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Sat 12th - Mon 14th Feb 2005 (4th - 5th weeks)

#### WHAT'S ON / COMING SOON

**Holywell Music Room**  **Sun. Feb 13th, 11.15am**

**Planes Dukes Rahman Trio**  
Rawsthorne: *Viola Sonata*, Debussy: *Premier Rhapsodie*  
Schumann: *Marchener Zuhlungen* op.132  
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**THE GRUDGE (15)** **Fri-Sun: 9.30pm**  
A house is inhabited by a mysterious and vengeful spirit

**IN THE MOOD FOR LOVE (PG)** **Mon: 7.00pm**  
Neighbours in a Hong Kong apartment block find they have something in common

**CASABLANCA (U)** **Mon: 9.30pm**  
In which Bogart doesn't say 'Play it again, Sam!'

**COFFEE AND CIGARETTES (15)** **Tue-Thu: 9.30pm**  
Interwining short stories. Not Robert Altman or F.T. Anderson, but Jim Jarmusch

**Phoenix Picture House (512526)**

**A WAY OF LIFE (15)** **Sun: 1.30pm**  
A tale of youth boredom in a fictional Welsh town.

**CHINESE ODYSSEY (U)** **daily: 11.30pm**  
Gaozi Chinese lunar New Year film.

**FRENCH CINEMA: LA BELLE ET LA BÊTE (PG)** **Mon: 6.45pm**  
Beauty and the Beast: 1946 Cotecau classic fantasy.

**GARDEN STATE (15)** **daily: 11.30pm**  
An estranged Zach Braff rebuffs ties to his home state.

**Kid's Club: THE ROAD TO EL-DORADO (U)**  
Animated adventures. **Wed: Activities start at 12.45, film at 1.30pm**

**School's Out: THE INCREDIBLES (U)** **Mon-Thu: 1.00pm**  
Animated superheroes from the creator of The Simpsons.

**SIDEWAYS (15)** **daily: 4.00, 6.35, 9.10pm; Fri: also 1.15pm**  
Two middle-aged men on a road trip.

**THE INCREDIBLES (U)** **daily: 11.30pm**  
Animated superheroes from the director of The Simpsons.

**THE SEA INSIDE (15)** **daily: 1.15, 3.40, 6.20, 8.50pm**  
A.k.a. *Mar Adentro*. Spanish film about euthanasia.

**WHEN THE LAST SWORN IN DRAWN (15)** **daily: 11.30pm**  
Samurai swordman leaves his rural family for the big city.

**Odeon George St (0871 2244 007)**

**CLOSER (15)** **daily: 6.30, 8.45pm**  
Romantic conflicts with Jude Law, Julia Roberts, Natalie Portman & Clive Owen.

**MEET THE FOCKERS (12A)** **daily: 10.15, 12.45, 3.15, 6.15, 8.45pm**  
Meet the Parents ...

**Senior Screening: MERCHANT OF VENICE (12A)** **Wed: 10.00am**  
Al Pacino and Jeremy Irons give this problematic comedy their best.

**OCEAN'S TWELVE (12A)** **daily: 11.15am, 12.15, 2.15, 3.00, 5.15, 8.15pm**  
Six best sequel with Brad, George and Friends. And Bruce ...

**RACING STRIPES (U)** **daily: 11am, 1.30, 4.15pm**  
Feed-good family adventure from makers of Babe.

**SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (U)** **daily: 10.00, 11.45, 1.45, 3.45, 6.15pm**

**TEAM AMERICA - WORLD POLICE (15)** **daily except Mon: 8.15pm**  
Thunderbratque animation from creators of South Park.

**THE AVIATOR (12A)** **Fri-Sun & Tue-Wed: 7.45pm**  
Biopic of Howard Hughes with Leonardo Di Caprio

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Animated wilderness for all ages.

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**IN GOOD COMPANY (12A)** **daily: 8.15pm**  
Dennis Quaid's new boss is half his age, and sleeping with his daughter (Quaid's).

**MEET THE FOCKERS (12A)** **daily: 10.30am, 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30pm**  
Meet the Parents ...

