

# ACOFS Fact Sheet

## Australian Council of Film Societies

---

NUMBER 03-B (Revised 5 May 2017)

### DVD DISTRIBUTOR CONTACTS and PRICES

#### Government Libraries

**The National Film and Sound Archives (NFSA)** in Canberra operates two collections, although these may be combined in due course.

**Their archive collection** includes 35mm, 16mm and some DVDs, but they generally do not have any screening rights associated with them. To borrow these, approach the NFSA directly.

**The SLC.** The NFSA also operates the Screen Lending Collection, previously known as the Non-Theatrical Lending Collection (NTLC) - which includes mainly 16mm and DVD titles, and their loan charges include the non-theatrical screening rights. As 16mm films get older and rarer, loans of 16mm films will become more limited and more expensive. The 16mm collection is to be moved to the archive collection in the near future. DVD loans however (which include BluRay) should continue but the collection will focus more on Australian content and titles made available from other Archives. Rights for titles available commercially in Australia will be allowed to lapse. Charges are likely to increase with inflation.

For more details see ACOFS Fact Sheet 2. Details, including current charges, can also be found at their website [www.nfsa.gov.au/](http://www.nfsa.gov.au/).

To contact them, Email [nontheatric@nfsa.gov.au](mailto:nontheatric@nfsa.gov.au) or phone 1800 012 175.

**The Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI)** is situated in Melbourne, and has a 16mm collection which is not promoted widely. The DVD collection is no longer available to borrowers as they do not have public screening licences. See their website [www.acmi.net.au/](http://www.acmi.net.au/) ACMI are currently appraising the entire collection of 160,000 items, mainly 16mm, with a view to deciding which are to be de-accessioned or repatriated. Until this work is complete, the future of the collection cannot be decided.

To access the French, German or other embassy collections, call Nick Richardson, 03 8663 2468 or [nick.richardson@acmi.net.au](mailto:nick.richardson@acmi.net.au).

Check their catalogue on <http://www.acmi.net.au> and go to collections.

#### Commercial DVD Distributors

To cater for the situation where a film society provides the DVD legally themselves (whether purchased or borrowed) ACOFS has developed a procedure for locating the rights holder of that DVD and paying an agreed and fair price for the non-theatrical screening rights directly to the rights owners or their agents. The agreements apply for film societies that are current members of an ACOFS-registered State Federation. For additional information on how this scheme works, see ACOFS Fact Sheet 3-A.

**Remember that this agreement applies only where the society is a member of a State Film Federation (which is in turn a member of ACOFS), screens non-theatrically and a legal copy of the DVD is supplied by the society. It does NOT include supply of the DVD.**

**Remember to get permission BEFORE you promote or screen the DVD or you may find yourself paying commercial rates of as much as \$300 per screening.**

The State Federations that are current members of ACOFS are:

- **Federation of Victorian Film Societies inc.**
- **WA Federation of Film Societies,**
- **Tasmanian Federation of Film Societies,**
- **Federation of Queensland Film Societies,**
- **NSW Federation of Film Societies.**
- **SA Federation of Film Societies**

(Contact details can be found on the website. [www.acofs.org.au](http://www.acofs.org.au))

Any Film Society that is a member of one of these Federations is also a member of ACOFS.

*Note that the **Australian Film Societies Federation**, which operates mainly in NSW, has distanced themselves from ACOFS and is not party to this agreement.*

- In some cases the distributor may be able to rent or sell you the DVD for an extra charge, but that is **not** part of the "DVD Rights agreement".
- Note that the distributor, even if they have the non-theatrical rights for a DVD in Australia, is not obliged to agree to your screening of the DVD. They may have some commercial or promotional reason for delaying approval until later.
- The term DVD as used in this agreement includes BluRay.
- This agreement does not extend to the use of 16mm, 35mm or 2k digital (DCP).
- This agreement assumes the society will provide their own copy of the DVD.
- Allow sufficient time to gain approval to screen the DVD before committing yourself to purchasing the DVD or promoting the screening to members.
- For further information, email [dvdrights@acofs.org.au](mailto:dvdrights@acofs.org.au) or check out the other Fact Sheets on the ACOFS website.
- **DVD screening rights will be charged at \$50+GST per screening by all distributors except where indicated otherwise.**
- If you screen a DVD more than once then you must pay rights each time, although additional screenings may be at a reduced fee. Ask the distributor/ rights owner.
- If you cancel or postpone an approved screening, contact the rights holder to avoid being invoiced for the non-screening.

