

# Movies & Languages Film Festival 2022-2023

## *The Duke*

**About the movie** (in English with English subtitles)

<b>DIRECTOR</b>	Roger Michell
<b>YEAR/COUNTRY</b>	2020/ UK
<b>GENRE</b>	Comedy, drama
<b>ACTORS</b>	Jim Broadbent, Helen Mirren, Fionn Whitehead, Anna Maxwell Martin and Matthew Goode



### PLOT

This film is a great example of British humor, and it is also a post-Brexit movie that is a bit critical in an English understatement kind of way of the British establishment. It involves the overlapping of two stories.

The first one involves the working-class protagonist (Kempton Bunton) fighting against injustice in British society: for example, he thinks that the BBC licensing fee is unfair, that war veterans deserve more help, and that immigrants, like Pakistanis, should be treated just like other Brits. His complaining, however, often makes life difficult for his family, especially his wife who works more than he does.

The second story involves the acquisition of a Goya portrait of the Duke of Wellington by the National Gallery in London in 1961, and the subsequent promotion of the painting by the government and mass-media.

### LANGUAGE

The language is quite sophisticated at times, involving play on words, long phrasal verbs, as well as a lot of funny slang expressions.

### VOCABULARY

<b>Aye:</b> yes	<b>To punch the pope:</b> to talk badly about people who have power
<b>Telly:</b> TV	<b>The whereabouts:</b> the exact location of
<b>Coil or tube:</b> televisions at the beginning needed tubes or coils to work	<b>Paki:</b> an offensive term for a Pakistani
<b>Nuisance:</b> something disturbing	<b>To do a runner:</b> to run away from something or somewhere
<b>Schilling:</b> old unit of English money	<b>Tata:</b> good-bye
<b>To be your cup of tea:</b> to be something that you really like	<b>To be living in sin:</b> to be living together without being married
<b>ITV:</b> a private English television channel that pays for itself through advertising	<b>To shaft someone:</b> to cheat someone
<b>Statute:</b> a law that has been formally approved	<b>To be done for:</b> to be ruined



<b>England stood firm:</b> England defended itself	<b>To go easy on me:</b> not to punish someone severely
<b>Half baked:</b> stupid	<b>Bigotry:</b> racial prejudice
<b>To keep your head down:</b> to try not to be noticed especially by the law	<b>Without batting an eyelid:</b> without showing any emotion sign
<b>To keep my nose clean:</b> to try not to have problems with the law	<b>To get someone off:</b> to manage to free someone from a bad situation
<b>To source the car:</b> to find a car to use	<b>To make your bed than lie in it:</b> you created the situation for yourself and, consequently, you have to suffer the consequences.
<b>To nick toilet rolls:</b> to steal toilet paper	<b>Old Bailey:</b> the criminal court building in London
<b>Babycham:</b> a brand of apple cider	<b>A plea:</b> an official declaration one makes before a trial
<b>Feeble:</b> weak	<b>To be finished by tea:</b> to be finished before dinner
<b>To be skint:</b> to be without money	<b>To be daft:</b> to be stupid
<b>I had it up to here:</b> I am fed up	<b>To have a screw loose:</b> to be a bit crazy
<b>Lend me your ears:</b> listen to what I am saying. It is a quote from Shakespeare's Julius Ceasar	<b>A bookie:</b> a person whose business is accepting and paying out money resolving around bets
<b>To pick pockets:</b> to steal people's wallets	<b>To bribe the bobbies:</b> to pay the police so they let you do something illegal
<b>To build bridges:</b> to plan for the future	<b>The past is another country:</b> if it happened in the past it does not matter any more
<b>Grief:</b> the deep sorrow one feels when someone dies	<b>To deprive someone of something:</b> not to let someone have or do something
<b>To take to something like a swan to water:</b> to learn something very easily	<b>Bucket:</b> the container you use to hold water/liquid
<b>The dock:</b> the prison	<b>Lawnmower:</b> the machine that cuts grass
<b>Utmost gravity:</b> very very serious	<b>Geordie:</b> a person from the Newcastle area

