

PRESS RELEASE

New town centre cinema takes shape alongside Royal & Derngate

The town's newest cinema, the **Errol Flynn Filmhouse** is taking shape adjacent to the theatre's Derngate auditorium. Named after the Hollywood legend who spent his early acting career with the Northampton Repertory Company, at the Royal Theatre, the cinema is the first of the **Northampton Alive** regeneration projections to near completion.

The building, designed by architects One 17, is now watertight and has been finished with its distinctive cedarwood cladding, and work has now moved on to fitting out the interior. Landscaping work will be starting shortly, greatly enhancing the surrounding area, creating a pleasant and welcoming environment.

Managed by Royal & Derngate, in partnership with **Cityscreen**, the leading independent cinema operator in the UK, the Errol Flynn Filmhouse will host the very best in world, independent, British and mainstream film, broadening the range of films available in the town centre to the discerning Northamptonshire movie-goer.

The 90-seat cinema will offer an unrivalled experience, where audiences can enjoy state of the art sound and digital film projection from the comfort of luxurious leather seating, with side tables, allowing them to sample a wide-range of continental beers and wine and delicious food, all delivered with first class service.

Along with additional events such as film-maker Q&A sessions, film festivals and themed seasons, there are plans to have specialised screenings, for example of matinee showings for the over 60s or baby friendly screenings. The cinema will also be available to hire for private screenings.

The cinema is due to open in June, and members of the public can follow the progress of the build, captured on a webcam, by going to <http://cinecam.namtrust.co.uk>. The cinema development is part of a wider scheme, Northampton Alive, an initiative that brings together and promotes the town's regeneration and heritage projects.

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