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Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street (116 mins) (MA 15+)

AFTER being unjustly sentenced to transportation, William Barker, a barber married to the beautiful young Lucy, returns to London on a ship with seaman Anthony (Jamie Campbell Bower). Calling himself Sweeney Todd (Johnny Depp) he is hell-bent on revenge against the man who sentenced him, Judge Turpin (Alan Rickman). What was his barber's shop is now Mrs Lovett's pie shop. With few customers, Mrs Lovett (Helena Bonham Carter) rents him an upstairs room for his barber's shop. According to

Mrs Lovett, Lucy died and Judge Turpin has their daughter Johanna (Jayne Wisener) imprisoned in his house. With the aim of killing Judge Turpin, Sweeney has devised a special barber's chair so that after he cuts his throat, the body would be dispatched and used as pie meat for one of Mrs Lovett's pies. The first pie meat has to be Pirelli (Sacha Baron Cohen) a barber who knows who Sweeney really is. With the need for more pie meat Sweeney cuts the throats of many doing everything he can to attract the judge to his shop. Adapted from the Broadway musical, and directed by Tim Burton, Sweeney Todd is visually spectacular. Outstanding

performances by Helena Bonham Carter and Timothy Spall as a Beadle. A great story well told in a way that builds itself to a dramatic climax.

Joy Division (93 mins) (M)

THE band Joy Division has attracted more attention from filmmakers than most. *Control*, a film with actors playing the band members and tragic founder Ian Curtis (he committed suicide) was released last year. This documentary uses archival footage of the band before the death of Curtis. It's a comprehensive look at the band.

Screening at Luna Outdoor, Leederville for one week only, see: www.lunapalace.com.au.