

BAFTA QUALIFYING FESTIVALS LIST – BRITISH SHORT ANIMATION

All films submitted into the British Short Animation category must have been accepted into at least one BAFTA Qualifying Festival from below:

*The British Short Animation Qualifying Festival List has been introduced for the 2025 Film Awards. Due to this, for the 2025 Film Awards ONLY, we will be accepting short animations that have not screened at a BAFTA Qualifying Festival.

International

AFI Fest	Oct	https://fest.afi.com/
Angers Premiers Plans	Jan	www.premiersplans.org
Animafest Zagreb	Jun	https://www.animafest.hr/en
Animafilm International Animation Festival	Oct	https://anima.az/en/animafilm/
Anecy International Animation Film Festival	Jun	https://www.anecyfestival.com/home
BLON Animation and Games Festival	Sep	https://blon.it/en/
Chicago International Film Festival	Oct	www.chicagofilmfestival.com
DOK Leipzig	Oct	https://www.dok-leipzig.de/en/home
Fantoche – International Animation Film Festival	Sep	https://fantoche.ch/en
Flickerfest International Short Film Festival	Jan	www.flickerfest.com.au
Flickers' Rhode Island International Film Festival	Aug	www.film-festival.org
IndieCork Film Festival	Dec	https://indiecork.com/
Kaboom Animation Festival	April	https://www.kaboomfestival.nl/
Leuven International Short Film Festival	Nov-Dec	https://www.kortfilmfestival.be/
Linoleum Contemporary Animation and Media Art Festival	Sept	https://linoleumfest.com/en/
Melbourne International Film Festival	Aug	https://miff.com.au/
Palm Springs International ShortFest	Jun	www.psfilmfest.org
PÖFF Shorts (Tallinn Black Nights Film Festival)	Nov	https://shorts.poff.ee/en/
Slamdance Film Festival	Feb	www.slamdance.com
SXSW Film & TV Festival	Mar	https://www.sxsw.com/festivals/film
Tampere Film Festival	Mar	www.tamperefilmfestival.fi
Thessaloniki Animation Festival	Oct	https://tafestival.gr/
Viborg Animation Festival	Sep	https://www.animationsfestival.dk/
ZINEBI - International Festival of Documentary and Short	Nov	www.zinebi.com

British

Aesthetica Short Film Festival	Nov	www.asff.co.uk
BAFTA Cymru – shorts nominated	Oct	http://bafta.org/wales
BAFTA Scotland – shorts nominated	Nov	http://bafta.org/scotland
BFI London Film Festival	Oct	www.bfi.org.uk/lff
Bolton Film Festival	Oct	https://www.boltonfilmfestival.com/
Brighton International Animation Festival	Apr	https://www.brightoninternationalanimat
British Animation Awards	Mar	https://www.britishanimationawards.com
British Independent Film Awards – shorts nominated	Dec	www.bifa.org.uk
Cardiff Animation Festival	Apr-May	https://www.cardiffanimation.com/
Carmarthen Bay Film Festival	May	https://www.carmarthenbayfilmfestival.c
Edinburgh International Film Festival	August	www.edfilmfest.org.uk
Encounters Festival	Sep	https://www.encounters.film/
Foyle Film Festival	Nov	www.foylefilmfestival.org
Glasgow Short Film Festival	Mar	https://glasgowshort.org/
Iris Prize LGBTQ+ Film Festival	Oct	www.irisprize.org
Leeds International Film Festival	Nov	www.leedsfilm.com

London International Animation Festival	Nov-Dec	https://liaf.org.uk/about-london-
London Short Film Festival	Jan	http://shortfilms.org.uk
Norwich Film Festival	Nov	https://www.norwichfilmfestival.co.uk/
Oska Bright Film Festival	Mar	https://oskabright.org/
Raindance Film Festival	Jun	www.raindance.co.uk
Scottish Queer International Film Festival	Oct	https://www.sqiff.org/
Yugo BAFTA Student Awards	July	www.bafta.org/los-angeles/events-

The Qualifying Festivals List is continually updated and may change without notice

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 British Short Animation Qualifying Festivals List exists to identify qualifying entries for the British Animation Film category in the annual EE BAFTA Film Awards. The British Short Animation 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.

You can find the qualifying festival criteria, as well as apply to be a qualifying festival [here](#).

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