

## **FILM FOR ALL: INCLUSIVE SCREENINGS AT ASFF**



The BAFTA-Qualifying Aesthetica Short Film Festival aims to be as accessible as possible for all generations, expanding to both younger audiences and those minding them. For the third year, ASFF running 7-11 November, presents **Cinema Bambino**, a carefully selected programme of screenings for parents and guardians.

All screenings in this programme have room for buggies and are breast-feeding friendly for new parents. Please be advised that films are rated for adult audiences and not babies, so you might want to check the films' certificates in the ASFF programme:

<http://aestheti.cc/dbaeq>

The festival's **Family Friendly** strand is aimed specifically at 4-12 year olds, with animation, fairy tales and comedy guaranteed to please all ages whilst bringing something new and exciting to children's imaginations. Included in this year's strand: A grumpy monster makes a magic wish in computer animated short *Playtime*, in *Curing Albrecht* a young man tries to fight his inability to stop dancing, and two birds prove nature wrong in charming short film *Lynx & Birds*.

As part of a emotionally rich and diverse programme, ASFF also works with local schools to broaden students horizons with some of the most exciting films being made today with their Youth Engagement Screenings. Young festival goers can also vote for a specially curated selection of films from the official competition. The jury, aged 11-14, will decide who will win the York Youth Award, which not only helps them flex their critical muscles, but also develop a deeper connection with cinema.

Tickets for all audiences can be purchased online: [www.asff.co.uk/tickets](http://www.asff.co.uk/tickets)

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- Aesthetica Short Film Festival (ASFF) runs 7 - 11 November across York, UK. [www.asff.co.uk](http://www.asff.co.uk)
- Press images can be downloaded here. <http://www.bit.ly/2Ar5pvl>
- Download the Official Programme: <http://aestheti.cc/dbaeq>
- Watch the 2018 Official Trailer here: <http://aestheti.cc/16j70>
- Applications for ASFF Pitching Sessions can be submitted online: <http://aestheti.cc/4cind>
- Passes and tickets can be collected from the ASFF Hub at York Theatre Royal, St Leonard's Place, York, YO1 7HD. Masterclass tickets are sold separately: [www.asff.co.uk/tickets](http://www.asff.co.uk/tickets)
- The ASFF 2018 Jury includes practitioners from the film industry whose expertise span directing, editing, producing, journalism and film criticism. Jury members are: Aleks Dimitrijevic (The Small Film Festival), Alice Ramsey (Creative England), Emmanuel Anyiam-Osigwe (British Urban Film Festival), Gideon Koppel (Filmmaker), Iain Gardner (Edinburgh International Film Festival), Jackie Okwera (Duck Soup Films), Jaime Estrada-Torres (Editor), Julian Foddy (Industrial Light & Magic), Lauren Houlton (Jerwood Visual Arts), Mike Stubbs (FACT), Niccolò Montanari (Co-Founder of the Berlin Fashion Film), Rebecca Mark-Lawson (Tyke Films), Sheyma Buali (BBC Arabic Festival), and Simran Hans (*The Observer*).
- ASFF Northern Film School Best Screenplay Jury members: Annabelle Pangborn (Northern Film School), Dan Weldon (Northern Film School) and Cherie Federico (Aesthetica).
- The festival is produced by the bi-monthly publication [Aesthetica Magazine](#), one of the leading publications for Visual Art, Design and Photography.
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