## **Find the Distributor first:**

We suggest you confirm that you can get the rights approval **BEFORE** buying the DVD or committing to a program. To determine the Australian distributor of a DVD, and the probable rights holder:-

- Check the cover.
- Look it up on [www.urbancinefile.com.au](http://www.urbancinefile.com.au) or other Australian reviewer website.
- Look up the censor classification index [www.classification.gov.au](http://www.classification.gov.au) .
- If not listed on the classification listing, try searching using an alternative name or even just the directors name.
- Look it up on [www.jbhifi.com.au](http://www.jbhifi.com.au) or other on-line DVD outlet.
- Find out from your Federation newsletter or information sheets whether another society has screened it and ask them.
- Check the website catalogues of the known distributors.
- Allow plenty of time to get approval before buying the DVD.
- If the rights cannot be found in Australia try Park Circus in the UK (See later chapter)

The contacts at the co-operating DVD distributors are as follows:

## **Formal Agreements:-**

### **Roadshow:**

Chrystal Remington, (02) 9552 8685, [chrystal\\_remington@roadshow.com.au](mailto:chrystal_remington@roadshow.com.au) (note the underscore in the name!) [www.roadshow.com.au](http://www.roadshow.com.au) are agents for :

20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox,  
AV Channel (some of their DVDs)  
Becker,  
Bonsai Films,  
Buena Vista,  
Dendy,  
Dreamworks,  
Footprint,  
Fox Home Entertainment  
Hopscotch,  
Hoyts Distribution,  
Icon,  
Magna,  
MGM,  
Miramax,  
MRA Entertainment  
Newvision,

Palace Films,  
Paramount (Includes some Transmission films)  
Pixar,  
Rialto Entertainment,  
Roadshow Entertainment,  
Studiocanal (Large back-catalogue)  
Transmission Films - & see Paramount.  
UIP,  
United Artists,  
Universal,  
Village Roadshow,  
Walt Disney Pictures,  
Warner Brothers,  
Warner Home Video  
and others.

The Roadshow DVD screening rights charges are as follows. The price will depend on the size of the film society audience which defines the attendance category:-

Attendance Category	Average attendance	Equates to a membership of	rights charge – per screening
A	up to 19	up to 32	\$40 +GST
B	20 – 49	33 - 82	\$50 + GST
C	50 – 99	83 - 166	\$75 +GST
D	100-199	167 - 332	\$100 +GST
E	200 and above	333 and above	seek quote
F	n/a	paid admission	seek quote
X	n/a	Private home	None payable

### **Notes:**

1. ACOFS will assume the average attendance is 60% of the peak society membership unless stated otherwise by the film society.
2. A film society may have several groups or “streams” in which case each stream may be allocated a different category.
3. The “F” category, regardless of the society size, indicates that the organisation sells individual entries so is “commercial” and should seek a quote from the distributor.
4. This price structure is subject to further review.
5. The agreement may not apply to outdoor screenings because it is usually impossible to limit the screening to members only.
6. The agreement does not apply to film festivals because access is available to individual screenings. They are regarded as “commercial” screenings, category F.

### **Madman:**

Still charge \$50 +GST. and you must source your own copy of the DVD.

ACOFS no longer does all the booking and invoicing on behalf of Madman. You must contact Madman directly. See their contact details under the alphabetical listing below.

The full Madman catalogue is on [www.madman.com.au](http://www.madman.com.au) but be aware that this includes some titles they distribute for other suppliers, for which they do not manage the screening rights.

Their charge for a free-to-public screening, which does not come under this agreement, is currently \$300 +GST – also using your own DVD.

Madman are agents for some DVDs marked AV Channel and some Umbrella titles.

Note that for Studio Ghibli titles such as “The Wind Rises” Madman are restricted by the production company, and reserves the right to charge up to \$350 for the non-theatrical rights for their DVDs.

