



DOCUMENTARY CATEGORY ADDED TO ORANGE BRITISH ACADEMY FILM AWARDS

FULL SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED FOR AWARDS IN 2012

AWARDS NOW OPEN FOR ENTRY

London, 14 June: The British Academy of Film and Television Arts announced today that it will be adding a new category to the Orange British Academy Film Awards to recognise documentary feature films.

The new category will be called **Documentary**. A theatrical documentary award was presented by the Academy between 1948 and 1990. Documentaries have continued to be honoured with British Academy Television Awards since then and have been eligible in all relevant categories at the Film Awards¹. BAFTA's Film Committee has chosen to re-introduce this category now in recognition of the number of high-quality theatrical documentaries released in cinemas in the UK each year.

Films from all countries will be eligible as long as they have a theatrical release in the UK. The award will only usually be presented if 15 or more films are entered. A specialist Documentary Chapter of BAFTA Film Voting Members will vote for a longlist of five films during the Round One vote and then will vote again in Round Two to decide the three nominations. The winner will be selected by all Film Voters during Round Three voting.

The Film Awards are now **open for entry**. Full rules for all categories, including the new Documentary category, and entry forms are available here:

<http://www.bafta.org/awards/film/entering-a-film,131,BA.html>

The **full schedule** for the Orange British Academy Film Awards was also announced today:

Thursday 17 November	Entry deadline
Thursday 8 December	Round 1 opens
Tuesday 20 December	Qualified films screened to members by this date
Wednesday 4 January	Round 1 closes
Friday 6 January	Longlist announced & Round 2 opens
Thursday 12 January	Round 2 closes
Tuesday 17 January	Nominations & Round 3 opens

¹ Documentaries will continue to be eligible in all relevant categories as well as the new Documentary category.

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Wednesday 8 February	Round 3 closes
Friday 10 February	All entered films to open to the public by this date
Sunday 12 February	Ceremony

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The British Academy of Film and Television Arts is an independent charity that supports, develops and promotes the art forms of the moving image by identifying and rewarding excellence, inspiring practitioners and benefiting the public. In addition to its Awards ceremonies, BAFTA has a year-round Learning & Events programme that offers unique access to some of the world's most inspiring talent through workshops, masterclasses, lectures and mentoring schemes, connecting with audiences of all ages and backgrounds across the UK, Los Angeles and New York. BAFTA relies on income from membership subscriptions, individual donations, trusts, foundations and corporate partnerships to support its ongoing outreach work. For further information, visit www.bafta.org.

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