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**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Raindance Film Festival**  
**Submissions Open and Date announced**

- Raindance announces submissions for its 25<sup>th</sup> special edition.
- Submissions are open for UK and International films.
- Academy Award, BAFTA & BIFA qualifying festival.
- Submissions will close on 2 June 2017.

**Raindance Film Festival** invites **UK** and **International** producers and filmmakers to submit their films to its 25<sup>th</sup> special edition that will take place from **20 September to 1 October 2017** in central **London**. Submissions will close on 2 June 2017.

**Competitive Strands**

Raindance competitive strand is open for feature films (narrative and documentary), short films (narrative, animation and documentary), Virtual Reality/360°, web series (Raindance Web Fest) and music videos.

For the competitive feature films strand at **Raindance**, films will compete for: **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 Documentary Short, Best Animation Short, Best UK Short, Best Music Video** and **Best VR film**.

**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** and the **British Independent Film Awards** in the following categories:

Winners for the Best Short, Best Animation Short and Best Documentary Short will qualify for Oscar®; films in the Best UK Short category will qualify for BAFTA nominations. In addition, British short films that play in competition and all British features that play in 2017 will be eligible for entry for the 2017 BIFA.

## **LGBT Section**

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

## **Virtual Reality and Raindance Web Festival**

Raindance opens submissions for Virtual Reality/360° and web series aimed to promote and foster that next generation and network them with the online video industry.

For more information on Raindance Web Festival visit

<http://raindancefestival.org/about-webfest/>

Full details on Submissions can be found at [www.raindancefestival.org](http://www.raindancefestival.org)

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

### **TWITTER**

Submissions now open for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Raindance Film Festival - Europe's largest independent film festival. <http://bit.ly/1PzKo04>

Submissions now open for 25<sup>th</sup> Raindance Film Festival in 2017! Get your film in for earlybird deadline of 28 April. <http://bit.ly/1PzKo04>

Don't miss your chance to screen your film in London's West End. Submissions now open for 25<sup>th</sup> Raindance Film Fest <http://bit.ly/1PzKo04>

Memento, Pulp Fiction, [Your Film].

Join the many films discovered at Raindance. 25th Anniversary submissions open <http://bit.ly/1PzKo04>

Screen your feature, short, web series or music video in London's West End. Submit to the 25th Raindance Film Fest <http://bit.ly/1PzKo04>

Submissions now open for 25th Raindance Film Festival. Submit your feature, short, VR film, web series or music vid <http://bit.ly/1PzKo04>

### **FACEBOOK**

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

Join the list of great films discovered at 25<sup>th</sup> Raindance Film Festival in the heart of London. Submissions now open for 2017 festival.

<http://bit.ly/1PzKo04>

Submissions now open for Raindance Film Festival 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

Don't miss your chance to screen your feature, short or music video in the heart of London's West End.

<http://bit.ly/1PzKo04>

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**About Raindance Film Festival**

Now in its 25th year, Raindance Film Festival is Europe's leading independent Film Festival showcasing feature films, shorts and docs, virtual reality, 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](#).