Madman are at Level 1, Building 1, 21-31 Goodwood St., Richmond, Vic , 3121.  
[www.madman.com.au](http://www.madman.com.au) .

### **All distributors who have agreed to follow the ACOFS rules are (In alphabetic order):**

#### **20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox**

See Roadshow

#### **Accent Film Entertainment**

George Papadopolous (03) 9690 9997  
[george@accentfilm.com](mailto:george@accentfilm.com)

#### **All Interactive Distribution**

Go to Pinnacle Films for screening approval.  
Their website <http://allinteractive.com.au>  
eg Detective Dee and the Mystery of the Phantom Flame

#### **Amalgamated Movies:**

Charge \$50 +GST for most societies – more for larger societies and for multiple screenings.  
Can also supply a copy if required.  
Steven Snell, (07) 4787 1086.  
Qld, Vic, Tas, NT [stevens@amalgamatedmovies.com](mailto:stevens@amalgamatedmovies.com)  
NSW [nsw@amalgamatedmovies.com](mailto:nsw@amalgamatedmovies.com) (02) 9744 8020  
WA, SA [wa@amalgamatedmovies.com](mailto:wa@amalgamatedmovies.com) (08) 9727 1950  
See [www.amalgamatedmovies.com](http://www.amalgamatedmovies.com) Agents for Sony and Columbia Tristar.

#### **Anchor Bay Entertainment**

Now known as Defiant Screen Entertainment  
Eg films such as City Island

#### **Antidote Films**

Previously known as Gil Scrine Films  
[www.antidotefilms.com.au](http://www.antidotefilms.com.au) [admin@antidotefilms.com.au](mailto:admin@antidotefilms.com.au)  
Contact Emma at [emma@antidotefilms.com.au](mailto:emma@antidotefilms.com.au)  
or Gil Scrine at 07 33907728 or 0418 596 482. [gil@antidotefilms.com.au](mailto:gil@antidotefilms.com.au)  
Antidote will now charge just \$35+ GST for screening rights for most of their DVD titles.

#### **Arena:**

See Cinema Plus.

## **Arkles**

See Beyond Home Entertainment.

## **AV Channel**

See Madman or for some titles, Or Roadshow.

## **Aztec International Entertainment**

Still charge \$50 +GST

Gil Mathews [gil@aztecinternational.com.au](mailto:gil@aztecinternational.com.au)

Suite 2, 8 Eddy St, Moonie ponds, Vic. 3039

0415 189 819

[www.aztecinternational.com.au](http://www.aztecinternational.com.au)

## **Beamafilm**

**Beamafilm** is a video streaming company, [www.beamafilm.com](http://www.beamafilm.com) where they have over 300 films, mostly documentaries, from Ronin, Madman, Umbrella, Antidote and more. They have a unique licensing deal with municipal libraries which allows members of any participating library to watch any film for free!.

See <http://beamafilm.com/libraries.php>

Contact: Gil Scrine at 07 33907728 or 0418 596 482. [gil@antidotefilms.com.au](mailto:gil@antidotefilms.com.au)

## **Becker**

See Roadshow.

## **Beyond Home Entertainment**

03 9321 1200

[www.beyondhe.com.au](http://www.beyondhe.com.au) [sales@beyondhe.com.au](mailto:sales@beyondhe.com.au)

Jason Behan, [jbehan@beyondhe.com.au](mailto:jbehan@beyondhe.com.au), (02) 3267 9888

Also linked to Magna Home Entertainment and Arkles.

## **Bonsai Films**

Book through Roadshow at Roadshow prices. [www.bonsaifilms.com.au](http://www.bonsaifilms.com.au)

Jonathan Page, 0404 004 994 [jpage@bonsaifilms.com.au](mailto:jpage@bonsaifilms.com.au)

Eg The Infinite Man, Broke,

## **Buena Vista**

See Roadshow

## **CEL- Communications and Entertainment Ltd.**

Went bankrupt – no longer exist. Rights to their DVDs may have been taken up by other unnamed distributors.

## **Chapel Distribution**

Mark Spratt

[mark@potentialfilms.com](mailto:mark@potentialfilms.com) (03) 9328 5533

[www.chapeldistribution.com](http://www.chapeldistribution.com)

see also Potential films.

