

Orange British Academy Film Awards

SHORT FILM AWARD 2008: RULES FOR ENTRY

IMPORTANT: YOU MUST READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL THE RULES FOR ENTRY BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR FILM

ELIGIBILITY

The British Academy Award for Short Film is open to UK productions only. Films are only eligible if they have a substantial British contribution in the majority of the following areas:

- Production Company
- Finance
- Director
- Producer
- Writer
- Principal cast and crew

Films finished on either 35mm print or Digi-Beta are eligible. The film must have been completed between 1 June 2007 and 31 October 2008. No exceptions will be made.

ALL submitted films must have been either screened or accepted into at least one of the festivals recognised by the Academy. The list of festivals is available on the website www.bafta.org or from the Academy.

Previously entered films are not eligible.

The maximum running time, including end credits, is 30 minutes.

The film must be fiction; however, the jury may use its discretion to accept dramatised factual subjects.

Films in a language other than English may only be submitted with English subtitles, or in an English language version.

SUBMITTING THE FILM

Applications will be accepted between Monday 1 September and 17:00 on Friday 31 October 2008. To enter, you must include ALL of the following:

- A hard copy of the entry form (downloadable from www.bafta.org or emailed on request) with all sections completed and signed;
- 3 x DVD screeners of show quality (PAL region 2/multi-region). These screeners will be used for the initial judging and will not be returned;
- Short biographies of the Director, Producer and Writer;
- A short synopsis (approx. 50 words);
- Three stills of the film on hard copy, disc or email. Send jpegs (300dpi) to shorts@bafta.org;
- Proof of acceptance/screening at one of BAFTA's recognised festivals;
- 35mm print or Digi-Beta copy of the film*.

*The deadline for submitting your print or Digi-Beta can be extended to **17:00 on Friday 28 November 2008**. You may choose to enclose it within your initial application but all films must remain at the Academy until the judging process is complete. Any charges incurred for the delivery or return of prints must be covered by those submitting the film.

Films may be entered by companies or individuals. Film schools and colleges are advised to submit no more than three films, although, in exceptional circumstances and with prior permission, the Academy may consider accepting up to two extra films per school. All student films must be submitted by the film school or college.

The Nominations will be announced on 15 January 2009 and all prints and Digi-Betas (except those of nominated films) will be available for collection after this announcement.

The Orange British Academy Film Awards will be held on Sunday 8 February 2009. The British Academy Award for Short Film will be presented to the winning film's Director, Producer and Writer only. A maximum of four named nominees will receive an Award.

All decisions made by the Academy jury and BAFTA are final and no correspondence will be entered into as to why particular entries were or were not selected for a nomination.

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