physical reality. For more information about Future Cinema and our events, please visit www.futurecinema.co.uk or email info@futurecinema.co.uk

Note on Future Shorts

Future Shorts is the largest exhibitor and programmer of short films in Europe, currently screening to over two thousand people a month in 11 cinemas and nine other venues throughout the UK, in addition to a growing European and international network. Future Shorts believe passionately in developing a wider audience for short film. Since its inception in 2003, Future Shorts has rapidly created an expanding network, enabling emerging filmmakers to have their work seen, and exposing audiences to new and diverse films. Currently Future Shorts can be seen in London, Brussels, Edinburgh, Paris, Lisbon, Cape Town, and Moscow to name but a few. For more information go to www.futureshorts.com

South London Swimming Club

Find out more about the Lido and the South London Swimming Club at www.slsc.org.uk

The South London Swimming Club would like to thank all those that have made our Centenary Celebrations possible – in particular Wandsworth Council, DC Leisure, Clapham Picture House, Cambridge Film Festival, Future Shorts, Picturehouse Cinemas, Dive-in Movies film makers, artists, performers, our lifeguards and volunteers and the 1000s of swimmers who believe as we do, that a day without a swim is not a day!!

Important safety message – Please be mindful of your children at all times.

In the event of an emergency please contact a lifeguard or usher immediately.

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