

ASFF 2019: JURY ANNOUNCED



ASFF is thrilled to welcome a dedicated selection of jurors to the festival this November, including representatives from BBC Films, Sky Drama and the Scottish Documentary Institute.

The jury for the **Aesthetica Short Film Festival 2019 (6-10 November)** has been announced. Key figures tailored to a vast array of genres will be congregating in York to cast their eyes over this year's spectacular competition spanning over 400 films.

Each year, over 20 prizes are awarded to those in competition: **People's Choice Award as voted for by festival-goers, York Youth Award, Best in Category, and the prestigious Best of Fest title, which also awards £1,000 in prize money.** Last year, this went to Cornelius Walker for the affecting *Guardian* documentary *Black Sheep*, which touches on the life of Damilola Taylor. The film – which exposes the face of modern-day racism in the UK – was nominated for an Oscar at the 2019 Academy Awards.

Walker joins the festival jury this year amongst esteemed company – bringing together a range of backgrounds and expertise, from academia and commissioning, to production and direction. The jury follows on from **ASFF's commitment to supporting and championing excellence in independent film** through leading organisations.

The representatives for ASFF's 2019 jury are:

- **Advertising & Music Video:** Craig McNeil, Beggars Group; Luke Toyne, Maker Projects.
- **Animation & Comedy:** Chris Shepherd; Dionne Farell, BBC Films; Tom Box, Blue Zoo.
- **Artists' Film & Experimental:** Phoebe Roberts, Artangel
- **Dance & Fashion Film:** Jessica Bugg, London College of Fashion; Minnie Carver, *British Vogue*; Sadie Clayton, Fashion Designer.
- **Documentary:** Noe Mendelle, Scottish Documentary Institute; Richard Melman, Spring Films.
- **Drama & Thriller:** Cornelius Walker: Director / Screenwriter; Marion Comengre, Sky Drama.
- **VR & Immersive:** Dan Bartlett, London College of Communication; Elaine Wong, The Other Set.

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- **About ASFF:** The Aesthetica Short Film Festival 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. It is one of the UK's most exciting site-specific events, showcasing over 450 films and 100 events, across five days. www.asff.co.uk
- **Tickets, Events & Passes:** Unlimited Screening Passes, Two Day Screen Passes and Single Day Passes are available. Prices start from £16. Concessions are available for students, seniors and families. Single tickets can be upgraded at a discounted rate. Family Passes are also available for two adults and two children (14 and under). www.asff.co.uk/tickets
- **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
- **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
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