



**MEDIA INFORMATION
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“LOUDEST SILENT FILM” TO HOLD UK PREMIERE IN HULL

- Modern silent film *Tuvalu* to be presented with new electronic rock score by Croatian artists Mr Lee & IvaneSky
- People of Hull are invited to become part of the band through unique water-themed instruments and digital interaction

Hull is invited to set sail on a unique adventure into film and music as a ground-breaking water-themed live event comes to the city for its UK premiere. Combining film, live music and audience participation, the silent film *Tuvalu* will be presented at Fruit on Thursday 9th November with musicians travelling from Croatia to present the unique performance utilising empty water bottles as instruments,

Tuvalu, a modern silent film by German director Veit Helmer, receives a brand new soundtrack to be performed live by Mr Lee & IvaneSky, the collaboration of two of Croatia's leading musical artists Damir Martinović “Mrle” (frontman of Croatian rock pioneers Let 3) and Ivanka Mazurkijević. The band are looking for volunteers to accompany them by playing their unusual handmade instruments, and all attendees will be able to be part of the score using their mobile phones, with interactive elements that will cue the audience to help create the soundtrack through cheering, clapping, gargling water and more...

The Hull show will be only the second time the live soundtrack has been performed in the world, with the world premiere taking place at the 20th Motovun Film Festival in Croatia in July 2017.

The film *Tuvalu* is previously unreleased in the UK, and the screening is a must-see for fans of classic silent films as well as modern hits such as the Oscar-winning *The Artist*. Unlike the traditional presentation of silent films with piano accompaniment, this production fuses popular,

contemporary music and the latest technology to create an entirely new experience for film and music lovers.

Lisa Brook, Director of Live Cinema UK said: 'We are so excited to be bringing this unique project to Hull. You might not have heard of Mr Lee & IvaneSky, but if you like Arcade Fire, British Sea Power, or Sigur Ros, you'll want to get this show on your must-see list. *Tuvalu* is unlike anything you will have seen before: seeing this new live score is like going to a gig, AND watching a film at the same time. Plus if you've ever wanted to be part of a band but have no musical talent, now is your chance!'

Sam Hunt, Executive Producer at Hull UK City of Culture 2017, said: "This special screening of *Tuvalu* is a fantastic addition to the wide-ranging programme film activity that has been taking place in Hull throughout 2017. It promises to be quite a ride, bringing together film and the live concert experience. It'll be an unforgettable night."

Tickets are on sale now via Hull Box Office for £7/£5 concessions. *Tuvalu* will also have a special schools matinee performance as part of the Into Film Festival 2017. For more details on the schools' event and to book free tickets visit www.intofilm.org/festival

Interested in playing an instrument with the band? Email info@livecinema.org.uk to register your interest.

Tuvalu is part of Live Cinema EU, co-funded by the Creative Europe programme of the European Union. Produced by Live Cinema UK and Motovun Film Festival as part of the Hull UK City of Culture 2017 Transformative Film Culture for Hull programme, supported by the BFI in partnership with Film Hub North, and as part of the BFI's Film Audience Network led by Showroom Workstation.

Event details

Tuvalu + live score with Mr Lee & IvaneSky

Thursday 9th November, 7.30pm, [schools screening as part of Into Film Festival 1.30pm.](#)

Fruit, 62-63 Humber St, Hull HU1 1TU

Tickets: £7/£5 concessions www.hullboxoffice.com

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Press images available to download [here](#).

About Live Cinema UK

Live Cinema UK is the country's only organisation focused on bringing artists, exhibitors, distributors and producers closer together to create amazing experiential cinema events. We are a non-profit cultural organisation based in West Yorkshire. Live Cinema UK has commissioned [audiovisual shows for abandoned film ideas](#), [immersive theatre for new releases](#),

many live scores and theatrical experiences [around the world](#), and work with artists as varied as DJ Yoda, Mica Levi, Stephen Mallinder, Omnibus Theatre, Norman Jay MBE, and many more. www.livecinema.org.uk

About Mr Lee & IvaneSky

Damir Martinović Mrle has been a musician, author and performer for thirty years. He has had a punk/ rock history and recorded around twenty albums in his native language and is the author of the music both for Let3 and MrLee & IvaneSky. His work in theater and performance art made him popular especially for his unique musical combination of rock, punk, pop, ethno, electronic and provocative styles as well as for new sounds. As an artist he is very much involved in performing reactionary music connected to the social moments of his immediate society. In recent years he became an author of film music which received many awards. The last movie *Kauboji* was Croatia's nomination for the 2013 Oscars.

Ivanka Mazurkijević is the other half of Mr Lee & IvaneSky and has been a performer, singer and author for twenty years. She has recorded ten albums and cooperated with many famous musicians in her native Croatia. In her music she likes to mix styles from old musicals, cabaret and retro pop rock as well as some children chants from South American music and jazz. This project has been defined as "LeelaCountyglam" by some music journalists.

For the last ten years she has made music for over twenty plays and three films and she has also won many awards on various film festivals, theater festivals as well as music awards. She also has a bend in Berlin ("La Folee") and works, records and performs in Italy (Theater house in Prato and Spoleto).

About Transformative Film Culture for Hull

The BFI is funding 'Transformative Film Culture For Hull', as part of its National Lottery-funded BFI Film Audience Network and led by its lead partner BFI Film Hub North. Delivered through Hull [UK City of Culture](#) 2017 and by Hull Independent Cinema and a unique partnership of film festival, educational and archive partners from across the north, the film programme will bring a packed programme of more than 400 screenings, one-off events and film festivals throughout the year to Hull and the region. The programme reflects the BFI's activities across the UK to bring film to audiences where there is less opportunity for them to experience and engage in film, and to support local film networks and audience initiatives. There will be much to explore, celebrate and enjoy.

About Into Film

Into Film is an education charity that puts film at the heart of children and young people's educational, cultural and personal development.

Over two thirds of UK schools engage with our programme of Into Film Clubs, special cinema screenings, and resources and training to support classroom teaching. Alongside rich online content for young audiences, this provides 5-19 year olds with inspiring opportunities to learn about and with film, and develop a passion for cinema.

Into Film's work is supported principally by the BFI through the National Lottery, and by the film industry through Cinema First.

Into Film Festival is the world's biggest free, youth film festival, which takes place from November 8th to 24th with 3000 free screenings and events for 5-19 year-olds, many linked to subjects in the curriculum. Open to schools, colleges, youth leaders and home educators the Festival uses the magic of film– from exclusive preview screenings of new blockbusters to popular classics to engage young minds in a broad range of topics. www.intofilm.org/festival