

## BAFTA QUALIFYING FESTIVALS LIST – BRITISH SHORT FILM

All films submitted into the British Short Film category must have been accepted into at least two BAFTA Qualifying Festivals from below:

The Qualifying Festival List is undergoing a transition year (2023/2024) and was previously split into Section A and Section B. If your short screened only at one festival from Section A, it will qualify via the festival route for the 2024 BAFTA Film Awards.

Please note, films submitted into the British Short Animation category currently do not need to have screened at a festival in order to qualify. Any questions about this, please email [awards@bafta.org](mailto:awards@bafta.org)

### International

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| AFI Fest  | Oct       | <a href="https://fest.afi.com/">https://fest.afi.com/</a>                                 |
| American Black Film Festival  | Jun       | <a href="https://www.abff.com/">https://www.abff.com/</a>                                 |
| Angers Premiers Plans   | Jan       | <a href="http://www.premiersplans.org">www.premiersplans.org</a>                          |
| Aspen Shortsfest  | Mar - Apr | <a href="http://www.aspenfilm.org">www.aspenfilm.org</a>                                  |
| Berlin International Film Festival  | Feb       | <a href="http://www.berlinale.de">www.berlinale.de</a>                                    |
| BlackStar Film Festival   | Aug       | <a href="https://www.blackstarfest.org/">https://www.blackstarfest.org/</a>               |
| Brest European Short Film Festival  | Nov       | <a href="http://www.filmcourt.fr">www.filmcourt.fr</a>                                    |
| Busan International Short Film Festival   | Apr       | <a href="http://www.bisff.org/">http://www.bisff.org/</a>                                 |
| Cannes Film Festival (Please note we do not accept applications for films screening at Short Film Corner) | May       | <a href="http://www.festival-cannes.org">www.festival-cannes.org</a>                      |
| Chicago International Film Festival   | Oct       | <a href="http://www.chicagofilmfestival.com">www.chicagofilmfestival.com</a>              |
| Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival  | Jan       | <a href="http://www.clermont-filmfest.com">www.clermont-filmfest.com</a>                  |
| Cork International Film Festival  | Nov       | <a href="http://www.corkfilmfest.org">www.corkfilmfest.org</a>                            |
| CPH: DOX  | Mar       | <a href="https://cphdox.dk/en/">https://cphdox.dk/en/</a>                                 |
| DOK Leipzig   | Oct       | <a href="https://www.dok-leipzig.de/en/home">https://www.dok-leipzig.de/en/home</a>       |
| DokuFest (International Documentary and Short Film)   | Aug       | <a href="https://dokufest.com/en/">https://dokufest.com/en/</a>                           |
| Festival Curta Cinema - Festival Internacional de Curtas do Rio de Janeiro                                | Nov       | <a href="http://www.curtacinema.com.br">www.curtacinema.com.br</a>                        |
| Flickerfest International Short Film Festival   | Jan       | <a href="http://www.flickerfest.com.au">www.flickerfest.com.au</a>                        |
| Flickers' Rhode Island International Film Festival  | Aug       | <a href="http://www.film-festival.org">www.film-festival.org</a>                          |
| Frameline San Francisco International Film Festival   | Jun       | <a href="https://www.frameline.org/">https://www.frameline.org/</a>                       |
| Galway Film Fleadh  | Jul       | <a href="https://www.galwayfilmfleadh.com/">https://www.galwayfilmfleadh.com/</a>         |
| Go Short  | Apr       | <a href="http://www.goshort.nl">www.goshort.nl</a>  |
| Hamptons International Film Festival  | Oct       | <a href="http://hamptonsfilmfest.org/">http://hamptonsfilmfest.org/</a>                   |
| Hot Docs Festival (Canadian International Documentary Festival)   | Apr       | <a href="http://www.hotdocs.ca">www.hotdocs.ca</a>  |
| IndieCork Film Festival   | Dec       | <a href="https://indiecork.com/">https://indiecork.com/</a>                               |
| International Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam   | Nov       | <a href="http://www.idfa.nl">www.idfa.nl</a>  |
| International Film Festival Rotterdam   | Jan       | <a href="https://iffr.com/en">https://iffr.com/en</a>                                     |
| Internationale Kurzfilmtage Winterthur  | Nov       | <a href="http://www.kurzfilmtage.ch">http://www.kurzfilmtage.ch</a>                       |
| International Short Film Festival Oberhausen  | May       | <a href="http://www.kurzfilmtage.de">www.kurzfilmtage.de</a>                              |
| Krakow Short Film Festival  | May       | <a href="https://www.krakowfilmfestival.pl/en/">https://www.krakowfilmfestival.pl/en/</a> |
| Kurzfilm Festival Hamburg   | Jun       | <a href="http://festival.shortfilm.com">http://festival.shortfilm.com</a>                 |
| Kyiv International Film Festival Molodist   | Oct       | <a href="https://molodist.com/">https://molodist.com/</a>                                 |
| La Semaine de la Critique - Cannes  | May       | <a href="http://www.festival-cannes.org">www.festival-cannes.org</a>                      |
| LA Shorts International Short Film Festival   | Jul       | <a href="http://www.lashortsfest.com">www.lashortsfest.com</a>                            |
| Leuven International Short Film Festival  | Nov       | <a href="http://www.kortfilmfestival.be">www.kortfilmfestival.be</a>                      |
| Locarno Film Festival   | Aug       | <a href="http://www.locarnofestival.ch">www.locarnofestival.ch</a>                        |

