

Don't miss this unique opportunity to pitch your project to top industry producers, distributors, fund managers and investors!

Get the Early Bird Discount until November 29th

In its 15th edition, FEST — New Directors | New Films Festival returns **on June 24 - July 1, 2019** with its acclaimed Pitching Forum, offering development awards as well as mentorship from representatives of leading international film funding institutes and acclaimed industry figures. Previous jury panels have included figures such as **Finola Dwyer** (Brooklyn, An Education), **Tim Corrie** (United Agents, BATFA), **Gareth Wiley** (Matchpoint, Vicky Christina Barcelona), among many others.

Filmmakers looking for support for their projects in development can now submit them to **FEST - Pitching Forum**.

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Applications for FEST - Pitching Forum 2019 will be admitted between October 29th, 2018 and April 1st, 2019. **Projects submitted until November 29th, 2018 will enjoy the Early Bird discount.**

We are looking for Film projects (regardless of production stage) in the following categories:

- Fiction Feature Films (of the minimum runtime of 55 minutes)
- Fiction Short Films (up to 55 minutes)
- Documentary Films (both feature and short length)

[Submit your project now. →](#)



"Coming to FEST, you meet new filmmakers who have their own stories and that inspires you. I think Filmmaking can sometimes seem like a very individualistic pursuit but actually, it's a team effort and if you can find people you like to work with and are like-minded, that's a really great way to go."

Paul Miller - Producer

"Lone Star" (1996), "Prozac Nation" (2001)

- Pitching Forum Jury -



ABOUT PITCHING FORUM

FEST - Pitching Forum is a platform for nurturing and developing film projects where they are pitched to an international panel of film professionals. 28 projects will be selected to be developed and pitched at the next edition of FEST - Pitching Forum.

These are some of the names that have joined the professional panel in the past:

– Producer of Woody Allen’s “Matchpoint” and “Vicky Cristina Barcelona”; **Gareth Wiley**

– Founder of United Agents and former deputy chairman of BATFA; **Tim Corrie**

– Producer who works regularly with Michael Haneke, for whom he produced “The White Ribbon” and “Amour”; **Michael Katz**

Finola Dwyer – Oscar-nominated and Bafta Award-winning producer, and head of Wildgaze films. Producer of “Brooklyn” and “An Education”

Cynthia Hargrave – Producer of Bottle Rocket, Wes Anderson’s first feature film;

Paulo Trancoso – Producer and President of the Portuguese Film Academy

Angela Bosch – Advisor in the fields of promotion, distribution and international co-production to the Spanish audiovisual industry;

Rachel Robey – Producer at Wellington Films

Paul Miller – Producer and former Director of Film Financing at the Doha Film Institute in Qatar.



ABOUT FEST

Selected projects will receive full accreditation for FEST 2019 for one project representatives.

Since its establishment in 2004, **FEST – New Directors | New Films Festival** has quickly become one of the leading platforms for international film professionals, emerging and established alike, to come together to present their work, exchange knowledge, network and collaborate.

Set in the coastal resort town of Espinho, Portugal, FEST presents film competitions, masterclasses and workshops, Pitching Forum and more, featuring the biggest names in world cinema.

Join us at the 15th edition of FEST - June 24th to July 1st, 2019.

The program features:

Film Screenings – 5 competitions, more than 200 films, Q&A's, Filmmakers' Corner, Beach Cinema

Training Ground – over 25 masterclasses, workshops and ateliers with top industry experts

Pitching Forum – pitch training and project development; pitching sessions

Directors Hub – case studies, round tables, debates

Industry Meetings – one-on-one meetings with leading industry professionals

Networking Dinners – informal evenings with guests and participants over Portuguese food and wine

FEST Nights – festival parties every night

For more information visit: fest.pt.

If you have any questions please email us [back](mailto:info@fest.pt).