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BAFTA LONGLIST RELEASED TODAY

London, 6 January 2012: The Longlist for the Orange British Academy Film Awards in 2012 has been released today.

The Longlist is the result of Round One voting by members of the Academy. With 285 films entered this year, the first round of voting reduced the list of eligible films to 15 in each category¹. Round Two voting, which opens today, will reduce these 15 contenders down to the five nominations in each category². Appearing on the Longlist does not constitute a nomination.

Over 6300 members of the Academy vote in three rounds to decide the Longlist, Nominations and Winners. All members vote in the first two rounds for all categories barring Documentary, Film Not in the English Language and Outstanding British Film, which are voted for by Chapters. The asterisks in the Longlist denote the top five selection of the relevant Chapter³. In the final round, winners are voted for by specialist Chapters in all categories except for Best Film, Outstanding British Film, Documentary and Film Not in the English Language and the four performance categories, which are voted for by all members.

Nominations in all categories will be announced on Tuesday 17 January. The winners will be announced at the Orange British Academy Film Awards on Sunday 12 February.

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About BAFTA

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.

¹ Longlists are not announced in the following categories: Outstanding Debut by a Writer, Director or Producer, Short Film and Short Animation

² In the Animated Film and Documentary categories, five films are longlisted and three will be nominated

³ A Chapter is a group of over 80 members with specialist skills or experience in a particular craft area