

A scene from Pinjira, a Luton-made film to be shown on Tuesday

WHAT'S ON

CINEMA

A FILM, made up entirely of a local cast, is to premiere on Tuesday night.

Pinjira, a

Luton film

about drugs, social and family values, has been made by producers Mitalee Youth Association (MYA) and will be screened at the Library Theatre.

The project has allowed MYA to develop broadcasting and production skills as well as highlighting community issues.

Ashuk Ahmed, co-ordinator of MYA, said: "Many first generation parents are too naive when it comes to drugs. Many parents with drug addicted children often hide the problem for the fear of bringing shame into the family."

MYA has 14 volunteers and wants to raise the profile of young people in

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the area by developing their personal, social and practical skills and looking at issues affecting their lives.

Mr Ahmed added: "The aim of this project is to provide an opportunity for local people to learn various skills of film production like script writing, camera operation, lighting, editing and other skills."

And with one out the way, Mr Ahmed says there are two more film productions in the pipeline. He said: "We are working on other projects. We are creating an opportunity for local people of all ages and backgrounds to perform in a broadcast quality production and help raise awareness on key social issues."

The Mitalee Youth Association was established in 1984 with the aim of addressing the disadvantages faced by young people from all backgrounds in deprived areas of Luton.

The film will be shown at 6.45pm on Tuesday, May 3 in front of invited guests.

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THE Sinatra Era Show is coming to Luton.

Edinburgh-based singer-songwriter Todd Gordon, 44, is one of the most popular singers and artists in the world.

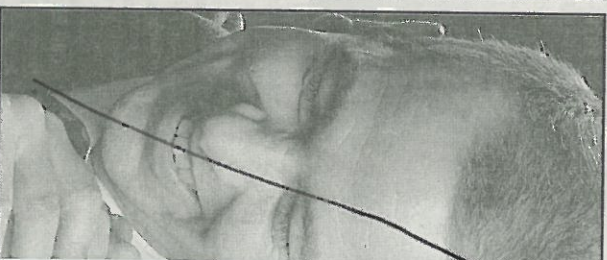
He will open the first night of his English tour by performing at Luton's Library Theatre on Tuesday, May 5.

It includes much-loved classics as Mac the Knife, Summer Something.

Recently signed to top jazz label Linn Records, Todd has become the only male vocalist to be featured on the Linn label. The album on the Linn label, The Wonderful - a collection of classic songs from the Irving Berlin songbook - is due out later this year.

Todd's career highlights include opening for the legendary Frank Sinatra at the Royal Albert Hall in Warwick on the Scottish leg of his 2003 tour.

Over the past year he has



Crooner Todd Gordon