

Film Preview: January 2022

Coming to a cinema near you soon there is a collection of awards season players. Here is what we will be watching:

Released on 1 January 2022, the biographical comedy drama *The Electric Life of Louis Wain* follows Benedict Cumberbatch (*The Courier*) as the eponymous English artist with Claire Foy (*Unsane*), Toby Jones (*First Cow*) and Andrea Riseborough (*The Death of Stalin*) in support. Louis Wain became a prominent public figure towards the end of the 1800s due to his distinctive cat drawings and for keeping a cat as a pet, unusual for the Victorian era befitting the eccentricity of the man.

Directed by John Madden (*Miss Slone*), the war drama *Operation Mincemeat* opens on 14 January 2022, with Colin Firth (*Mothering Sunday*), Kelly Macdonald (*Goodbye Christopher Robin*), Matthew Macfadyen (*Pride and Prejudice*) and Johnny Flynn (*Emma.*), and tells the story of the deception of the enemy by Allied forces surrounding their invasion of Sicily during World War Two.

Nominated for a leading seven Golden Globes and eleven Critics Choice Awards, the comedy drama *Belfast* will debut on 21 January 2022. Written, directed and produced by Kenneth Branagh (*All Is True*), this black and white coming-of-age story features Caitríona Balfe (*Le Mans '66*), Judi Dench (*Victoria & Abdul*), Jamie Dornan (*A Private War*) and Ciarán Hinds (*First Man*) (who won the National Board of Review for Best Supporting Actor for this performance) with Jude Hill undertaking the leading role of the young boy whose childhood

we shadow amidst The Troubles of 1960s Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Watch this space for film reviews!