

**ASFF GUEST PROGRAMMES:
COMMEMORATING 20th CENTURY HISTORY**



ASFF celebrates the heritage of cinema with a commemorative strand of Guest Programmes honouring world-changing moments of the 20th century.

As part of the **Aesthetica Short Film Festival 2019 (6-10 November)** is dedicated to bringing a well-rounded, inclusive programme of shorts to festival-goers. In reaching out to key organisations for their input, the festival reflects a diversity of voices to offer audiences new perspectives and dialogues.

As part of the Guest Programmes for 2019, ***Defining an Era: The 20th Century on Screen*** not only presents viewers with rare documentation of historical events that would have altered the world irrevocably, it also highlights the importance of motion picture at a time when social, environmental and political landscapes were undergoing radical change.

Perhaps the most globally publicised event of this era celebrates its **50 anniversary this very year**. In 1969, Neil Armstrong became the first man on the moon – a monumental result of the Apollo 11 mission into space. ASFF welcomes Archive Producer Stephen Slater to present ***Apollo 11, a new, breath-taking documentary and Sundance sensation***, that is made entirely from archival footage, restored reels and unseen 70mm film.

Meanwhile, Garry Morris's Documentary ***Skin & Coal*** brings festivalgoers closer to home and to the present day. With its focus on the UK miner's strike that began in 1984, the film **profiles black miners from Yorkshire and Nottingham, who faced mounting prejudice above ground as well as below**. The film is a sensitive exploration of human labour, camaraderie and resilience, focusing on the unity that miners found below ground, whilst racist attitudes still permeated the land above.

ASFF's longstanding collaborator **The Imperial War Museum** also returns to the guest programming line-up with a selection of carefully curated archive footage charting the D-Day invasion 75 years after the Normandy landings. Through this rare footage of the Normandy Breakout and Liberation of Paris, attendees can witness some of the most pivotal moments in British history as never seen before.

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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 to groups of four individuals made up of two adults and two children (ages 14 and under). To book visit: 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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