

The Lab Film Festival

Celebrating and developing the work of emergent filmmakers
Friday 21st – Sunday 30th June 2013
Hackney Wick and surrounding areas
FREE ENTRY

A new laboratory to nurture new ideas, projects and visions around film to launch soon in the vibrant East London area. The first edition of **The Lab Film Festival (TLFF)** will take place **from 21st to 30th June 2013**. Opening a week before and working in **partnership with the well established East End Film Festival and London Short Film Festival**, TLFF will feature over a week of short film screenings, talks, workshops and events across Hackney Wick, Fish Island and the surrounding boroughs of **Hackney, Tower Hamlet, Newham**.

Extending its visions well beyond the boundaries of the festival week, this newest addition to the lively East London art events programme bills itself as a **breeding ground for talents** and will be mainly focused on the discovery, nurturing and further development of emerging filmmakers and video artists. In addition to the classic festival pattern of screenings, competition and awards, TLFF offers a **year-round educational development programme**. Planned on-going initiatives - both pre and post festival - include mentoring and industry networking opportunities, film clubs and filmmaking workshops for young people.

“We felt the need to give filmmakers not just another space to show their works but also an innovative platform to help them develop their skills and carry on with their career” says one of the three Festival Directors Joanna Hughes. *“The image of a laboratory, a place for experimentation and exchange of ideas, allow for evolution as a filmmaker”*.

MAIN FEATURES

- **Opening Gala and Launch Party**, 21st June 2013 at Mother Studios, with **Resonance FM** performers
- **Show reels and curated programmes** in various East London galleries
- **The Lab Awards** awarded by a **jury of experts including Phil Ison, Director of the London Short Film Festival, and a representative of the East End Film Festival**
- **‘Further East’ programme curated in partnership with the East End Film Festival**
- **Workshops** with community partnerships in Hackney and Tower Hamlets
- **Symposium** investigating current critical theories in the field of independent film production
- **Award Ceremony and Closing Party**, 29th June 2013 at Mother Studios, DJs TBC

SHOWREELS AND AWARDS

TLFF is open for all short film submissions in the categories of Animation, Drama, Artist’s Narrative, Documentary and Experimental. Showreels of the selected works will be screened at the festival hub, the Mother Studios throughout the week. The festival audience and a jury of industry professionals including **Phil Ison, Director of**

the London Short Film Festival and a representative of the East Film Festival, will award the best works from each category with one over all Best Film winner. Winners will have their works showcased at the Mother Studios and in a special event at the **East End Film Festival**. They will be awarded prizes including **development courses and on-going mentoring schemes** during the Award Ceremony on 29th June 2013 at Mother Studios.

PARTNERSHIPS

TLFF and East End Film Festival (EEFF) share a common vision and are working in partnership to bring a consistent calendar of film screening and events to East London at the end of June 2013. Opening a week before the EEFF, Lab Film Festival will showcase the work of unknown talents from a very young age to adult age and will work as an 'introduction' to the well established and renown EEFF.

EEFF will also curate for the Lab Film Festival the 'Further East' programme that will be shown at the hub space Mother Studios in Hackney Wick.

Several galleries and spaces across East London will be taking part in the festival with their own curated programmes. Confirmed collaborations include:

- 3 Mills Film Studios
- Stratford Picture House
- The White Building
- See Studio
- Stour Space
- Arbeit
- Assemble Studio

plus several galleries, youth groups, councils, cultural institutions and curators around Tower Hamlets, Hackney and Newham.

BIOGRAPHIES

Joanna Hughes is an established professional working in the arts and as an artist filmmaker. She founded and manages the 43 studio spaces at Mother Studios since 2001, providing low cost quality artists studios to artists designers and makers with an Artists-Run Gallery and project space. She is co-founder of Hackney WickED CIC, an arts festival in Hackney Wick and Fish Island from 2008- 2013. Over 500 local artists annually participate. Joanna sits on the board of NFSAP National Federation of Artist Providers as a non- exec Trustee.

Bill Howard is a filmmaker, curator, artist and communications designer, with 15 years of experience staging and managing film events in the UK and overseas. He is Director at The Projection Gallery.com, an artists' film archive and distribution organisation established in 2002, and regularly consults with or selects works for film festivals. These have included BBC Big Screens, Lumens Evolution, Liverpool Biennial, Future Everything, Glastonbury Festivals, Toronto Alternative Fashion Week, E17 Art Trail and others. He is currently producing a short feature road-movie.

Abbas Nokhasteh is founder of Openvizor, an international non-profit arts and cultural organisation based in London; he is a curator, filmmaker and producer. Nokhasteh is a graduate of King's College London (BA Hons War Studies) and Imperial College London (MBA). He has presented research and curated events at cultural and academic institutions including The Architecture Foundation; Serpentine Gallery; Victoria and Albert Museum; British Library; Goldsmiths; Queens University Belfast; Queen Mary; University of Oxford; and Jewish Museum Berlin.