

## An Unmissable Cinematic Adventure: The Aesthetica Short Film Festival 2013

In recent years audiences have come to expect more from cinema with innovative screenings popping up across London, from Secret Cinema to films watched from hot tubs. For those looking to adventure outside the capital this autumn, the Aesthetica Short Film Festival in York, now in its third year, is one of the most exciting site specific cinematic experiences in the UK.

With screenings taking place in a host of hidden locations across the city, you can expect to find something surprising around every corner. Slip down one of York's many snickleways to discover a stunning medieval hall and in amongst the banqueting tables watch documentaries from all corners of the world. Or why not take a walk around the city walls to catch films screening in a tower above the city? 15 historic venues lead visitors on a journey around the city's most iconic places whilst introducing them to memorable independent short film.

There is something for everyone at ASFF from comedy, drama, animation, music video, art, experimental and even a family friendly programme for parents who can't get away for the weekend. For those wishing to involve themselves further masterclasses from BAFTA, Film4, Channel 4, and one of screenwriting's most talked about talents Alice Lowe (Ben Wheatley's recent hit *Sightseers*) dispense industry tips.

York is transformed for the weekend into a hive of activity with filmmakers visiting from as far afield as Japan and Brazil. It's a brilliant time to enjoy the city in its autumnal glory with a whole weekend of short films, networking, parties and events from just £30 for a 3-day wristband.

ASFF Director, Cherie Federico comments: "Our screening venues cover all corners of the historic city of York, allowing festival-goers the opportunity to experience some of the best independent film while discovering the distinct and rich setting. I am very excited to bring you this year's festival, with a truly exceptional line up of films and lively panel discussions to explore the nature of short film. It's not often you can turn a city into a cinema."

All filmmakers are available for interview with video content and images. [CLICK HERE](#) to download the full programme. The festival director is also available for further comment.

### Editor's Note

1. ASFF runs from 7-10 November 2013.
2. There are a variety of ticketing options available for the weekend, please refer to the programme for further information.
3. Special screenings include guest programmes from BAFTA, Kuwait, Mexico, India and Screen Bandita (reclaimed 16mm film).

4. For the 15 locations, please visit [www.asff.co.uk/venues/](http://www.asff.co.uk/venues/) - images of all venues are available for press.
5. There are 300 films in the Official Selection screened over 4 days.
6. Filmmakers are from over 30 countries including the UK, Brazil, Japan, Iran, Canada, Kenya and more.
7. The festival is produced by Aesthetica Magazine. Visit [www.aestheticamagazine.com](http://www.aestheticamagazine.com) .

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