

The Lab Film Festival 2013

*A week-long festival celebrating and developing
the working practice of emergent filmmakers*

Friday 21st – Sunday 30th June 2013
Hackney Wick and surrounding areas
FREE ENTRY

A new addition to the busy London's cultural event calendar is soon to launch in vibrant East End! The first annual edition of **The Lab Film Festival (TLFF)** will take place **from 21st to 30th June 2013**. 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 Hamlets, and Newham**. A year-round mentoring scheme complements the festival showcase, and backs its core educational mission.

TLFF is rapidly establishing itself through a strong network of partnerships which include so far collaborations with renown partners such as **East End Film Festival, London Short Film Festival, Stratford Picture House, 3 Mills Studios** and many more.

Extending its visions well beyond the boundaries of the festival week, TLFF bills itself as a **breeding ground for talent** and will be mainly focused on the discovery, nurturing and further development of emerging filmmakers and video artists. Alongside the festival showcase, TLFF offers a **year-round educational development programme**. Planned on-going initiatives include **mentoring and industry networking opportunities, film clubs and filmmaking workshops**. The prize for the overall Festival Short winner will be a **three-day Industry Training programme donated and held by the East End Film Festival**. And also prizes, trophies, mentoring and educational opportunities to be awarded to winners in each film category.

"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" say the three Festival Directors Joanna Hughes, Bill Howard and Abbas Nokhasteh. "The image of a laboratory, a place for experimentation and exchange of ideas, allows for evolution as a filmmaker".

MAIN FEATURES

- **Opening Gala and Launch Party**, 21st June 2013 at Mother Studios, with audiovisual performance by artists Melanie Clifford (Resonance FM) and Graham Dunning (NTS radio), performance intervention by Suzie Ab, and very special guests TBA, alongside screenings of films and more
- **Show reels, events and curated programmes** in various galleries and spaces across the East End
- **The Lab Awards** awarded by a **jury of experts including Philip Ison, Director of the London Short Film Festival, and a special guest from the East End Film Festival board**
- **'Further East' programme curated in partnership with the East End Film Festival**
- **Workshops** with community partners in Hackney and Tower Hamlets
- **Symposium** investigating the implications of film Archival and Retrieval
- **Award Ceremony and Closing Party**, 29th June 2013 at Mother Studios, featuring live audiovisual performances, announcement of the Award Winners, DJs and more!

SHOWREELS AND AWARDS

TLFF is open until **Friday 14th June** for all short film submissions from UK and overseas in the 2013 categories of Animation, Drama, Artist's Narrative, Documentary and Experimental, and then taking on-going submissions. A series of showreels of the selected works will be screened at the festival hub, Hackney Wick's Mother Studios throughout the week. The festival audience and a jury of industry professionals including **Philip Ilson, Director of the London Short Film Festival and a representative of the East Film Festival**, who will award the best works from each category with one overall 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.

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 of any age group and will work as an 'introduction' to the well-established and renowned EEFF. EEFF will also co-curate for the Lab Film Festival the **'Further East' programme** and **they will be among the festival jury with a board representative to lend their expertise**
- **The London Short Film Festival** – Director Philip Ilson will be part of the jury awarding the best films in each category
- **Stratford Picture House** – hosting special screening and talks
- 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, The White Building, See Studio, Stour Space, Arbeit**, alongside programmes with 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 Khoras.com, 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 many others. He is currently producing a short feature road-movie.*

***Abbas Nokhasteh** is founder of Openvizor.com, 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.*

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