

What to watch? Scotland - Ireland

Braveheart : *an account of the life and times of medieval Scottish patriot William Wallace and, to a lesser degree, Robert the Bruce's struggle to unify his nation against its English oppressors.*

Mary Queen of Scots (2018) *"Mary Queen of Scots" explores the turbulent life of the charismatic Mary Stuart (Ronan). Queen of France at 16 and widowed at 18, Mary defies pressure to remarry. Instead, she returns to her native Scotland to reclaim her rightful throne. But Scotland and England fall under the rule of the compelling Elizabeth I (Robbie). Each young Queen beholds her "sister" in fear and fascination. Rivals in power and in love, and female regents in a masculine world, the two must decide how to play the game of marriage versus independence. Determined to rule as much more than a figurehead, Mary asserts her claim to the English throne, threatening Elizabeth's sovereignty. Betrayal, rebellion, and conspiracies within each court imperil both thrones - and change the course of history. (with Saoirse Ronan)*

Outlander series : *Scotland in the 18th century, before Culloden. After seeing her husband return from the Second World War, Claire Randall and her husband go on a second honeymoon only for Claire to fall through time back to 1740s Scotland. Soon the people of 1743 Scotland become suspicious of her and think she might be an English spy.*

Trainspotting ; *A brutal, often times funny, other times terrifying portrayal of drug addiction in Edinburgh. Not for the faint of heart, but well worth viewing as a realistic and entertaining reminder of the horrors of drug use.*

Local Hero : *This film stars Burt Lancaster as Texas oil baron Felix Happer, who sends employee MacIntyre as an emissary to a Scottish fishing village to negotiate for the rights to the town's oil reserves. Surprisingly, the Scots are more than anxious to sell, and MacIntyre's trip becomes progressively stranger.*

Shallow grave : *(Petits meurtres entre amis) Three friends in Edinburgh, Scotland, interview and select a new flatmate. He's hardly moved in than they discover him dead in his room. An*

ethical dilemma ensues when they discover that he possessed a large amount of cash.

Things get worse as the men whose money it was search for it, and the three friends start to turn on each other. Written by [grantss](#)

The Angels' Share : (*La part des Anges*) Winner of the Jury Prize at the Cannes Film festival, legendary director Ken Loach , one of Britain's most distinguished and respected filmmakers. Robbie, a young ne'er do well (Paul Brannigan), a broke new father with a good heart is in serious trouble with the law. When he holds his newborn son for the first time, roguish Robbie is determined that the boy will have a better life, one with more opportunities than he has been offered in this insular, blue collar world. But first Robbie must sort out a variety of pressing problems. He is given a lucky break by a judge who shows mercy, granting him community service instead of jail. Here he meets Rhino, Albert and Mo, former petty criminals also down on their luck. (c) IFC Films

Ireland (comedy)

Waking Ned Devine (*Vieilles canailles*) *The lucky winner of the national lottery Ned Devine died from the shock of it! News of the win spread quickly in the scenic little Irish village of Tully More, but not the secret news of Ned's demise. With lottery officials closing in to confirm the prize claimed by the deceased Devine, Ned's closest friends scheme to keep the prize money close to home, in memory of Ned of course! But as the plot twists humorously, they learn it is hard is to keep such a secret in a small town. Written by OBGriffiths@yahoo.com (Imdb)*

Michael Collins : *In the early 20th century, Michael Collins (Liam Neeson) leads the Irish Republican Army with the help of his friends Harry Boland (Aidan Quinn) and Eamon de Valera (Alan Rickman), in a violent battle for Ireland's independence from Britain. But, when he fears the defeat of his revolution, Collins negotiates a treaty with the British, deeming him a traitor to the IRA. When he receives orders to murder his friends, Collins must decide where his loyalties lie.*

Angela's ashes : In 1935 when it is more common for Irish families to leave their famine-stricken country for America, the impoverished McCourt family does the reverse. Following the sudden death of her 7-week-old daughter, Angela (Emily Watson) and her unemployable, alcoholic husband, Malachy Sr. (Robert Carlyle), set sail from New York Harbor to Cork with

their four children