

SUPPORTING NEW TALENT: PITCHING SESSIONS AT ASFF



ASFF has invited some of the most reputable names in British film distribution and development this year, offering filmmakers one-to-one Pitching Sessions.

The **Aesthetica Short Film Festival (6-10 November)** prides itself not only on showcasing the best and boldest films being made today, but also in nurturing new talent and helping to ignite those crucial industry connections. **Applications are now open for this year's Feature Films Pitching Sessions**, where the festival welcomes key representatives and commissioners from **BBC Films**, **Film4**, **Guardian Documentaries** and many more, to hear individual 15-minute pitches from successful applicants and in turn offer pivotal advice on how to take that idea to the next stage.

British film continues to produce award-winning, distinctive films with thanks to many of the companies present at this year's ASFF. **Film4** has enjoyed a bountiful few years after *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing Missouri's* Oscar success as well as Yorgos Lanthimos' punk period drama *The Favourite* and Pawel Pawlikowski's monochrome masterpiece *Cold War* after decades of producing pioneering British cinema. **BBC Films** equally holds its fair share of award-winners, and with upcoming releases Joanna Hogg's *The Souvenir* and Ken Loach's *Sorry We Missed You* only seems to be picking up momentum for taking independent features to the next level.

Documentary filmmakers meanwhile will have the option to speak with either **Guardian Documentaries** or the **Scottish Documentary Institute**, the former having been pivotal to films like Ed Perkins' Oscar-Nominated and winner of ASFF Best of Fest 2018 *Black Sheep* and Roxy Rezvani's vibrant take on immigration *Little Pyongyang*, which also earned an ASFF win in 2018.

Applicants will have the opportunity to spend 15 minutes one-on-one with one of the guest organisations present. As applications are now open, ASFF encourage filmmakers to submit early for this converted opportunity to receive first-hand quality industry feedback that could take your film to its next stage of development.

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- **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
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