

# Grand Central Cinema closes this Saturday

## GRAND CENTRAL

● The Grand Central Cinema closes its doors at the end of this Saturday's performances—and Bedford Row will be all the poorer.

● Since the end of the War Limerick has lost all its suburban houses—The Thomond, The Tivoli, The Astor.

● Then the Coliseum ceased to show films—and now the Grand Central follows.

● In 1935—with the opening of the palatial Savoy—Bedford Row took on a new aura—and the Grand Central (up to then a separate performance house) followed the continuous performances policy initiated by the Savoy.

● The nightly queues in Bedford Row numbered over a thousand, especially on Saturday nights, and moviegoers waited to see such stars as Spencer Tracy, Nelson Eddy, Jeanette McDonald, Laurel and Hardy, Greta Garbo, Robert Taylor, Mickey Rooney, Elizabeth Taylor, Wallace Beery, Clark Gable and Norma Shearer.

● And one must not forget Paul Muni, James Cagney, Humphrey Bogart, George Raft, Bette Davis, Errol Flynn and dozens more.

● This was the era of the stars—but the years have taken their toll—and today's players do not seem to have that magic quality which made cinemagoing so pop-

ular up to fifteen years ago.

● Rumour has it that there will be major changes in the cinema pattern here within the next two years and that the Grand Central is closing is only the first of many surprises.

● The Grand Central pioneered "the talkies" way back in the early '30's and the cinema enjoyed unparalleled popularity during the time that master showman Paul Bernard steered its career.

● A few years ago—under the Ward and Anderson banner—the cinema was brought up to luxury standards with a wide screen and comfortable seating.

● Today is the era of the smaller cinema—the Grand Central has been caught in the shuffle.

## ROYAL

Limerick is a single channel TV area and, therefore, we are unaware of the fortunes of Geoffrey and Beryl (Richard Beckinsale and Paula Wilcox)—popular principals in a cross-Channel television series.

Their adventures have been transferred to the big screen and are due at the Royal.

Set in Manchester, the story, naturally, is involved in the fortunes of Manchester United, support for whom is instrumental in bringing the estranged young lovers together after a series of "liffs" that would appear to have revealed their irreconcilable differences.

● "The Lovers" will be supported by "Birds of Prey," starring David Janssen (of "The Fugitive" fame).

## CITY THEATRE

The City Theatre re-opens on Monday, with a film season of hit movies of recent years.

"The Lion In Winter," co-stars Peter O'Toole and Katherine Hepburn, and is one of the most highly-praised productions in the history of the cinema.

Magnificent acting, sumptuous settings, and an absorbing story line, are among the principal ingredients of this very special attraction.

## CARLTON

● Two revivals have been paired at the Carlton Panoram to provide a blending of laughs and suspense in a four hours long programme.

"Carry On Henry" is the 21st of the "Carry On" series and the makers say the film is so much historical—it's hysterical.

Sidney James, Kenneth Williams, Charles Hawtrey and Joan Sims are among the cast.

Co-feature: "AIRPORT" is Universal's biggest production to date, with drama as the keynote.

A star-laden cast includes Burt Lancaster, Dean Martin, Jean Seberg and George Kennedy.

## SAVOY

● On stage this Saturday in person—The Dubliners in yet another of their fantastically successful "In concert" dates.

It's a Walt Disney double bill with "Snowball Express" and programme—a family show which needs no further elaboration.

Thursday's two-feature programme includes "Psychomania" (the story of the rampages of a motor cycle gang calling themselves "The Living Dead"), and "The Baby," starring Ruth Roman.

● A notable feature of the main film is that it marks the last screen appearance of George Sanders. He died shortly after making it, in 1972.

## RETAINS

The Carlton Panoram and Savoy Cinemas are holding until this Saturday their programmes which opened at the beginning of this week.

## Carlton PANORAMIC

NOW SHOWING (Over 18s)

Rod TAYLOR

Suzy KENDALL

Theodore BIKEL

### Darker Than Amber

Extra: RIO LOBO — John Wayne

Feature: 5.20, 8.50.

Support: 3.20, 6.50

## LATE SHOW FRIDAY SATURDAY 11pm

Sidney POITIER

Abby LINCOLN

Beau BRIDGES

Laurie PETERS

## For Love of Ivy

**SUNDAY** At 2.30 and 7.30: RED RIVER—John Wayne and Montgomery Clift. Extra: WHATEVER HAPPENED TO AUNT ALICE?—Geraldine Page and Robert Fuller.

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WITH HIS  
'CHOPPER'!



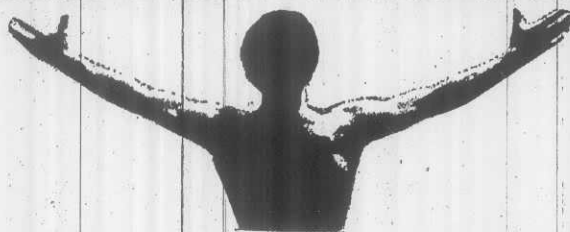
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**Franco Zeffirelli**  
HIS FIRST FILM SINCE "ROMEO AND JULIET"

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STARRING GRAHAM FAULKNER / JUDI BOWKER

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WORDS AND MUSIC COMPOSED AND SUNG BY DONOVAN

Feature 3.20, 5.35, 8.10

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