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2016 Submissions Open and Date announced for Raindance Film Festival

- Submissions are open for UK and International Films.
- Raindance announces new Competitive Strands and Jury Prizes.
- OSCAR, BAFTA & BIFA qualifying festival.
- New Sections: Access Screenings and LGBT Strands
- Submissions will close on 10 June 2016.

Raindance Film Festival today opens for submissions inviting **UK** and **International** producers and filmmakers to submit their films to its 24th edition that will take place from **21st September to 2nd October 2016** in central **London**. Submissions will close on June 10th 2016.

Competitive Strands

Raindance announces new competitive awards and special strands for its next edition and is open for feature films (narrative and documentary) , short films (narrative and documentary), web content [Raindance Web Fest] and music videos.

For the competitive feature films strand at **Raindance**, **new awards** are open: **Best Film, Best Director, Best Screenplay, Best Actor, Best Actress** to recognize achievement for the most innovative talent and films that challenge the boundaries of filmmaking.

Jury Prizes will also include **Best UK Feature, Best Discovery Award, Best Documentary Feature, Best Short, Best UK Short, Best Music Video**.

Qualified Festival: Academy Award, BAFTA and BIFA

Raindance Film Festival is officially recognised by the **Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences** USA, the **British Academy of Film and Television Arts**. Selected shorts will qualify for Oscar® and BAFTA nominations.

In addition and for the **FIRST YEAR**, Raindance announces **The British Independent Film Awards** qualification. British short films that play in competition and all British features that play in 2016 will be eligible for entry for the 2016 British Independent Film Awards BIFA.

New Sections at the Festival: LGBT and Access Screenings

Raindance will recognize feature films, narrative or documentary, with a theme or story related to the **LGBT** community from UK and around the world.

In addition, Raindance will host for the first time **Access Screenings** with special adaptations for audiences with disabilities.

Raindance Web Festival

Raindance opens submissions for Raindance Web Fest Strand, the UK's only dedicated web series festival aimed to promote and foster that next generation and network them with the online video industry.

For more information visit <http://raindancefestival.org/about-webfest/>

Full details on Submissions can be found at www.raindancefestival.org

SOCIAL MEDIA

TWITTER

Submissions now open for Raindance Film Festival 2016 - Europe's largest independent film festival. Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1PzKo04>

Submissions now open for Raindance Film Festival 2016! Get your film in for earlybird deadline of 22 April. <http://bit.ly/1PzKo04>

Don't miss your chance to screen your film in London's West End. Submissions now open for Raindance Film Fest 2016 <http://bit.ly/1PzKo04>

Memento, Pulp Fiction, Old Boy, [Your Film].

Join the many films discovered at Raindance. 2016 submissions now open <http://bit.ly/1PzKo04>

Want to screen your feature, short, web series or music video in London's West End? Submit it to Raindance Film Festival 2016 <http://bit.ly/1PzKo04>

Submissions now open for 24th Raindance Film Festival. Submit your feature, short or music video. Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1PzKo04>

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Memento, Pulp Fiction, Ghost World, Old Boy and [Your Film Here].

Join the list of great films discovered at Raindance Film Festival in the heart of London. Submissions now open for 2016 festival.

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About Raindance Film Festival

Now in its 24th year, Raindance Film Festival is Europe's leading independent Film Festival showcasing feature films, shorts and docs, web series and music videos from around the world and specialising in independent films and directorial debuts. The festival has a strong legacy of showing alternative, edgy films. Since 1993 Raindance Film Festival has uncovered the hottest new filmmakers to hit the cinematic scene.

Raindance-premiered hits include Pulp Fiction, Memento, the Blair Witch Project, Ghost World and Love Exposure. Listed by Variety as one of the world's top 50 'unmissable film festivals', Raindance aims to nurture, support and promote independent films and filmmakers from the UK and around the world.

Raindance – The Voice of Independent Film

Raindance is dedicated to fostering and promoting independent film in the UK and around the world. Based in the heart of London, Raindance combines [Raindance Film Festival](#), [Training Courses](#) and the prestigious [British Independent Film Awards](#).