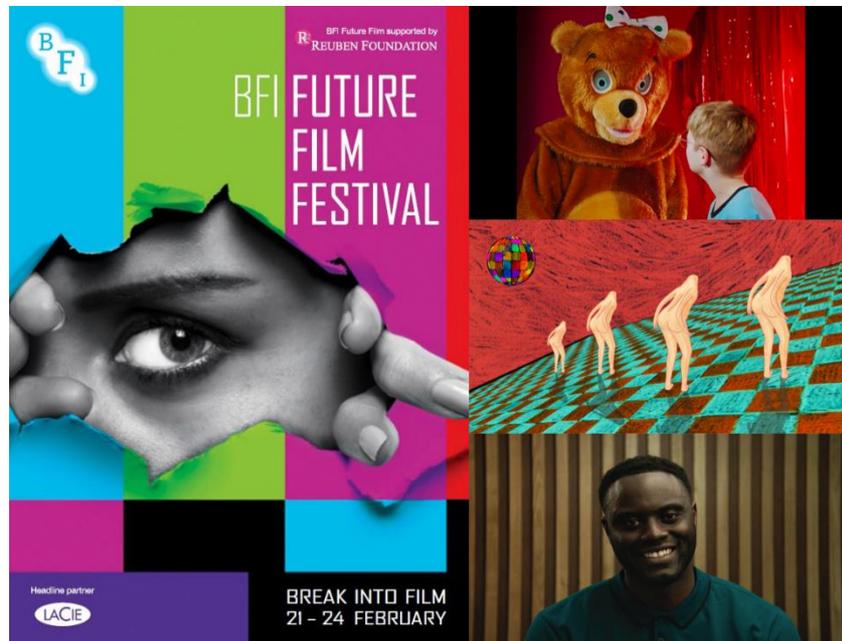


## **BFI Future Film Festival returns to BFI Southbank from 21-24 February 2019**



**The UK's most important film festival for young, emerging filmmakers is back with another jam-packed line up of events that span the breadth and depth of the film industry**

**Thursday 24 January 2019, London.**

The UK's premiere film industry festival in support of emerging young filmmakers – **BFI Future Film Festival** – returns to **BFI Southbank** from **21-24 February** for its 12<sup>th</sup> edition. This year's programme has been curated around four key themes: **Storytelling, Production and Craft Skills, The Business of Film, and New Forms and Technologies.**

Open to **16-25** year olds, the festival will deliver interactive masterclasses, industry workshops, screenings, Q&A's, immersive film experiences and networking opportunities, that will inspire and inform young filmmakers and give them the tools to pursue a career in the film, TV and creative industries. The Festival offers young people a unique opportunity to obtain access to industry professionals, including masterclasses from screenwriter **Gonzalo Maza**, the award-winning writer of *A FANTASTIC WOMAN* (Sebastián Lelio, 2017) and editor **Nicolas Chaudeurge**, whose credits include the Oscar-winning *STILL ALICE* (Richard Glatzer, Wash Westmoreland, 2014) and the much-loved *San Junipero* episode of *BLACK MIRROR* (Netflix, 2011-).

This year's Festival has received over 1,300 film submissions from young filmmakers across the UK and internationally, the best of which are nominated for the **BFI Future Film Awards** which have a **cumulative prize of over £12,000**; the awards will be presented at a ceremony on **Thursday 21 February**. A selection of the best shorts, carefully chosen from the submitted films by a team of young programmers, will also screen every day of the festival as part of thematic programmes.

Tickets to the jam-packed programme of nearly 60 events are on sale now from just **£15** per day, or **£45** for all four days. The full programme of events is available to [browse online](#).

We are delighted to announce the **Reuben Foundation** as lead supporter of **BFI FUTURE FILM**. The Foundation's gratefully received charitable contribution brings significant support to the BFI's year-round film education programmes, of which the BFI Future Film Festival is a centrepiece.

LaCie also return for the second year as the Festival's Headline partner and year-round sponsor of BFI Future Film programme. LaCie are the premium brand of Seagate Technology and design world-class storage solutions for creative professionals. They are supporting a number of events across the Festival, partnering with our 'Backstage area' and presenting our BFI Future Film Lab Award and bursary of £5,000 in recognition of the best new talent at the Festival.



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#### **NOTES TO EDITORS:**

- The BFI Future Film Festival takes place between 21-24 February 2018 at BFI Southbank
- Buy tickets and check out the full line up at <https://whatson.bfi.org.uk/futurefilmfestival/Online/>
- More information: [www.bfi.org.uk/futurefilm](http://www.bfi.org.uk/futurefilm) and [www.facebook.com/bfifuturefilm](http://www.facebook.com/bfifuturefilm)

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#### **About the BFI**

At the BFI we support, nurture and promote the art of film, television and the moving image. A charity, funded by Government and earned income, and a distributor of National Lottery funds, we are at the heart of the UK's fast growing screen industries, protecting the past and shaping their future across the UK. We work in partnership with cultural organisations, government and industry to make this happen. We bring our world-class cultural programmes and unrivalled national collections to audiences everywhere, and promote learning about our art-form and its heritage. We support the future success of film in the UK by nurturing new voices and fresh ideas, enriching independent British film culture, challenging the UK's screen industries to innovate and defining Britain and its storytellers in the 21st century.

Founded in 1933, the BFI is a registered charity governed by Royal Charter. The BFI Board of Governors is chaired by Josh Berger CBE.

#### **BFI Southbank**

The BFI Southbank is open to all. BFI members are entitled to a discount on all tickets. BFI Southbank Box Office tel: 020 7928 3232. Unless otherwise stated tickets are £13.75, concs £11.25 including Gift Aid donation. Members pay £2.20 less on any ticket - [www.bfi.org.uk/southbank](http://www.bfi.org.uk/southbank).

Young people aged 25 and under can buy last minute tickets for just £3, 45 minutes before the start of screenings and events, subject to availability - <http://www.bfi.org.uk/25-and-under>.

**Tickets for FREE screenings and events must be booked in advance by calling the Box Office to avoid disappointment**

#### **BFI Shop**

The BFI Shop is stocked and staffed by BFI experts with over 1,200 book titles and 1,000 DVDs to choose from, including hundreds of acclaimed books and DVDs produced by the BFI.

#### **BFI Reuben Library**

BFI Southbank is home to the BFI Reuben Library which holds the world's largest collection of books, journals and digitised material about film, television and the moving image. The library is free to access and hosts a year-round programme of talks and events.

'Not just for movie nerds - this huge collection of film and TV books, periodicals, scripts, stills and posters is full of inspiration for anyone involved in the creative arts' – Evening Standard Magazine

The BFI Reuben Library is open 10:30-19:00, Tuesday-Saturday.

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Eat, drink and be merry in panoramic daylight. benugo's décor is contemporary, brightly lit and playful with a lounge space, bar and dining area. The place to network, hang out, unpack a film, savour the best of Modern British or sip on a cocktail.

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.

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