

# DIFF is ready for 2015 entries

The 2015 Durban International Film Festival (DIFF), being held from 16-26 July 2015, is open for entries of films completed in 2014 and 2015. Entries are free and must be submitted with either a DVD screener or an online screener before 20 March 2015.

Presenting over 250 screenings of cutting-edge cinema from around the world, with a special focus on films from South Africa and Africa, the festival exhibits films in a diversity of venues around the city. DIFF is the premiere platform for the launch of African films and a key gateway to the African film industry. The festival also includes a local and international awards component.



## Programme

The extensive seminar and workshop programme featuring local and international filmmakers and industry professionals will include the 8th Talents Durban programme (17 to 21 July), in cooperation with Berlinale Talents and the 6th Durban FilmMart (17 to 20 July), in partnership with the Durban Film Office, as well as various other streams of programming.

Specific streams of programming for 2015 will include a focus on climate change, as well as films that explore our relationship to the earth's changing ecology.

"We are very excited about receiving a wealth of challenging and high quality films from around the world," says festival manager Peter Machen. "We also welcome engagement with current and potential partners who support the development of cinema in Africa and beyond. Such collaboration is a major part of the festival and helps to provide filmmakers and the public with a programme of brilliant films and a solid development programme."

The festival is hosted by the Centre for Creative Arts, University of KwaZulu-Natal and is supported by the National Film and Video Foundation, the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Economic Development and Tourism, the KwaZulu-Natal Film Commission, the City of Durban and other valued funders and partners.

All submissions must be entered via the DIFF Visitor Page online at <https://vp.eventival.eu/cca/diff2015>. For more information, go to [www.durbanfilmfest.co.za](http://www.durbanfilmfest.co.za) or email [diff@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:diff@ukzn.ac.za).