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Derby Film Festival with ParaCinema Festival return for an online edition

from 19th to 23rd November 2020

Derby Film Festival returns for five days of fantastic new films, talks and more from 19th to 23rd November. This year marks the seventh edition and takes the festival on a new direction with the launch of the brand-new QUAD player enabling all screenings to be viewed online. Derby Film Festival also welcomes its sister festival Paracinema, bringing a double punch of great cinema to homes in November.



DFF: *Mambo Man*

Derby Film Festival features some of the best new cinema from seventeen different countries including the UK, USA, France, Netherlands, Cuba, Vietnam and Iran. Films selected from international submissions cover topics of fallen angels (*Too Bad*), Kidnapped Children (*The Badger*), Cuban music (*Mambo Man*), the Horror festival scene (*The Horror Crowd*), nature vs man (*Anonymous Animals*) as well as a truly beautiful family film in *The End Of Heroes*.



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Paracinema Film Festival features some of the most eclectic new genre cinema, including two new Acid Westerns (from Columbia and Kidderminster); a retro cop spoof; plus an interesting take on the found footage in *VHyes* and their own collection of eclectic shorts.

Short filmmaking is celebrated with over 50 new short films showing as part of curated programmes. **DFF Genre Shorts** incorporates deals with the Devil, digital utopias, passionate musicians, Scottish babysitters, desperate criminals, gay corpses, crazy bird ladies and imaginary best friends. **DFF Documentary Shorts Programme** from inspirational women of colour, acrobats, celebrated authors, a café in Yorkshire, dance, breast cancer and the rise of CB radio in 1970s UK. **Caribbean Calling**, is a showcase of new and recent shorts from the region (Adv 15 reflecting the recent blossoming of Caribbean filmmaking, but these films remain mostly unseen in the UK, this offers a valuable, nuanced understanding of the region and its diaspora.

Adam J Marsh, Derby Film Festival / Paracinema Director said *“We’re excited to launch our QUAD Player this year, while people are unable to visit us at QUAD in person. We had been planning this additional streaming element with it being an international festival. We hope to enable a new audience to take advantage of this viewing experience and sample our 2020 festival selection, showcasing the sheer breadth of fantastic new filmmaking talent out there”*

All film screenings cost £5.00 to view. For more information and to view the programme, see: <https://derbyfilmfestival.co.uk/> and www.paracinema.co.uk

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QUAD is currently closed following government guidance. For the latest news on re-opening please see: <https://www.derbyquad.co.uk/about/news>

QUAD is Derby's centre for art and film, a mixed arts venue based on the Market Place. QUAD is the city's cultural hub with a three-screen cinema, an art gallery showing the best in contemporary visual arts, digital workshop spaces plus an award-winning Café bar. QUAD Opened to the public on 26th September 2008. QUAD has been at the heart of Derby's cultural scene since it opened and is now internationally recognised for providing quality and excellence in the Arts.

QUAD delivers an exciting, innovative and diverse programme which is popular with visitors of all ages, with a reputation in Photography, digital innovation & family friendly events. The venue organises Derby Film Festival, FORMAT International Photography Festival and Summer Nights Outdoor Film Festival. QUAD is a partnership between Derby City Council and Arts Council England. QUAD is open daily from 10am for more information visit: www.derbyquad.co.uk

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