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TEAM LONDON
BFI London Film Festival

Celebrating its 70th edition, the BFI London Film Festival brings together filmmakers, industry leaders and audiences from around the world, providing an opportunity to showcase London's strengths as a global centre for film and television, from its world-class creative talent and production infrastructure to its thriving ecosystem of studios, technology and investment.

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1. The BFI London Film Festival puts London on the global stage

- The BFI London Film Festival welcomed a record 235,853 attendances in 2025, with 94% occupancy across London screenings and events.
- Celebrating its 70th edition in 2026, this year's festival will present 251 titles from 88 countries, including 33 world premieres, over 12 days.
- International industry attendance at the festival has doubled over the last five years, strengthening London's role as a meeting point for UK and global screen professionals.

2. London is a global destination for film and TV investment

- Film generated £10bn of inward investment spend in London over the last five years, demonstrating the capital's scale as an international production destination.
- London is home to 4,500+ production companies, with a combined turnover of almost £4bn, forming one of the world's most established screen business ecosystems.
- The UK generated £6.8bn in film and high-end TV production spend in 2025, with £5.8bn (85%) from inward investment productions.

3. London combines talent with world-class production infrastructure

- London's film production, distribution and exhibition sectors employ 49,000 people, providing a deep pool of expertise across the screen industry.
- On any given day, an average of 27 film crews are shooting on location in London, with nearly 12,000 crew members working on productions filmed in the capital.
- London's screen ecosystem spans the capital, with a distinctive cluster of 6,800+ screen-related companies in West London, bringing together commissioning, production, studios, post-production, VFX and specialist suppliers.

4. London is one of the world's most connected and competitive cities

- Film London-supported activity has helped generate over £9bn of investment, underpinning 87 productions and more than 13,000 jobs.
- The BFI London Film Festival's Industry Forum brings UK and international screen professionals together in London, connecting the industry across production, finance, sales and distribution.
- The festival's Works-in-Progress Showcase connects emerging UK and Irish productions with international buyers, sales agents, distributors and festival programmers,