

ASFF 2016 Official Selection Filmmakers

Now Win £1,000 Best Screenplay Award from the Northern Film School

The BAFTA Qualifying Aesthetica Short Film Festival has teamed up with the Northern Film School at Leeds Beckett University to present a new award for 2016 celebrating best screenplay. Films in the Official Selection for the festival's 6th edition are eligible for this award. The prize recognises outstanding talent and supports future career development by awarding the winner £1,000.

Cherie Federico, Festival Director, says: "We are really delighted to be working with the Northern Film School at Leeds Beckett University to present this new award. The Best Screenplay prize was created to focus specifically on screenplay; there are some truly exceptional works that screen at ASFF, selected for their originality, technical skill and the overall experience they offer to an audience. This award champions the written form of film, which unpins all great works."

The winner will be chosen by a Jury, comprised of film-world professionals including Director Mark Herman (Boy in Striped Pyjamas, Brassed Off); James Stevenson Bretton, Executive Producer at Blinkink; Craig McNeil, Director of Creative Projects at Beggars Group; Katie Campbell, Skills Development Manager at BAFTA; Journalist and Critic Karen Krizanovich and more.

ASFF 2016 is open for submissions until 31 May. Categories for entry include: advertising, animation, artist's film, comedy, dance, documentary, drama, experimental, fashion, music video and thriller. Other prizes include festival screenings, awards for Festival Winner, Best of Category and People's Choice, promotion via Aesthetica's online channels and editorial in Aesthetica Magazine.

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Notes to Editors:

1. ASFF 2016 call for entries is open until 31 May 2016 www.asff.co.uk/submit
2. Categories for entry: advertising, animation, artists' film, comedy, dance, documentary, drama, experimental, fashion, music video and thriller. Running time up to 30 minutes
3. ASFF 2016 runs 3-6 November @ASFFest #ASFF2016
4. The Northern Film School Award for Best Screenplay is sponsored by the Northern Film School at Leeds Beckett University. More info: www.northernfilmschool.co.uk and www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk
5. All films in the Official Selection are eligible for the Northern Film School Award.
6. The festival is produced by Aesthetica Magazine. Visit www.aestheticamagazine.com
7. Festival partners and supporters include: York St John University, BFI, City of York Council, York Science Park, University of Arts London, Northern Film School at Leeds Beckett University, Grand Central, The Guild of Television Cameramen, Brandy Brown's Cinema, York Museums Trust, Visit York, York Conferences, Riding Lights, Mosaic Events, According to McGee, New Visuality, Make it York, York Means Business. See all partners www.asff.co.uk/partners

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