## **Cinema Plus Pty Ltd.**

Claire Phillips o3 9646 4553 [info@cinemaplus.com.au](mailto:info@cinemaplus.com.au)

Eg. Underground: The Julian Assange Story, Boy Castaway, Force of Destiny, etc.

## **Cinesound Movies Productions**

Glenn Eley, Operations Manager of Cinesound Movies Productions has granted member film societies permission to screen their Cinesound Newsreels copyrighted material at no charge, but CMP would welcome an acknowledgement and a note of thanks to CMP by the film societies whenever their materials are screened to members.

## **Closer productions**

Ivan Vukusic [ivan@oneofoneemc.com.au](mailto:ivan@oneofoneemc.com.au)

Mainly short films. Rights at \$15 each.

## **Columbia Tristar**

See Amalgamated Movies.

## **Curious Films**

Sarah Noonan, 02 8565 5000. [sarah@curiousfilms.com](mailto:sarah@curiousfilms.com)

## **Defiant Screen Entertainment**

Simone Murray, (02) 9997 3936. Suite 1001, 4 Daydream St. WARRIEWOOD NSW 2102

[jbutler@defiant-ent.com](mailto:jbutler@defiant-ent.com)

[www.defiant-ent.com](http://www.defiant-ent.com)

## **Dendy**

See Roadshow

## **Dreamworks**

See Roadshow

## **Entertainment One**

(Was Hopscotch)

Rights booked through Roadshow at Roadshow prices.

For info, Troy Lunn or Emily Batts, [ebatts@hopscotchfilms.com.au](mailto:ebatts@hopscotchfilms.com.au)

They also handle Newvision films.

See [www.hopscotchfilms.com.au](http://www.hopscotchfilms.com.au) for both catalogues.

## **Footprint**

See Roadshow

Or Mia Timpano at Felix Media 02 8571 9080

[www.felixmedia.com.au](http://www.felixmedia.com.au)

[mia@felixmedia.com.au](mailto:mia@felixmedia.com.au)

## **Fox Home Entertainment**

See Roadshow

## **Gil Scrine Films**

Now known as Antidote Films.

## **Gryphon Entertainment**

### **Gryphon films.**

(03) 8671 0222 [sales@gryphonentertainment.com.au](mailto:sales@gryphonentertainment.com.au)

eg "One Night the Moon"

## **Hanabee Entertainment**

Eric Cherry, 03 9036 1593, [eric@hanabee.com.au](mailto:eric@hanabee.com.au)  
[www.hanabee.com.au](http://www.hanabee.com.au)

Japanese, anime and general pop-culture.

## **Heritage Films**

Di Tunnington or Donna Ross  
[info@movieschangepeople.com](mailto:info@movieschangepeople.com)  
07 5370 2007  
[www.movieschangepeople.com](http://www.movieschangepeople.com)

## **Hi Gloss Entertainment**

PO Box 2765 Fitzroy, 3065, Vic.  
Dan O'Malley [dan@higlossentertainment.com.au](mailto:dan@higlossentertainment.com.au) 0415 167 517  
Also Simon Killen [simon@higlossentertainment.com.au](mailto:simon@higlossentertainment.com.au)  
[info@higlossentertainment.com.au](mailto:info@higlossentertainment.com.au)

See [www.higlossentertainment.com.au](http://www.higlossentertainment.com.au) for their catalogue which contains titles such as "About Elly", "Italy – Love it or Leave it".

Note: Hi Gloss do not hold non-theatrical rights for the TV series in their catalogue.

## **Hollywood Gold**

(Visual Entertainment Group – VEG)  
(A division of Shock Entertainment)  
[simon.dower@shock.com.au](mailto:simon.dower@shock.com.au) 03 9205 0954

## **Hopscotch – Now Entertainment One**

See Roadshow

## **Hoyts Distribution**

See Roadshow

## **Icon**

See Roadshow

## **Imagine Films International**

Still charge \$50 +GST  
Megan George, [megan@designwave.com.au](mailto:megan@designwave.com.au) eg Thirst.

