

## CALL FOR ENTRIES: BAFTA-QUALIFYING AESTHETICA SHORT FILM FESTIVAL RETURNS



**Celebrating new and exciting independent cinema, the BAFTA-Qualifying Aesthetica Short Film Festival invites UK and International filmmakers to submit their films.**

An important outlet for moving image and digital culture, **ASFF welcomes entries from both established and emerging filmmakers**, with submissions open for Shorts films across 11 genres including Drama and Comedy; Narrative and Documentary Features; as well as VR films.

Named as a **festival of national significance by the British Film Institute**, the festival has numerous successful alumni including **winners at the Oscars** (*Stutterer*, *The Silent Child*) and **BAFTAs** (*The Bigger Picture*). More recently, **five alumni have been nominated for the 91<sup>st</sup> Academy Awards**, including the documentary short [Black Sheep](#), which won the **Best of Fest Award in 2018**.

As a hotbed for talent discovery and an excellent opportunity to showcase work to international audiences, **prizes for 2019's Official Selection filmmakers include awards for Best Film in each category**, the prestigious **Best of Fest Award** (including a £1,000 cash prize), the **People's Choice Award** and the **York Youth Award**. Additionally, Official Selection filmmakers will have a chance to screen at other UK and Internationally renowned festivals and receive further exposure with editorial coverage within the UK's leading art and culture publication, [Aesthetica Magazine](#).

With BAFTA-Qualifying status, **films chosen as part of the Official Selection can also qualify for future BAFTA nominations**, and British films that screen in competition at the festival will also be eligible for entry to the 2019 British Independent Film Awards.

Dedicated to promoting independent film, ASFF has attracted thousands of entries from filmmakers, with last year's programme including over 300 films from 45 countries around the world, featuring several UK premieres and attracting over 25,000 admissions.

**ASFF 2019 runs 6-10 November, and entries are open until 31 May.** For more information or for submissions guidelines visit: [www.asff.co.uk](http://www.asff.co.uk)

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- **About ASFF:** The Aesthetica Short Film Festival is a BAFTA-Qualifying event runs 6-10 November, York, UK. ASFF is a hotbed for talent discovery and a key annual event for both emerging and established filmmakers to meet alongside industry professionals. The festival is one of the UK's most exciting site-specific events, showcasing over 450 films and 100 events, across five days. ASFF's eighth edition welcomed over 4,000 submissions from across 45 countries. [www.asff.co.uk](http://www.asff.co.uk)
- **See the 2018 winners** here: <http://aestheti.cc/zj872>
- **Press Credentials:** ASFF offers journalists an unparalleled opportunity to immerse in a cinematic playground for five days. The programme includes short and feature film screenings, masterclasses, panel discussions, access to the Industry Marketplace, networking sessions and social events. To register for accreditation visit: [www.asff.co.uk/press](http://www.asff.co.uk/press)
- **The Aesthetica Short Film Festival is produced by *Aesthetica Magazine*.** It is one of the leading publications for Visual Art, Design and Photography in the UK. The bi-monthly publication highlights the most important artists at work today, both established and emerging, through detailed features and stunning imagery. [www.aestheticamagazine.com](http://www.aestheticamagazine.com)
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