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# The 3rd Future Film Festival 5th – 7th February 2010

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On the 5th – 7th February 2010, **BFI**, in partnership with **BBC Blast**, will host the **3rd Future Film Festival** at BFI Southbank and **BFI IMAX**. The Future Film Festival provides a unique opportunity for young people to get hands-on training and learn from industry professionals, developing their film-making skills in a variety of tailored workshops and sessions. Q&A sessions with leaders in the field are also on offer for participants, as well as exclusive access to film previews plus the chance to showcase their own films on the big screen.

Aimed at 13-25 year olds, there is something for everyone at the festival. Young people can plan their own film festival under the guidance of a BFI Festival Programmer, learn how to use green screen for animation, attend free screenings with introductions from film talent such as **Nicholas Hoult**, learn how to be a film critic with our panel of experts including BBC Radio One's **James King**, compose music for film with the **BBC Concert Orchestra**, join an editing masterclass in Final Cut Pro and much more.

The Festival will also host two film previews; **Tom Harper's The Scouting Book for Boys** (2009) and **Philip Ridley's Heartless** (2009) each followed by interactive Q&A sessions with the film's cast and crew.

Last year, Yohan Forbes won the Future Film Festival 2009 Best Film award for his beautifully crafted film about London *Project One*. Since then, his film has been acquired for the **BFI National Film Archive** and has been shown all over the world including the 2009 **London Film Festival**.

Another winner at last year's 2009 Future Film Festival was Victoria Ijeh-Okusanya. Victoria won a £3000 Bursary from festival partners BBC Blast after submitting her short documentary about Sickle Cell.

*"The bursary has enabled me to make a new documentary about inter-racial relationships to a professional standard using broadcast quality equipment. I also had professional mentoring from people in the film and TV business. It was a great experience and has helped me to push my career as a filmmaker forward in a big way".*

Victoria has been a regular member of the Future Film Institute (a group of young film programmers at BFI Southbank) and has organised education events for young people at the 2008 London Film Festival. Her new film *Mix and Match* was shown on BBC3 in November 2009 and will be shown as part of this year's Future Film Festival.

The 3rd Future Film Festival offers more than a festival of films - it's an investment in the future of film and filmmaking in the UK, whilst providing a platform for young film fans to develop their skills, expand their talents and knowledge of or just enjoy the world of film.

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For full details go to [www.bfi.org.uk/futurefilm](http://www.bfi.org.uk/futurefilm)

The Future Film Festival is **FREE** (apart from previews. Booking is recommended)

Future Film Festival Preview tickets £12.90, concs £9.65 (Members pay £1.40 less)

15-25 year-olds (*The Scouting Book for Boys*) £5 (proof of age required)

18-25 year-olds (*Heartless*) £5 (proof of age required)

### **BBC Blast**

Blast is the BBC's creative skills project for teenagers, helping to build confidence and personal skills. The Blast tour is on the road and is visiting 28 locations across the UK, while the re-designed website offers a wealth of information and inspiration. Blast offers work experience to hundreds of young people each year and has teamed up with BAFTA to offer aspiring young programme makers bursaries – and the chance to walk the red carpet at the British Academy Television Craft Awards. [www.bbc.co.uk/blast](http://www.bbc.co.uk/blast)

### **BFI**

There's more to discover about film and television through the BFI. Our world-renowned archival collections, cinemas, festivals, films, publications and learning resources are here to inspire you.

### **Future Film Club**

The Future Film Club is the BFI's free new membership scheme for people aged 11 - 18. Members will get access to exclusive events, special ticket offers for the BFI Southbank and BFI IMAX, and a regular email newsletter packed with latest news and competitions. The club will be launched at the Future Film Festival