## **Jiff Distribution**

Were Champion Films.  
[info@jiff.com.au](mailto:info@jiff.com.au) (03) 9524 7979

## **Jump Street Films**

Jamie Bialkower (03) 9867 5566 [jamie@jumpstreetfilms.com.au](mailto:jamie@jumpstreetfilms.com.au)

## **Kojo Pictures:**

Morena Micelli or Ronnie Naicker, (03) 9428 7400 or (08) 8363 8300  
See [www.kojopictures.com.au](http://www.kojopictures.com.au) for their catalogue. [Contact@kojo.com.au](mailto:Contact@kojo.com.au)  
KOJO are no longer in the DVD distribution business but may still hold copyright over some titles.

## Label Distribution

Tait Brady [tb@labeldistribution.com](mailto:tb@labeldistribution.com) 0407 324 176

## Leapfrog Films

[info@leapfrogfilms.com.au](mailto:info@leapfrogfilms.com.au)

08 6397 4250

[Barbara@leapfrogfilms.com.au](mailto:Barbara@leapfrogfilms.com.au) or [david@doepel.com](mailto:david@doepel.com)

Eg. Half of a Yellow Sun, Reaching For the Moon.

## Madman

Kyle Palmer. [Kyle@madman.com.au](mailto:Kyle@madman.com.au). Phone: 03 9261 9200.

Note that not all DVDs listed on their website are available for non-theatrical screening rights. Check with Madman.

## Magna Pacific / Magna Home Entertainment

Rights booked through Roadshow at Roadshow prices.

Or see Beyond Home Entertainment

Includes some MRA Entertainment titles.

(07) 3267 9888

[www.magnahe.com.au](http://www.magnahe.com.au)

## MGM

See Roadshow

## Miramax (Now closed)

See Roadshow

## MRA Entertainment

See Roadshow

## Newvision

Rights booked through Roadshow at Roadshow prices.

## Novofilm

Gerald Lawson [gwl8491@hotmail.com](mailto:gwl8491@hotmail.com)

Can also supply *Little Lies*, *Blue Lies* and *McLean's Money*.

See also the FVFS website [www.fvfs.org.au](http://www.fvfs.org.au) under the tab Indie films for how to borrow, buy or pay for rights.

## Niche Pictures

<http://www.sbs.com.au/movies/distributor/niche-pictures>

## Palace

1/122 Toorak Rd, S Yarra, Vic, 3141

Rights can be booked through Roadshow at Roadshow prices.

Or

Tony Zrna, [tony.zrna@palacefilms.com.au](mailto:tony.zrna@palacefilms.com.au)

Antony Zeccola, [antony.zeccola@palacefilms.com.au](mailto:antony.zeccola@palacefilms.com.au)

## Paramount

See Roadshow

## Peacock Films

Lyn Shannon 07 5564 5557

[peacockfilms@winshop.com.au](mailto:peacockfilms@winshop.com.au)

[www.peacockfilms.com.au](http://www.peacockfilms.com.au)

## Pinnacle Films

[dannah.kosman@pinnaclefilms.com.au](mailto:dannah.kosman@pinnaclefilms.com.au) (07) 5556 1872

Accounts [Debbie.smith@allinteractive.com.au](mailto:Debbie.smith@allinteractive.com.au)

See also All Interactive Media.

## Pixar

See Roadshow

## Potential Films

Mark Spratt, [mark@potentialfilms.com](mailto:mark@potentialfilms.com) (03) 9328 5000

PO Box 2765 Fitzroy, Vic, 3065

L1/11a Argyle St Fitzroy, Vic, 3065

See [www.potentialfilms.com](http://www.potentialfilms.com) for their catalogue.

## Queen Ant Films

(Eg Playing for Charlie)

Pene Patrick

P O Box 559 Hawthorn, Victoria, Australia 3122

[Queenantfilms@gmail.com](mailto:Queenantfilms@gmail.com)

Phone: +61 (0) 400 671 329

## Regency Film Distribution

(A division of Shock Entertainment)

[jessica.hutton@shock.com.au](mailto:jessica.hutton@shock.com.au)

## Rialto Distribution

Rights booked through Roadshow at Roadshow prices

[Stephanie@rialtodistribution.com](mailto:Stephanie@rialtodistribution.com)

PO Box 5129, S Melbourne, Vic. 3205

[www.rialtodistribution.com](http://www.rialtodistribution.com) for their catalogue. Eg "Amazing Grace", "Get Low".