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| Melbourne International Film Festival                    | Aug       | <a href="http://miff.com.au">http://miff.com.au</a>   |
| Mostra Internazionale d'Arte Cinematografica - Venice    | Aug - Sep | <a href="http://www.labiennale.org/en/cinema">www.labiennale.org/en/cinema</a>              |
| New York Film Festival                                   | Sep - Oct | <a href="https://www.filmlinc.org/about-us/new-">https://www.filmlinc.org/about-us/new-</a> |
| Outfest Los Angeles LGBTQ Film Festival                  | Aug - Sep | <a href="https://outfest.org/">https://outfest.org/</a>                                     |
| Palm Springs International ShortFest                     | Jun       | <a href="http://www.psfilmfest.org">www.psfilmfest.org</a>                                  |
| PÖFF Shorts (Tallinn Black Nights Film Festival)         | Nov       | <a href="http://shorts.poff.ee">http://shorts.poff.ee</a>                                   |
| ReelAbilities Film Festival                              | Apr - May | <a href="https://reelabilities.org/newyork/">https://reelabilities.org/newyork/</a>         |
| Slamdance Film Festival                                  | Jan       | <a href="http://www.slamdance.com">www.slamdance.com</a>                                    |
| Sundance Film Festival                                   | Jan - Feb | <a href="http://www.sundance.org/festival">www.sundance.org/festival</a>                    |
| SuperFest Disability Film Festival                       | Oct       | <a href="http://www.superfestfilm.com/">http://www.superfestfilm.com/</a>                   |
| SXSW Film & TV Festival                                  | Mar       | <a href="https://www.sxsw.com/festivals/film">https://www.sxsw.com/festivals/film</a>       |
| Sydney Film Festival                                     | Jun       | <a href="http://sff.org.au">http://sff.org.au</a>   |
| Telluride Film Festival                                  | Aug - Sep | <a href="http://www.telluridefilmfestival.org">www.telluridefilmfestival.org</a>            |
| Toronto International Film Festival                      | Sep       | <a href="https://www.tiff.net/tiff/">https://www.tiff.net/tiff/</a>                         |
| Tribeca Festival   | Jun       | <a href="http://www.tribecafilm.com/festival">www.tribecafilm.com/festival</a>              |
| Tampere Film Festival                                    | Mar       | <a href="http://www.tamperefilmfestival.fi">www.tamperefilmfestival.fi</a>                  |
| Uppsala Short Film Festival                              | Oct       | <a href="http://www.shortfilmfestival.com">www.shortfilmfestival.com</a>                    |
| Vienna Shorts – International Short Film Festival        | Jun       | <a href="https://www.viennashorts.com/nc/en/">https://www.viennashorts.com/nc/en/</a>       |
| Visions Du Réel  | Apr - May | <a href="https://www.visionsdureel.ch/en">https://www.visionsdureel.ch/en</a>               |
| ZINEBI - International Festival of Documentary and Short | Nov       | <a href="http://www.zinebi.com">www.zinebi.com</a>  |