**SHALL WE DANCE (12A)** **daily: 8.15pm**  
Rom com, with Jo Jo, oh no.

**SIDEWAYS (15)** **daily: 5.15, 8.15pm**  
Two men reaching middle age, with disappointment, embark on a road trip.

**SON OF THE MASK (PG)** **daily: 11.00, 1.00, 3.15pm**  
Prequel to The Mask.

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**LAURA'S STAR (U)** **daily: 11.20, 1.10, 3.10pm**  
Surreal animation about a girl who nurses a hurt star. One for the kiddies.

**LEMONY SNICKET (PG)** **Sat-Sun: 11.30am**  
A film on a chocolate bar with lemon and peanuts?

**MEET THE FOCKERS (12A)** **daily: 5.25, 6.30, 8.00, 9.10pm**  
Meet the Parents ...

**MILLION DOLLAR BABY (12A)** **daily: 8.15pm**  
McEwan trains a woman to be a champion boxer.

**OCEAN'S TWELVE (12A)** **daily: 12.15, 2.30, 6.15, 9.00pm**  
Six best new wave best sequel with Brad, George, Matt and Friends. And Bruce.

**POLAR EXPRESS (U)** **Sat-Sun: 12.00pm**  
Last of the Xmas 2004 stock. Stars Tom Hanks.

**RACING STRIPES (U)** **daily: 11.00, 1.20, 3.40, 6.00pm**  
Feed good family adventure from makers of Babe.

**RAY (15)** **daily: 8.30pm**  
Biopic of the late, great Ray Charles.

**SHALL WE DANCE (12A)** **Mon & Thu: 7.15, 9.25pm**  
Richard Gere's bored lawyer falls for Jennifer Lopez's ballroom dance teacher ...

**SON OF THE MASK (PG)** **daily: 12.00, 2.10, 4.20, 6.30pm**  
An aspiring cartoonist's infant son tumbles upon the mask of Loki.

**SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (U)** **daily: 11.30am, 12.30, 1.30, 3.00pm**  
Animation from the states about a talking sponge.

**THE AVIATOR (12A)** **Fri-Wed: 12.45, 4.00, 7.00pm**  
Biopic of Howard Hughes with Leonardo Di Caprio

**THE INCREDIBLES (U)** **daily: 11.10am, 1.40, 4.10pm**  
Animated superheroes from the director of The Simpsons.

**THE MAGIC ROUNDABOUT (U)** **Sat-Sun: 11.00am, 12.50, 2.40, 4.40pm**  
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All the kissing couples  
And the teddy bears in mugs.  
Annoying shaped balloons.  
And big pink cards that promise hugs.

Cupid's arrow didn't hit  
Me anywhere this year.  
So me, myself and I will  
Drown our sorrows in some beer.

The 14th of the 2nd month  
Is just another day.  
So why the crazy air of love?  
It just gets in the way.

I'd rather go out with my friends  
Or sit at home and read.  
I'd like a boyfriend, yes I would.  
But it's not a desperate need.

So "down viv valentine things"  
"Down viv love" I say.  
Down with all the bears in mugs  
ITS JUST ANOTHER DAY!

**Charlotte Scadeng**

In the dark, forgotten street  
Where time, like a fog, curls 'round one's feet  
And the slow hum of people begins to fade  
I present to myself my own accolade  
Most likely to pray to the stars above  
Most likely to never find one's true love  
Most likely to die, alone on a street  
Where time, like a fog, curls 'round one's feet

**The Great Lorenzo**

There was a young girl reading law  
Who found parties a bit of a bore.  
She skipped the Valentine's bash  
And ate sausage and mash  
Saying "This is what evenings are for"

**Deborah Ceadel**

With thanks to all the contributors.  
See the other offerings on [www.dailyinfo.co.uk/dailyinfo/antivalpoetry.htm](http://www.dailyinfo.co.uk/dailyinfo/antivalpoetry.htm)

#### GIGS

**Sat 12th**  
**THE PADDINGTONS + MORNINGWOOD + THE HALF RABBITS** + WARREN / Downstairs, 14+ / 7pm, £5 adv / £6 door / [www.theclubthat.com](http://www.theclubthat.com) / The Zodiac. [www.thezodiac.co.uk](http://www.thezodiac.co.uk) / 420042

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#### LIVE MUSIC

**Sat 12** The Mike Chilcott Trio *Jazz Band*  
**Sun 13** 2-4pm: Ross Elder *Jazz Piano*  
11-12pm: James *Classical Italian Songs*

