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SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

ONE WEEK TO GO: ASFF OPENS 6 NOVEMBER



It's one week until the Aesthetica Short Film Festival 2019 opens, welcoming leading figures from across the industry to the UNESCO World Heritage City of York.

This year's edition of ASFF is the largest to date. Running 6-10 November, the event will welcome over 25,000 people to watch 400 films from 60+ countries and take part in over 100 industry-led events. For ASFF's 9th edition, key speakers include Oscar-winner Simon Chinn (*Man on Wire*, *Searching for Sugarman*), and BIFA-nominated editor Chris Wyatt (*This is England*, *God's Own Country*).

Every year, ASFF welcomes industry leaders from a range of disciplines to speak about their craft, offering a unique opportunity to gain insights in areas such as animation, VFX, documentary production and camera operation. For 2019, the festival welcomes cultural powerhouses such as Rankin, as well as cinematographer Dick Pope (*Mr. Turner*) and editor Mick Audsley (*Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*).

Other key events include the **Screen School VR Lab**, a celebration of innovative storytelling in partnership with the **London College of Communication**, and **Showcase Screenings** – a series of films and discussions presented by staff and alumni of leading UK organisations, including **University of the Arts London**, **Manchester School of Art** and **Goldsmiths University of London**. These are a celebration of the next generation of talent.

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, including **London Short Film Festival**, **BFI Network**, **Creative England** and **BBC Arabic Festival**.

For the second year, ASFF is screening **Feature Documentaries and Narratives**, which are in competition with over 10 genres of short film. Promoting inclusive and accessible screenings, the programme has a carefully curated selection of Family Friendly films, as well as fully subtitled screenings and a diverse representation of cultures. **Cherie Federico**, **Festival Director**, notes: "This year's festival is the largest to date, sharing the most innovative and important stories of our time. We're reaching new horizons and producing the most imaginative programme possible."

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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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