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It's a Wonderful Life at Moscow's Art Theater

Two film festivals are sure to keep you merry and bright.

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Still from "It's a Wonderful Life" **Courtesy of Art Theater**

If you are staying in Moscow for the holidays and feeling a bit nostalgic — or if you love movies and your ideal vacation is sitting in a cinema — plan on spending many days and nights in the Art Theater.

The theater has two fabulous festivals as gifts for film-lovers: the New Year's and Christmas festival, which opens on Dec. 25, and the Best of 2021 festival, which opens on Jan. 1.

At the Art Theater, all films are shown in the original language with subtitles, so take the whole English-speaking family to see Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life" (1947), "Scrooge" from 1951, or the original 1939 "Wizard of Oz" — and "White Christmas" (1954), of course. The theater is also showing the premiere of Paul Thomas Anderson's new film, "Licorice Pizza." Russian and Soviet classics include "Cinderella" (1947) and Kirill Serebrennikov's "Petrov's Flu" that just came out this year.

The Best of 2021 films include “Cruella” and “Soul” for the little folks, “Dune” for everyone who missed it during the short lockdown, “No Time to Die” because Christmas isn’t Christmas without James Bond, the musical “Annette” and the saga “House of Gucci.” You might also want to see the award-winning “Compartment No. 6.”

For more information, schedule and ticket sales, see the theater site here.

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