

ONE MONTH TO GO

Aesthetica Short Film Festival Opens 6 November



The 9th edition of the Aesthetica Short Film Festival returns in one month, screening over 400 independent films across 13 venues in the UNESCO City of York.

ASFF returns 6-10 November, transforming the city of York into a cinematic playground, celebrating the best in independent film and welcoming representatives from the UK's leading organisations. A carefully curated selection of films spans **shorts, features, VR and Immersive works, from Drama and Comedy, to Documentary and Family Friendly**. Over 400 works will be screened in York's most prestigious venues, including York Theatre Royal, Yorkshire Museum, City Screen and Everyman.

As part of the masterclass programme, representatives from **BBC, Sky VR, i-D, British Vogue, Film4, Industrial Light & Magic, the British Film Institute, Guardian Documentaries** will be present, sharing innovative projects and cutting-edge expertise. ASFF shines a spotlight on cultural icon **Rankin** – head of Rankin Film and founder of *Dazed & Confused* and *Hunger Magazine*. Also in attendance are Oscar-winner **Simon Chinn** (*Man on Wire, Searching for Sugarman*), BBC Film and Origin Pictures founder and producer **David Thompson** (*Billy Elliot*) and BIFA-nominated Editor **Chris Wyatt** (*This is England, God's Own Country*).

As part of the **Guest Programmes**, varied screenings cover a wide range of topics and styles to broaden the mind. This includes reflective and inspiring short films from **Guardian Documentaries, Short of the Week** and **BBC Arabic Festival**. The screenings also include the feature-length **Sundance favourite Apollo 11**.

Brand new for 2019, ASFF introduces the **Industry Marketplace**. The first event of its kind in the UK, it is a platform for attendees and delegates to meet face-to-face with 40 organisations from across the sector, spanning international film festivals, screen agencies, sales agents, global distributors and renowned universities. These include the **BFI Network, Sheffield Doc/Fest, Creative England, Locarno Film Festival** and many more.

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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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