

# Outstanding Debut by a British Writer, Director or Producer

## Debut Qualifying Festival List

A film qualifying for this category must be the candidate's first feature film (fiction or documentary) as a writer, director or producer

- The film should be theatrically released in the UK during the eligibility period
- If the film is not released in the UK, but receives a theatrical release of at least seven commercial screenings anywhere in the world during the eligibility period, it will be eligible to enter
- If the film is not released theatrically within 12 months following its festival premiere it will be eligible if it has been programmed at a minimum of two top-tier British festivals or one international A-list festival on the new Debut Qualifying Festival list
- At the discretion of the Film Committee, previously ineligible debut films in the last three years (due to no distribution) which would now qualify with the new festival clause may qualify
- At the discretion of the Film Committee, filmmakers who have had their previous film in festivals only (and therefore did not qualify previously) may qualify with their second film if it is released theatrically within the eligibility period

Films without a UK theatrical release may qualify if they have screened at a minimum of two British festivals or one international A-list festival on the new Debut Qualifying Festival list.

It is important to note that films qualifying via the festival route will not be eligible in future years for other categories (i.e. Outstanding British Film Best Film, Director, etc), even with a qualifying UK theatrical release, as films may only be entered once.

### BRITISH

Belfast  
Edinburgh  
Glasgow  
London  
Sheffield  
Leeds  
Open City  
Oska Bright

### INTERNATIONAL

Berlin  
Busan  
Cannes, Critics' Week

### INTERNATIONAL cont'd

Cannes, Directors' Fortnight  
Cannes, Official Competition / Un Certain Regard  
Hot Docs  
International Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam  
Locarno  
Rotterdam  
San Sebastian  
Sundance  
SXSW  
Telluride  
Toronto  
Tribeca  
Venice

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