Some DVDs are released via Pinnacle. Contact Rialto if in doubt.

## Roadshow

Listed under "Formal Agreements"

## Ronin Films

Craig McConnell, [Craig.mcconnell@roninfilms.com](mailto:Craig.mcconnell@roninfilms.com)

Andrew Pike (02) 6248 0851 [andrew.pike@roninfilms.com.au](mailto:andrew.pike@roninfilms.com.au)

See [www.roninfilms.com.au](http://www.roninfilms.com.au)

A film society registered with ACOFS may buy any DVD from the Ronin website at "The Community Group" rate, which includes the rights to screen it at a regular film society screening.

Many films in the Ronin catalogue have been classified by the censor and may be shown publicly. Other films, however, are exempt from classification as Educational DVDs, and are not automatically available for public screening: These titles may require permission from Australian Classification for screening. Please consult with Ronin for further details.

## **Sharmill:**

Still charge \$50 +GST

Some titles are handled jointly with Jump St Films. See [www.jumpstreetfilms.com.au](http://www.jumpstreetfilms.com.au).

Bec Brown, [bec@sharmillfilms.com.au](mailto:bec@sharmillfilms.com.au) (03) 9826 9077

Natalie Miller, [nmiller@sharmillfilms.com.au](mailto:nmiller@sharmillfilms.com.au)

See [www.sharmillfilms.com.au](http://www.sharmillfilms.com.au) for their catalogue or email them.

## **Shock:**

200 Beavers Rd, Northcote

Victoria, Australia 3070, Ph : (03) 9205 0955

[jessica.hutton@shock.com.au](mailto:jessica.hutton@shock.com.au)

See catalogue at [www.shock.com.au](http://www.shock.com.au)

Also see Regency Film distribution and Hollywood Gold

Also handle RLJ Entertainment, Acorn and Image brands.

## **SONY**

See Amalgamated Movies

## **Studio Ghibli**

See Roadshow or Madman

## **Studiocanal**

Have a large back-catalogue

See Roadshow

## **Titan View**

Still charge \$50 +GST

[hq@titanview.com](mailto:hq@titanview.com)

Liz Kleinberg (02) 8819 6724 [liz@titanview.com](mailto:liz@titanview.com)

see <http://www.titanview.com/index.php/shop/dvds>

eg "The Jammed", "Men's Group", "33 Postcards".

## **Transmission Films**

For screening rights, go to Roadshow. Charged at Roadshow prices.

## **Tristar**

See Amalgamated Movies

## **TYSPOM**

"**TYSPOM Film** Library is a very small, non-profit, volunteer-run library that was set up to specifically serve the fabulous Film Society Movement of Australia. We specialise in lending out and studying films made with no government funding.

Our current focus is mainly on documentaries -- just because we love them. Most of TYSPOM's current and 'coming soon' films have been aired on PBS (USA) or Channel 4 (UK) and tend to cover "politically incorrect" themes. Please check the catalogue for inspiration.

TYSPOM provides Film Societies with:

DVD (on loan) + postage + screening rights = \$25 or less.

Website: <http://TYSPOM.org>. Enquiries and bookings: Prodos: [info@tyspom.org](mailto:info@tyspom.org). "

## **UIP**

See Roadshow

## **Umbrella Entertainment:**

Still charge \$50 +GST

[theatrical@umbrellaent.com.au](mailto:theatrical@umbrellaent.com.au)

Achala Datar: [achala@umbrellaent.com.au](mailto:achala@umbrellaent.com.au)

Richard Moore [Richard@umbrellaent.com.au](mailto:Richard@umbrellaent.com.au)

Unit 13/79-83 High Street Kew, Victoria, 3101, Ph (03) 9020 5157

See [www.umbrellaent.com.au](http://www.umbrellaent.com.au) & [www.umbrellaentfilms.com.au/public-performance/](http://www.umbrellaentfilms.com.au/public-performance/)

Umbrella hold theatrical and non-theatrical rights for many films and have a list that is updated monthly. Please email Achala if you wish to be sent updates.

Umbrella also handle some DVD rights on behalf of others. Eg. "Cinema Paradiso" and "Breaking the Waves".

