

BILL DOUGLAS MY BEST FRIEND

A FILM BY JACK ARCHER

NARRATED BY BRIAN COX



11th September 2024

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FEATURING INTERVIEWS WITH FILMMAKERS LYNNE RAMSAY, LENNY ABRAHAMSON AND NEVER-BEFORE-SEEN SHORT FILMS BY BILL DOUGLAS

IN CINEMAS ACROSS THE UK 27 SEPTEMBER

INCLUDING CRAIGMILLAR NOW, THE ARTS CENTRE IN NEWCRAIGHALL WHERE BILL GREW UP AND SHOT HIS FILMS

Hopscotch Films have today announced the release date, trailer and new poster for Jack Archer's engrossing documentary feature film *Bill Douglas My Best Friend*, which will be released in cinemas in the UK on 27 September 2024.

Bill Douglas My Best Friend premiered to acclaim at Venice Film Festival, followed by Glasgow Film Festival and tells the story of the extraordinary friendship between Scottish filmmaker Bill Douglas and his lifelong companion and collaborator Peter Jewell. The film was supported by Screen Scotland's Film Development and Production Fund.

Bill Douglas was Scotland's finest director, celebrated by other great filmmakers including Lynne Ramsay, Lenny Abrahamson, Satyajit Ray and Yuliya Solntseva. In his short career he made four films, an autobiographical trilogy *My Childhood*, *My Ain Folk* and *My Way Home* about his appalling childhood and *Comrades*, an epic about a momentous moment in English history. Every shot in these films is an art work and every sequence a poem.

Bill's life was transformed when he was on National Service in the Egyptian desert and met the man who would become his lifelong friend, Peter Jewell. The two men had very different backgrounds but they formed a unique bond that channelled a tremendous creative energy.

In this film Peter reminisces about the life he shared with Bill in their tiny Soho flat filled with cinema memorabilia. Their love of the movies led them to start experimenting with an 8mm camera. Peter's memories and musings about the legacy Bill left behind are illustrated with these never-before-seen short films.

On 27 September, Bill Douglas My Best Friend will also screen at Craigmillar Now, the arts centre in Newcraighall where Bill grew up and shot his films.

To attend the Craigmillar Now screening or for screener links, interview requests or more information please contact Premier Scotland

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