

ROCKBOURNE VILLAGE HALL FILM & SUPPER NIGHT

FILM NIGHT – 16TH MAY 2018

THE DEATH OF STALIN



2017 – 1 hr 47 mins - Cert 15

Genre: Drama/Comedy-drama

Directed and written by:
Armando Iannucci

Stars: Steve Buscemi, Simon Russell Beale, Jeffrey Tambor, Jason Issacs

A COMEDY OF TERRORS - You'll laugh... or else!

Not many people found a lot laughs in the life of the Soviet dictator; especially in 1953 when Stalin died suddenly. It takes a genius satirist, Armando Iannucci, to show us the gruesome funny side. Combining palace intrigue with rapid-fire farce, this audacious comedy is a biting funny takedown of bureaucratic dysfunction performed to the hilt by a sparkling ensemble cast. The one-liners fly as fast as political fortunes fall in this uproarious, wickedly irreverent satire: when tyrannical dictator Joseph Stalin drops dead, his parasitic cronies square off in a frantic power struggle to be the next Soviet leader. Amongst the contenders are the emasculated Georgy Malenkov (Jeffrey Tambor), the wily Nikita Khrushchev (Steve Buscemi), the sadistic secret police chief Lavrentiy Beria (Simon Russell Beale) and the vastly over bemedaled General Zhukov (Jason Isaacs). But, as they brawl and backstab their way towards the top, just who is running the government? Of course, if you don't remember any of the above, you must be too young to have witnessed it all first-time round. For the rest of us, this is a timely reminder that the present manoeuvres around Brexit are child's play when compared with the grotesque experts in deathly intrigue. In any case, this is a very fun evening which will be enjoyed by all... or else!

John Crome

Bookings: email filmnight@rockbournevillagehall.org.uk or phone Lucy Matthews 01725 518695

Doors open 7:00pm, Film 7:30pm £6, Supper 9:30pm £6, wine £12/ bottle. Pay at the door, last bookings 12:00pm Sunday 13th May

Next film 20th June: Darkest Hour