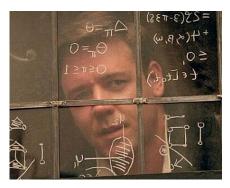
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The special season is aimed at medical professionals, students, service users, artists and filmmakers interested in discussing and challenging perceptions of mental ill health and how the issues are represented within film.

Each evening will include refreshments and a screening followed by a panel discussion and Q&A with medical professionals and service users including Professor Desmond O'Neill (Dept of Medical Gerontology, Adelaide and Meath Hospital), Dr Ian Daly (Executive Clinical Director of St. Lomans Mental Health Services) and Paddy McGowan (Irish Advocacy Network)



A Beautiful Mind

Monday 21st November 7pm

A Beautiful Mind is based on the true life story of famed mathematician, John Nash (Russell Crowe) and his lifelong experiences with mental health issues. This Oscar-winning film is a rewarding and thoughtful look at the workings of one man's mind. USA, 2001, Ron Howard, 2hrs 15m, 12

Cast: Russell Crowe, Ed Harris, Jennifer Connelly



Lars And The Real Girl

Monday 28th November 7pm

Lars Lindstrom (Ryan Gosling) is an awkwardly shy young man who finally brings home the girl of his dreams: the only problem is that she's a custommade sex doll. But Lars' relationship with her is deep and meaningful rather than physical, and soon his friends and family go along with this unconventional relationship in support of the sweet-natured boy that they have always loved. USA, 2007, Craig Gillespie, 1hr 36min, Cert 12A Cast: Ryan Gosling, Emily Mortimer, Paul Schneider, Kelli Garner, Patricia Clarkson



Away From Her

Monday 5th December 7pm

Based on a short story by Alice Munro, writer/director Sarah Polley's film is a moving story dealing with Alzheimer's. Grant Anderson (Gordon Pinsent) is emotionally tested when his wife Fiona (Julie Christie) loses nearly all her memories of him. Away From Her looks at how our memories are connected to our emotional understanding of relationships. Canada, 2006, Sarah Polley, 1hr 50m, 12A Cast: Julie Christie, Michael Murphy and Gordon Pinsent

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