### British

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| Aesthetica Short Film Festival                     | Nov    | <a href="http://www.asff.co.uk">www.asff.co.uk</a>  |
| BAFTA Cymru – shorts nominated                     | Oct    | <a href="http://bafta.org/wales">http://bafta.org/wales</a>   |
| BAFTA Scotland – shorts nominated                  | Nov    | <a href="http://bafta.org/scotland">http://bafta.org/scotland</a>                                       |
| Belfast Film Festival                              | Nov    | <a href="https://belfastfilmfestival.org/">https://belfastfilmfestival.org/</a>                         |
| BFI Flare (London LGBTQ+ Film Festival)            | Mar    | <a href="http://www.bfi.org.uk/flare">www.bfi.org.uk/flare</a>  |
| BFI London Film Festival                           | Oct    | <a href="http://www.bfi.org.uk/lff">www.bfi.org.uk/lff</a>  |
| Bolton Film Festival                               | Oct    | <a href="https://www.boltonfilmfestival.com/">https://www.boltonfilmfestival.com/</a>                   |
| British Independent Film Awards – shorts nominated | Dec    | <a href="http://www.bifa.org.uk">www.bifa.org.uk</a>  |
| BUFF - British Urban Film Festival                 | Oct    | <a href="http://www.britishurbanfilmfestival.co.uk/">www.britishurbanfilmfestival.co.uk/</a>            |
| Camden International Film Festival                 | Oct    | <a href="https://pointsnorthinstitute.org/ciff/">https://pointsnorthinstitute.org/ciff/</a>             |
| Cambridge Film Festival                            | Oct    | <a href="http://www.cambridgefilmfestival.org.uk">www.cambridgefilmfestival.org.uk</a>                  |
| Carmarthen Bay Film Festival                       | May    | <a href="http://www.carmarthenbayfilmfestival.co.uk/">www.carmarthenbayfilmfestival.co.uk/</a>          |
| Edinburgh International Film Festival              | August | <a href="http://www.edfilmfest.org.uk">www.edfilmfest.org.uk</a>  |
| Encounters Festival                                | Sep    | <a href="http://www.encounters.film">www.encounters.film</a>  |
| Flatpack Festival                                  | May    | <a href="https://flatpackfestival.org.uk">https://flatpackfestival.org.uk</a>                           |
| Foyle Film Festival                                | Nov    | <a href="http://www.foylefilmfestival.org">www.foylefilmfestival.org</a>                                |
| Glasgow Short Film Festival                        | Mar    | <a href="https://glasgowfilm.org/glasgow-short-">https://glasgowfilm.org/glasgow-short-</a>             |
| Iris Prize LGBTQ+ Film Festival                    | Oct    | <a href="http://www.irisprize.org">www.irisprize.org</a>  |
| Leeds International Film Festival                  | Nov    | <a href="http://www.leedsfilm.com">www.leedsfilm.com</a>  |
| London Comedy Film Festival (LOCO)                 | May    | <a href="http://locofilmfestival.com/">http://locofilmfestival.com/</a>                                 |
| London International Documentary Festival          | Nov    | <a href="http://www.lidf.co.uk">www.lidf.co.uk</a>  |
| London Short Film Festival                         | Jan    | <a href="http://shortfilms.org.uk">http://shortfilms.org.uk</a>   |
| Norwich Film Festival                              | Nov    | <a href="https://www.norwichfilmfestival.co.uk/">https://www.norwichfilmfestival.co.uk/</a>             |
| Open City Documentary Festival                     | Sep    | <a href="https://opencitylondon.com/">https://opencitylondon.com/</a>                                   |
| Oska Bright Film Festival                          | Mar    | <a href="https://oskabright.org/">https://oskabright.org/</a>   |
| Raindance Film Festival                            | Oct    | <a href="http://www.raindance.co.uk">www.raindance.co.uk</a>  |
| Sheffield DocFest                                  | June   | <a href="http://www.sheffdocfest.com">www.sheffdocfest.com</a>  |
| S.O.U.L. Fest                                      | Sep    | <a href="https://www.soulfilm.co.uk/">https://www.soulfilm.co.uk/</a>                                   |
| SQIFF (Scottish Queer International Film Festival) | Sep    | <a href="http://www.sqiff.org/">http://www.sqiff.org/</a>   |
| UK Jewish Film Festival                            | Nov    | <a href="https://ukjewishfilm.org/festival/uk-jewish-">https://ukjewishfilm.org/festival/uk-jewish-</a> |

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| Yugo BAFTA Student Awards | July | <a href="http://www.bafta.org/los-angeles/events-">www.bafta.org/los-angeles/events-</a> |
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If your film has been screened at a number of festivals not included on this list, it may still be accepted at the discretion of BAFTA's Film Committee. Please note however, that BAFTA will not provide feedback if your film is not successful via the festival exemption route.

Note also that filmmakers are only eligible to apply for a festival exemption if they have had an opportunity to qualify via festivals. If you apply for a festival exemption and are unsuccessful, your film will not be eligible in any future awards years, regardless of subsequent screenings at qualifying festivals. All shorts filmmakers are therefore encouraged to make use of the festival route prior to entry and prior to applying for festival exemption as this could disqualify your film in future years.

## BAFTA QUALIFYING FESTIVALS LIST – APPLICATION FOR INCLUSION

The Qualifying Festivals List exists to identify qualifying entries for the British Short Film category in the annual EE BAFTA Film Awards. The British Short Film award is open to films of under 40 minutes with significant creative involvement by British individuals. We review the list every year, and ask all applicant festivals to briefly answer a series of questions, to help us better understand each festival. In order to be included in the upcoming season, forms would need to be submitted by the end of June each year.

**Applications to the List are closed for the 2023/2024 Awards season.**

**The application form will be reopened late summer 2023.**

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