

12-year-old wins *London in Motion* film competition



Pic caption L-R: London in motion judge actor NICK HOULT; winner TOM CLEARY; judge actor/writer DANIEL KALUUYA; and JAMES PEARSON, Artistic Director of Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club.

The BFI Jazz and Film Weekender (12-14 June) was a huge success, with hundreds of people flocking to BFI Southbank to enjoy a weekend of film, jazz and fun.

One of the many highlights of the weekend was the announcement of the winners of the national *London in Motion* film competition for young people, an exciting venture run by the BFI in partnership with the Mayor of London as part of the **Story of London** campaign.

A 12-year-old boy from London, **Tom Cleary**, was announced as overall winner of the competition at the award ceremony on Saturday evening. Tom's film, *Slow Down*, used timelapse photography to show a boy walking very slowly through the hustle and bustle of London's South Bank.

Hosted by **Iyare Igiehon**, popular breakfast DJ with BBC Six Music radio station, the ceremony saw celebrity judges giving prizes out to the country's most promising young film-makers.

Celebrity judges who attended the event on the evening of Saturday 13 June were actor **Nicholas Hoult** (who played Tony Stonem in E4 teen drama *Skins* and recently made his West End debut in the stage adaptation of William Sutcliffe's novel *New Boy*); and young actor/writer **Daniel Kaluuya** (Kenneth and episode writer in E4 teen drama *Skins*, and Barclay in the Easter *Doctor Who* special *Planet of the Dead*).

The film competition was open to budding film-makers around the country aged 11-18, who were invited to enter a three-minute film that captured the spirit and character of London as a vibrant city in perpetual motion. The standard of entries was extremely high, and the films were judged by a panel of celebrities from the worlds of film and music, including **Sally Greene, OBE**, Ronnie Scott's jazz club proprietor and Chief Executive of London's Old Vic Theatre; legendary jazz musician and composer **Sir John Dankworth, CBE**; and **Nicholas Hoult, Daniel Kaluuya** and **Thomas Turgoose**.

Joining winner Tom Cleary at the award ceremony were the other top finalists: Vicky Smith (17) and Perry Kinsey (16), from Somerset; Ben Cade (18), from Ipswich, Suffolk; Billy Gordon-Orr (17) and Daniel Rands (17), from London; and Laura Stratford (16), from London.

The five films made by these top finalists were shown at BFI Southbank; and Tom Cleary's winning film, *Slow Down*, was accompanied live by the **Ronnie Scott's Jazz Band**, who performed a new soundtrack scored and recorded by Ronnie Scott's Artistic Director, **James Pearson**. This film will also receive BFI support to enter into short film and young people's film festivals, and a copy of the film will also be placed for posterity in the BFI National Archive, joining hundreds of thousands of other titles that make up Britain's rich screen heritage.

Overall competition winner **Tom Cleary** said: "This is incredible. The music on the soundtrack James Pearson composed was amazing. I'd love to keep going with film-making and to take it to a semi-professional level."

Competition judge, actor **Nick Hoult** said: "The standards in *London in Motion* were fantastic. You can see Tom is going to be a great director of his generation, and all of these guys did so well. It's great that their talents are being encouraged, because it's so difficult to get into film-making."

Gail Cohen, BFI Director of Marketing, said: "It's been so great to see young people around the country showcasing their talents and engaging with film. This venture was part of the BFI Future Film Institute – a programme of films and events put together by young people, for young people."

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