

PITCHING SESSIONS: BROADEN YOUR HORIZONS AT ASFF 2018



For the first time at Aesthetica Short Film Festival, filmmakers are being given the opportunity to pitch their projects to some of the most important representatives in development today.

In this series of Pitching Sessions which take place between 8 and 10 November, participants will present their ideas to organisations such as **StudioCanal, Curzon, BFI, iFeatures, Altitude** and **Doc Society**; organisations that have collectively brought forth some of the most exciting names and titles in British cinema and beyond, from *Lady Macbeth* to *Paddington 2*. Not only do such companies bring award-winning films like *Moonlight* and *Citizenfour* to British audiences, they back exciting new voices in filmmaking such as **Daniel Kokotajlo**, who recently released his debut feature *Apostasy* to critical acclaim.

Other organisations participating in ASFF's Pitching Sessions include: **Dogwoof, Goldfinch Studios** and **Scottish Documentary Institute**.

ASFF has introduced this invaluable initiative to provide key advice and feedback via 15-minute pitching sessions, where participants will have the opportunity to present to one of the guest organisations carefully selected to best suit their project.

All applications must include a logline and short synopsis, and indicate if the project is a Narrative or Documentary feature. To qualify you must have at least two film credits and a completed first draft of your script or treatment.

Registration for ASFF's Pitching Sessions closes on 31 October 2018. Find further information and where to submit your application here: <http://aestheti.cc/4cind>

Aesthetica Short Film Festival runs from 7 to 11 November. Festival passes and events tickets can be purchased here: 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
- Screening passes and event tickets can be collected from the ASFF Hub at York Theatre Royal, St Leonard's Place, York, YO1 7HD. Passes will permit access to Showcase Screenings, and events. Masterclass tickets are sold separately. Tickets can be purchased online: 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*).
- The ASFF Northern Film School Best Screenplay Jury members are: Annabelle Pangborn (Northern Film School), Dan Weldon (Northern Film School) and Cherie Federico (Aesthetica Magazine).
- The festival is produced by [Aesthetica Magazine](#), one of the leading publications for Visual Art, Design and Photography. The bi-monthly publication highlights the most important artists at work today, both established and emerging, through detailed features and stunning imagery.
- Festival Sponsors and partners include: Aesthetica, York St John University, BFI, Make It York, 1331 Bar, Brandy Brown's Cinema, City of York Council, Leeds Beckett University, Northern Film School, London College of Communication, Grand Central, Creative Scotland, Sheffield Doc/Fest, Ffilm Cymru Wales, Marston's Brewery, London College of Fashion, University of the Arts London, Plymouth College of Art, Middlesex University London, NAHEMI, Northern Ireland Screen, Scottish Film Talent Network, University of Lincoln, London Film School, Falmouth University, Northumbria University, Manchester Metropolitan University, National Centre for Early Music, Friargate Theatre, Barley Hall, Bootham School, Holiday Inn, Safestay, Hilton York, Middletons Hotel, St Mary's Guesthouse, Explore York, York Museums Trust, City Screen Picturehouse, Everyman Cinema, The Smalls, York Theatre Royal, York Conferences, firefly, York Means Business. See all supporters [here](#).
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