

BBC launches New Music Shorts 2007

The BBC today launched **New Music Shorts 2007** – an initiative offering aspiring filmmakers a £5,000 budget to make a music-based short film with a professional production company and have it premiered at the **BBC Electric Proms festival** in October.

BBC Electric Proms, **BBC Film Network** and **BBC New Talent** are inviting budding filmmakers to visit bbc.co.uk/newtalent and submit ideas for "shorts" that either use or are inspired by music contributed by four leading independent record labels.

The idea for the new music short could be anything from a music promo or moving image visuals to a drama or documentary. The filmmakers with the most innovative ideas will receive up to £5,000 to make their film under guidance from Warp Films and the shorts will be premiered at the opening day of the BBC Electric Proms on 24 October.

Warp Records, Ninja Tune, Domino and **679 Recordings** have provided new tracks from artists including The Earlies, Wiley, James Yorkston and the Athletes and Gravenhurst. The same four labels provided tracks for the competition last year and were so pleased with the initiative's success that they have contributed exclusive tracks again this year. These are:

- The Earlies – Bad Is As Bad Does (679 Recordings)
- King Creosote – Twin Tub Twin (679 Recordings)
- Wiley – Slippin (Ninja Tune/Big Dada)
- Cinematic Orchestra – Breathe (Ninja Tune)
- James Yorkston and the Athletes – The Lang Toun (Domino)
- Lightspeed Champion – Dry Lips (Domino)
- Gravenhurst – Farewell Farewell (Warp Records)

Last year, five commissions were selected and premiered at the BBC Electric Proms. The winners' films are available online at bbc.co.uk/dna/filmnetwork/newmusicshorts2006.

BBC Electric Proms Festival Director, **Lorna Clarke**, said: "Last year's New Music Shorts was a great success and I'm delighted to announce that the BBC Electric Proms is supporting the initiative again this year. The BBC has unparalleled links with new film talent and the BBC New Music Shorts programme will develop and build on that heritage."

Following the successful inaugural festival, BBC Electric Proms 2007 will take place from 24 to 28 October. The event will be broadcast across BBC television, radio, online and via the red button for digital viewers.

For further details and to enter, visit bbc.co.uk/newtalent or call 08700 10 60 60. The closing date for entries is 1 June, 2007.

Notes to Editors

BBC New Music Shorts

How to enter:

- Go to bbc.co.uk/newtalent to read more about the competition and apply.
- Listen to the seven tracks supplied by our record label partners Warp Records, Ninja Tune, Domino and 679 Recordings and select which one you'd like to submit an idea for a new film.
- Go to bbc.co.uk/filmnetwork to see last year's films and watch other films to inspire you.
- Entrants need to submit a pitch (200 words or less) explaining the idea including details of tone and style and a treatment (300 words or less) explaining how they will achieve it. They must have had some filmmaking or programme-making experience before and provide evidence of this by sending in a copy of a short film or show reel (on DVD or PAL VHS). A list of production credits should also be included.
- The idea can be for any length from one to ten minutes.
- Films must be realisable within eight weeks of commission and on a budget of £500 to £5,000.
- You should choose one music track from the seven options and explain your ideas as inspired by that track. You cannot submit one idea to apply to all seven tracks. Evidence must be supplied in the submitted treatment of how the track selected has inspired the idea.

About BBC Electric Proms

- The BBC Electric Proms will take place from 24 to 28 October 2007.
- The BBC Electric Proms focuses on rock and popular music genres.
- It takes place at The Roundhouse, Camden, London.
- There will be musically themed film screenings and master classes running throughout the festival.
- There will be further BBC Electric Proms events staged at The Barfly, The Enterprise Rooms and The Electric Ballroom in Camden, London.
- Full line up and ticket details will be announced in August.

- Highlights of the festival will be available on BBC TV, Radio and Online.
- Networks covering the event will be BBC Two, BBC Three, Radio 1, Radio 2, Radio 3, 6 Music, 1Xtra, BBC Asian Network and BBC World Service.
- Digital viewers will also be able to enjoy performances on demand at the push of the red button during and following the staging of the event.

About BBC Film Network

BBC Film Network promotes new British filmmaking by screening short films and profiling the people that make them. Three new films are showcased in broadband quality every week, adding to a growing catalogue of over 400 shorts from traditional drama and comedy to cutting-edge animation and music promos.

Users are invited to offer feedback by commenting on and rating films. The site also provides weekly magazine content, featuring interviews with established filmmakers such as Julien Temple, Nick Park, Stephen Woolley, Miranda July and Michael Winterbottom.

Recently, Film Network has started offering films as hi-resolution downloads with digital rights-management. The site currently receives almost 120,000 visitors per month and has 12,000 registered members.

About BBC New Talent

BBC New Talent is about finding and inspiring individuals with talent.

They offer opportunities to work in the BBC and collaborate with programme makers and top industry professional to run auditions, workshops and master classes that inspire, educate and often change people's lives.

They have discovered broadcasters, film-makers, presenters, singers, dancers and comedians for a whole raft of opportunities across the BBC's digital and terrestrial networks.

The New Talent website is a window into all our opportunities, it also showcases individual success stories, allows users to view their work and offers lots of useful advice from top professional in their field.

About last year's commissions

Alexander Turvey, one of last year's filmmakers whose New Music Short was based on Knife by Grizzly Bear, said: "I received a great amount of interest off the back of the project. I had a lot of offers from production companies, have since signed with Love as a promo director and have recently finished a promo for Bright Eyes for Polydor records."

Last year's films also have been screened at the Bristol Encounters festival, Halloween Festival, Resfest and are will be made available as a free bonus disk in the onedotzero_select dvd 5 out in June.