## **United Artists**

See Roadshow

## **Universal**

See Roadshow

## **Vendetta Films**

Cameo England [cameo@vendettafilms.co.nz](mailto:cameo@vendettafilms.co.nz)

For an extensive catalogue go to: [www.vendettafilms.co.nz](http://www.vendettafilms.co.nz) However please note that Vendetta films are also distributors in NZ for other companies. Please refer to appropriate Australian companies when booking rights for these titles.

With some titles, such as *The Angels' Share*, Vendetta Films will refer you to Roadshow for rights bookings at Roadshow prices.

## **Village Roadshow**

See Roadshow in the formal agreements section.

## **Visual Entertainment Group**

See Regency Film Distribution

## **Walt Disney Pictures**

See Roadshow

## **Warner Brothers**

See Roadshow

## **Warner Home Video**

See Roadshow

---

If you come across any other distributors or contacts please let us know at ACOFS, so we can add them to this list. [DVDRights@acofs.org.au](mailto:DVDRights@acofs.org.au)

Also if you know of any titles you would like to screen but are unable to find an Australian distributor or rights owner.

## Try Park Circus, in the UK

If you are unable to find any rights holder in Australia, you could try contacting Park Circus in the UK.

ACOFs has negotiated an agreement with Park Circus, who hold rights for many DVD titles themselves and are agents for UK libraries, and are prepared to sell screening rights to Film Society members of ACOFS at a reasonable charge. This charge may be more than we have negotiated with Australian companies but it is better than individuals have been able to negotiate directly.

Park Circus is located in Glasgow and their website is [www.parkcircus.com](http://www.parkcircus.com).

Park Circus represents over 25,000 titles internationally although these are mostly for theatrical rights. However, the British libraries they represent also include non-theatrical rights. There is a search function at the site for finding requested film titles.

From the so-called "Orphan DVDs" societies have identified to date, the following have been confirmed as available through Park Circus:

The 39 Steps  
The African Queen  
Fried Green Tomatoes  
The Red Shoes

And based on our research, the following may also be available through Park Circus:

24-hour Party People  
Butterfly Tongues  
Contempt  
A Kind of Loving  
Last of the Mohicans  
Monsoon Wedding  
Reach for the Sky  
Secrets and Lies  
Song of the Sea  
Timbuktu  
Whistle Down the Wind  
Withnail and I

The procedure to obtain screening rights for any of the films handled by Park Circus is as follows:

1. Ensure the rights are not available from an Australian company or from the NFSA. Follow the process described in Fact Sheet 3A and 3B.
2. Search for the title in [www.parkcircus.com/films](http://www.parkcircus.com/films)
3. If you find the title (and it is the correct director and year) contact Graham Fulton at Park Circus ( [graham@parkcircus.com](mailto:graham@parkcircus.com) ) with the following information:
  - a. Introduce yourself, state the film society you represent, and say you wish to purchase DVD non-theatrical screening rights under the agreement Park Circus has with ACOFS.
  - b. State the title of the film, director and year.
  - c. Say you are seeking screening rights for your own copy of the DVD, for a non-theatrical screening at your film society.
  - d. Specify the location and date of the screening.
  - e. Indicate the expected audience size.
  - f. Provide an email address for him to bill you.
4. If approved, Graham will get back to you with approval and an invoice in Australian dollars which will be payable at the time of the screening. The rights charge may

depend on the actual title and the size of the audience, and will probably be a minimum of \$120 (Australian dollars).

5. When due, pay Park Circus, preferably by bank transfer to the account specified on the invoice. They do not accept PayPal or credit card.
6. Notify [dvdrights@acofs.org.au](mailto:dvdrights@acofs.org.au) so we can monitor the progress of this agreement.
7. Note that even if the society finds the title at Park Circus there is still no guarantee that the non-theatrical rights can be approved for an Australian screening. Ask for confirmation.

As indicated in the last point, please keep ACOFS informed on whether you use this agreement and how well it works or whether it needs adjusting in any way.

© Australian Council of Film Societies  
[www.acofs.org.au](http://www.acofs.org.au)

Incorporated in Victoria: A0057904W  
ABN: 69 667 887 179  
03 9873 1369 PO Box 125 Mitcham Vic. 3132