

BAFTA Nominated Shorts Programme guide 2024

A British Council International Touring Programme in association with the British Academy of Film and Television Awards (BAFTA)



Age Guidance

We would suggest a 15 rating for this programme of films according to UK certification guidelines.

The BAFTA 2024 shorts programme includes a selection of live action and animation short film nominees, and the winners in each category, from the 2024 BAFTA awards.

They represent storytelling that reveals the breadth and diversity of UK society, together with world class artistic and technical flair, and feature some of the UK's finest acting talents.



Animation



As part of a fishing community's annual ritual, a young boy must kill his first crab in order to become a man and gain his father's approval.





Director: Samantha Moore Producer: Tilley Bancroft UK 2023, 9 min

Emotional repair through wool.



Writer/Director: Karni Arieli, Saul Freed Producer: Jay Woolley UK 2023, 15 min

BE FISH! Narrated by Marianne Faithfull, this is a natural history fantasy film unlike any others, following the dramatic lifecycle of the wild salmon in human form.

Live Action



Writer/Director: Abdou Cissé

Producer: Cheri Darbon, George Telfer

UK 2023, 12 min

A celebratory dinner is flipped on its head, when an enraged Nigerian Mum serves her son a set of slaps so powerful that it will change his life forever.



Writer/Director: Joe Weiland Producer: Alex Jefferson UK 2023, 18 min

A French exchange student visits England for the first time and finds himself at the centre of a British family dynamic.



Jellyfish and Lobster

Winner

Best Short Live Action

Writer/director: Yasmin Afifi

Producer: Elizabeth Rufai, UK 2023, 20 min

Brought together serendipitously in a moment of mischief, two elderly care home residents form an unlikely relationship when they make

an enchanted discovery.



Lovely Day

Writer/Director: Simon Woods Producer: Polly Stokes Emma Norton, Kate Phibbs, UK 2023, 17 min

Against the backdrop of a perfect summer's day, eleven-year-old Sam navigates the complex world of his parents' marriage.



Writer/Director: Elham Ehsas Producer: Dina Mousawi, Azeem Bhati Yiannis Manolopoulos, UK 2023, 12 min

Following a new decree in Taliban-controlled Afghanistan, Laili walks into a store in Kabul to buy her first full body veil from a Talib shopkeeper, and face a new future.

Resources

Are you a short filmmaker?

Try our free-to-access short film toolkit designed to help navigate your route into the film industry, and your film's journey out into the world.

film.britishcouncil.org/resources/short-film-toolkit

Interested to find out more about uk short film?

The British Council makes a downloadable Short Film Catalogue highlighting the best new short films each year.

film.britishcouncil.org/resources/catalogues/shorts

Are you an industry professional

Perhaps a curator, festival programmer or journalist - looking to preview brand new short films from the UK?

We have joined forces with key organisations making short films including BBC FILM, Film4, the BFI and the National Film and Television School, and you can preview them by signing up to the UK Shorts Portal.

film.britishcouncil.org/resources/uk-shorts-portal

Organisations

BFI Network

Discovering, developing and funding new filmmakers.

bfi.org.uk/get-funding-support/bfi-network

Shooting People

An online connection with the grass roots of the UK film industry.

shootingpeople.org

Podcasts

Short Hand

A guide to making a short film from BFI NETWORK and Film Hub South East.

filmhubnorth.org.uk/short-hand -a-guide-to-making-a-short-film

Best Girl Grip

Focussing on women behind-the-scenes with lots of focus on shorts.

bestgirlgrip.podbean.com

UK Shorts Festivals

London Short Film Festival | shortfilms.org.uk Glasgow Short Film Festival | glasgowshort.org Aesthetica Short Film Festival | asff.co.uk Watersprite Film Festival | watersprite.org.uk Iris Prize LGBTQ+ Film Festival | irisprize.org

Other UK festivals programming shorts

BFI London Film Festival (LFF) | bfi.org.uk/lff BFI Flare LGBTQIA+ Film Festival | bfi.org.uk/flare Edinburgh International Film Festival | eif.co.uk

Raindance | raindance.org

Open City Docs | opencitylondon.com

Norwich Film Festival | norwichfilmfestival.co.uk

Sheffield DocFest | sheffdocfest.com

Cambridge Film Festival

cambridgefilmfestival.org.uk

Oska Bright Learning Disability Film Fest oskabright.org

Bolton Film Festival | boltonfilmfestival.com

Manchester Animation Fest

manchesteranimationfestival.co.uk

Flatpack | flatpackfestival.org.uk

SQUIFF - Scottish Queer

International Film Festival | sqiff.org

You can see the full list of BAFTA-qualifying **UK Short Fests here:**

awards.bafta.org/sites/default/files/ images/16shortfilmqualifyingfestivalslist.pdf

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