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Silent Horror!

The next screening of the Curzon Silents is going to be far from silent, when the 1920 classic *Dr Jekyll & Mr Hide* (PG) starring John Barrymore, arrives at the Curzon Community Cinema next month.

Curzon General Manager Jon Webber said of the film, "Of all the horror stories over the years, this is the one above all that deals with the conflict of the internal turmoil between what is right and what is wrong, and the issue of controlling the dark side of basic human emotions."

"There really is no better way of appreciating the messages of the story, than through the medium of silent film. It is the ultimate in dramatic presentation, made even more intense with the live music we will have playing alongside. This is a show not to be missed, and is certain to be very popular."

The live music will be provided by The Devil Music Ensemble, based in Boston USA, who are currently on a European Tour and have included this special event in Clevedon to support the Curzon Restoration Fund. The group has established itself as one of the primary American groups composing and performing scores for silent films. They have a huge fan base across the USA and Europe.

Jon Webber added, "The term silent film is a bit of a misnomer, as the films were never intended to be shown in silence at all. The 'silent' experience is all about the drama on screen and the drama of the live music. We are very grateful to The Devil Music Ensemble for agreeing to support this event. The audience are in for a real treat."

Dr Jekyll & Mr Hide plays for one night only on Monday 14 May at 19:45. Doors open at 19:15. Tickets are priced at £7.50 and all proceeds from the evening will go to the Curzon Restoration Fund.



Notes to Editors:

1. *The Curzon is thought to be the oldest, purpose-built, continuously operated cinema in the world and, throughout this year, we are celebrating our 10th anniversary as a community cinema. We are committed to providing a high quality film experience and to be a thriving centre for cinema and the arts.*
2. *Curzon Silents began in 2004, with the screening of *The Black Pirate*, starring Douglas Fairbanks. Since then three further Curzon Silents screenings have taken place and have proven very popular with local audiences. Full details can be found on the Curzon web site: www.curzon.org.uk.*
3. *The Devil Music Ensemble is on a European Tour that includes Germany, Spain, Holland and Denmark. More information about the group can be found on their web site www.devilmusic.org.*

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