

**18<sup>th</sup> Bristol International Film Festival**  
**Tues 18 - Sun 23 September 2012, Bristol, UK**  
**STUDENT ENCOUNTERS**

Celebrating its 18<sup>th</sup> edition, Encounters Bristol International Film Festival is now the leading UK gateway to the world's most prestigious short film and animation awards including the Academy Awards®, BAFTAs, European Film Awards and the Cartoon D'Or.

One of the best known showcases and meeting points for emerging talent, the festival presents an excellent opportunity for students to showcase and promote their talents, to meet and gain advice from industry professionals, and be part of a unique environment which encourages the development of peer-to-peer connections and new collaborations.

These are just some of the opportunities available for universities, students and graduate filmmakers at the festival:

- **Discounts for multiple film submissions:** Ideal for university course submissions
- **European New Talent Awards:** Two awards (live action and animation) eligible only to Graduation films and first-time filmmakers.
- **Digital Viewing Library:** An on-site, video on demand service showcasing *all* submitted films
- **Student Focus Days 19 – 21 Sep:** Workshops developing core skills, discussions on how to enter the industry, and other events aimed at a Student audience.
- **Networking events:** Gain access to leading industry figures and international filmmakers.
- **Student Packages** including discount passes and accommodation provided by Bristol YHA.

### **Submissions:**

Now more than ever Encounters represents a unique opportunity for students to submit and showcase their work on an internationally recognised platform. The **Digital Viewing Library**, an onsite, video on demand service showcasing all submitted films, allows Delegates to see films both in and out of competition, and therefore enables students to actively promote their own work to specific individuals attending the festival. **Submissions open 1<sup>st</sup> March and close on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2012.**

**The festival is offering discounts for multiple submissions. For further information please contact Rich Warren, Programme Coordinator at [rich.warren@encounters-festival.org.uk](mailto:rich.warren@encounters-festival.org.uk)**

### **Student Focus:**

**Wed 19 – Fri 21 September 2012**

Designed for both live action and animation students and graduates, this is a great opportunity to develop core skills, participate in discussions, discover emerging trends and technologies as well attend industry networking events, providing an opportunity to rub shoulders with future employers and commissioners.

**The final programme of events will be announced mid July. If you are interested in group bookings, please email your interest to [jude.lister@encounters-festival.org.uk](mailto:jude.lister@encounters-festival.org.uk)**

### **Student Packages**

Get the most out of the festival through our Student Packages. This is an easy way to organise a student group trip to the festival including a discounted Student Festival Pass, exclusive to the Student Packages, and dorm room accommodation at the Bristol YHA.

#### **Student Package 1 (18 – 20 Sep) £95**

- 2 nights accommodation - Arrive Tuesday afternoon ready for two days of student focused activity at the festival.
- 2 Day Student Festival Pass (18 - 20 Sep)

### **Student Package 2 (18 – 21 Sep) £135**

- 3 nights accommodation – Get more from the festival with three days of activities set to inspire and delight.
- 3 Day Student Festival Pass (18 – 21 Sep)

### **Full Festival Package (18 – 23 Sep) £175**

- 5 nights accommodation - Arrive Tuesday ready for a week at Bristol's biggest celebration of short film.
- Full Festival Pass (18 – 23 Sep)

### **Student Festival Pass includes:**

Accreditation, delegates list, bag, catalogue, access to Digital Viewing Library, industry screenings, happy hours, delegate and networking events, and tickets to all student focused events.

**If you are interested in booking a Student Package please contact [jude.lister@encounters-festival.org.uk](mailto:jude.lister@encounters-festival.org.uk). Please note there is limited availability so please book early.**

### **YHA Bristol**

We are proud to be working with the Bristol YHA as our student and filmmaker accommodation partners for the 2012 festival. (Bristol YHA, 14 Narrow Quay, Bristol, BS1 4QA)



The YHA is ideally situated in between our two main venues, Watershed and Arnolfini on the harbour front and close to the city centre. A comfortably converted waterfront warehouse in the heart of vibrant Bristol, the YHA has views over the waterways, and has been sympathetically restored to create a relaxing yet cosmopolitan atmosphere and is the ideal base for individuals exploring the historic harbour. Facilities include a café or on-site bar.

For more information on the Bristol YHA, visit [www.yha.org.uk](http://www.yha.org.uk)

### **Key Dates**

30 Jan 2012	-	DepicT! 90 sec competition opens- Free submissions at Depict.org
1 Mar 2012	-	Submission window opens
2 Apr 2012	-	Registration for the Bristol Encounters 0117 Hour Film Challenge open
19 – 25 May 2012	-	Bristol Encounters 0117 Hour Film Challenge
6 Jun 2012	-	Submission window closes
9 July 2012	-	DepicT! Deadline- Free submission, upload at Depict.org
18-23 Sep 2012	-	Encounters Short Film and Animation Festival 2012

Visit [www.encounters-festival.org.uk](http://www.encounters-festival.org.uk) to see the awards up for grabs, submission criteria and how to enter your film. Sign up to the festival newsletter for the latest on Encounters events. Join our online community on Facebook and Twitter for the latest news.

### **Group Bookings must be confirmed by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

**Please note that there are limited beds available at YHA. You can book beds as of now, with confirmation of bookings given on payment. Subject to capacity, individual Student bookings may be taken after the 15<sup>th</sup> June. Groups bookings consist 4 or more people.**

**For all enquiries please contact: [jude.lister@encounters-festival.org.uk](mailto:jude.lister@encounters-festival.org.uk)**

Please put Student Package in the subject header

### **Terms and Conditions:**

- All packages must be purchased in advance of the festival to enable us to confirm the accommodation, get the passes printed and the names included in the Delegate List.
- Tickets must be reserved prior to the festival (more information to be provided when programme is announced mid July)
- Only 1 ticket per pass per event.
- Reserved uncollected tickets will go on sale 15 minutes before start time.
- Please return any unused tickets as these will remain as empty seats if you don't turn up.

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