



BERWICK FILM & MEDIA ARTS FESTIVAL

Young Filmmakers' Competition 2017 CALL FOR ENTRIES GUIDELINES

Deadline: Friday 30 June 2017, 5pm

Calling all young filmmakers from North East England and South East Scotland aged 19 years and under...

We're thrilled to announce that the Young Filmmakers' Competition is back! The prestigious competition aims to encourage and support budding young filmmakers in our region through two separate competition streams.

The Chris Anderson Award (for filmmakers 15-19 years old)

We invite young people (aged 15-19 years old) to submit their short films to compete for The Chris Anderson Award and a cash prize of £250. This competition commemorates the life of Chris Anderson who was an active supporter of our festival and of developing skills in young filmmakers. The Award is kindly supported by his family – widow Chrissie Anderson and son Paul W.S. Anderson, *Director of Resident Evil* and *Alien vs. Predator*.

Young Filmmakers' Award (for filmmakers 14 years and under)

We invite young people (aged 14 years old and under) to submit their short films to compete for the Young Filmmakers' Award and a cash prize of £250.

Films will be shortlisted for the competition by a new *Young Film Programming Group*; young people aged 13 to 19 years old who are interested in film. The group will meet over the summer to watch the entries and choose the shortlist.

The shortlisted filmmakers will be invited to see their films on the big screen at the Young Filmmakers' Competition Screening – a special event at The Maltings Theatre & Cinema on Sunday 24 September 2017 during the Berwick Film & Media Arts Festival. The jury will comprise of an expert panel and the winner of each category will be presented with their prestigious award and £250 towards their next filmmaking project.

Entry requirements

- Films must be 20 minutes and under.
- Films must have been made in 2016 or 2017.
- Films must be made within the North East, Scottish Borders and South East Scotland (this includes: Northumberland, Tyne & Wear, Teesside, Co. Durham, Berwickshire, Roxburghshire, Selkirkshire, Peeblesshire, Edinburgh, East Lothian, Midlothian, West Lothian, Lanarkshire).
- Young people (aged 19 years and under) must have inputted into all elements of the film's production.
- Films must be suitable to watch by all ages as The Young Filmmakers' Competition Screening will be open to everyone.
- We accept submissions from schools, youth groups, organisations and individuals.
- We accept film entries **online** via our online entry form or **on DVD** sent by post with a completed entry form available to download from our website.

How to Enter

It is **free** to enter your film into the Young Filmmakers' Competition.

You have two options to submit your film:

- 1) **Online** - please make sure you include the URL to your film in full (and any necessary passwords) in your application form. The online entry form can be found at <https://bfmaf.filmchief.com/submit-film/young-filmmakers>.
- 2) **By post** - please send your DVD and completed application form (which can be downloaded from <http://berwickfilm-artsfest.com/young-filmmakers-competition>) to:

Young Filmmakers' Competition, Berwick Film & Media Arts Festival,
The Maltings Theatre & Cinema, Eastern Lane, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1AJ.

NB. If you require your film to be returned please include a stamped addressed envelope.

If you have any questions about the award or the submissions process please email Val Tobias, Learning & Participation Co-ordinator on val@berwickfilm-artsfest.com.

Deadline for applications is Friday 30 June 2017, 5pm. All applicants will be considered and notified by email as to whether they have been successful by early September.

Good luck!