**Mon 14** The Mike Chilcott Band *Jazz*

**Tue 15** Closed for a private function

**Wed 16** Karl Demata *Blues Guitar*

**Thu 17** Anduze Soul

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**THE PLANTSMAN'S DAY** / A selection of plants people will be on hand to tell us what we should be growing during the year ahead / 10am-4pm, £45 / Jacqueline du Pré Music Building / St. Hilda's College

**Sun 13th**  
**BLIND TASTING GROUP** / OU Wine Education group / 5pm / [www.ouwec.co.uk](http://www.ouwec.co.uk) (Blind Tasting) / City Centre, Broad St – please contact yohan.grahame@benets.ox.ac.uk if you wish to attend.

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**Mon 14th**  
**OU WHO VIDEO EVENING** / Doctor Who: Mawdryn Undead / 50p evening / £10 life membership / [users.ox.ac.uk/~who-so/](mailto:users.ox.ac.uk/~who-so/) / 8pm Christ Church Lecture Room 2

**DR ANDREW BALL (OPEN UNIVERSITY)** / Landing on a Comet / Andromed Astronomical Society / 8pm / [www.andbgonastro.org.uk/](http://www.andbgonastro.org.uk/) / Methodist Church Hall, Dorchester Crescent, Abingdon

#### CONCERTS

**Sat 12th**  
Oxford University Orchestra / Guy Johnston Plays Rocco Variations / 7.30pm / Sheldonian Theatre, Broad Street. Tel: 305305

Helen Parkinson, soprano / An Evening of English Song / Oxford Int. Music Festival / 8.00pm – Free, with collection / Hertford College Chapel

Grand Viennese St Valentine's Ball / Oxford Philomusica / 6.30pm-11.55, £25-75 / Oxford Town Hall. 109-113 St Aldate's; Tel: 252195

**Sun 13th**  
Rawsthorne: *Viola Sonata* / Debussy: *Premiere Rhapsodie*, Schumann: *Marchener Zuhlungen* op 132 / Planes Dukes Rahman's Trio / 11.15am / Oxford Coffee Concerts / Tickets: door or Playhouse

Elana Crastynoff, violin / Dhalpallicola – Brahms – Kreisler – Stravinsky – Sarasate / Oxford Int. Music Festival / 8.00pm – £10 (£5 Concessions) / Holywell Music Hall, Holywell Street

**Mon 14th**  
City of Oxford Orchestra: Salute to Love / Music by Vivaldi, Pachebel, Barber, Elgar, Bach and Zolite / 7pm, £25/19/14/10 / Sheldonian Theatre, Broad Street, Tel: 305305

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#### THEATRE REVIEW

## Gasping

Oxford Brookes Drama Studio, 7.30pm, Thu 10 - Sat 12

'Gasping' is perhaps too apt a title. It symbolizes the plot. It evokes the audience's inundation with sexuality and their mildly shocked response to it. It describes the characters' final moments before they suffocate, and the audience's reaction when it's finally over. Don't get me wrong. It's not bad – just too long, too overtly politicized to go deep, and too apt a parody of modern economics to sit comfortably. And when you leave the theatre, gasping will describe your appreciation of the air you breathe – for free!

For, in Ben Elton's world the air we breathe has become another commodity. (Written in 1990, nice touches were added to update it to make it plausible this year). A corporate executive, Sir Chieffy Lockhart (oh, the subtlety!), is looking for the next 'Pot Noodle' – you know, the next new product, entirely innovative, never been done before. His aspiring business-savvy, business-obsessed, business-protégé, Philip, discovers 'Suck and Blow'. (This is not anywhere near the most blatant entendre.) The machine sucks oxygen from the air, and blows it back so people can breathe only purified air.

The resonances with modern politics are plentiful and overt. Originally envisaged only for the wealthy, soon the air quality has become so degraded that everyone needs purified air (think bottled water). Lockhart destroys air, while poor people suffocate, in order to drive up the prices (think food). Cheap imports of air are driving down the prices and preventing the market from supplying enough air (think generic AIDS drugs in Africa). Some of these analogies will make even a neoclassical economist shudder a bit, before dismissing them as simplistic. But the play undermines this impact by making it all so explicit,

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