

No Gloss Film Festival 2015: Licensing Notes

The following list is all the films showing at this year's festival which do not have a certificate from the British Board of Film Classification as they have not had a full release in this country, are independently self-made films or are student film projects. All the certification advice below is based on the BBFC guidelines.

The festival is strictly and exclusively an 18+ event regardless of the film themes, IDs are checked on the door. Most films are aimed at adults even if there is no specific content which would generate an adult certificate.

Films

Adam Minus Eve

An experimental film. In a post-apocalyptic world, six survivors find refuge in the haven of a priest haunted by a divine voice. Among wreckage, he finds a woman almost dead - Eve. Time stands still. Could Eve be here to stop the fall of man? No dialogue. Some nudity. Recommended cert 15

Benny Loves Killing

A psychological arthouse thriller with plenty of academic film theory references. Benny is on a mission to destroy herself as she lies to people, rejects them, steals from them, and worse. Her only anchors in her life are her long-suffering friend and her Mother, but Benny is more interested in a quest to rebuild herself using stolen clothes and wigs. Her nightmares may have something to tell her, but will Benny wake up before it's too late? Some strong language, mild references to drugs. Recommended cert 15

Blue Notes

A French short film. J met the Dwarf in a drunken evening in a bar in Paris. He reveals to him the existence of a strange plot against the unemployed. Recommended cert 15

Counsellor

A very short comedy of an aging counsellor and her regrets. Mild language. Recommended cert 15

Cowboy Ben

A short film in the neo-noir visual style. Ben is about the desperate, delusional and destitute Ben, who meets with his childhood friend Brian in a trendy London bar to patch up and catch up on happier times. But with nothing left to lose, it soon becomes clear Ben has a dark and deadly vendetta against the people he blames for his failings. Some strong language, mild references to drugs. Recommended cert 15

Crazy Golf

A hilarious student comedy short. Reed and Lucy are enjoying a day in an amusement arcade. After winning a small prize on a 2p machine, the young couple fail to notice the

appearance of two dolls behind the glass that bear a haunting resemblance to them. Their game of Crazy Golf starts in good spirits, but as Reed begins to lose the game he begins to lose his mind, and as the two dolls veer towards the edge of the machine, Reed's competitive nature veers towards homicidal. Obvious fake blood. Funny horror. Recommended cert 15

Eclipse

An animation by Jacky De Groen, painted frame by frame in an expressive style and evoking dream-like worlds, carefully balancing between abstraction and symbolism. No contentious material Recommended cert PG

Golden Shot

Rusty machines living in their small houses, imagine that the sun will come and take them to the sky someday. A small light, keeps them alive and dreaming. But one of the machines wants to see the sun itself and he has a plan for that. No contentious material, Recommended cert PG

I Scream your Name

Nicolas lives in a retirement home and gets bored more and more every day. At night, he calls gay chatlines by phone to cheat his loneliness. Some strong language, mild references to drugs. Recommended cert 15

Independence

A social drama, set in the present day, Independence follows Jake, a drifting teenager, with no ambition or purpose in life. After stealing money from his mother, he is kicked out of the house, leaving him responsible for himself. Mild references to drugs, some strong language Recommended cert 15

Infinite

An aspiring astronomer happens upon a radio frequency and meets a thought-to-be-dead astronaut trapped in space. No contentious material Recommended cert PG

Kaktéus

A comedy short - Two socially-awkward losers who met at a botanical show-and-tell fail at their attempts to not be awkward. Some nudity. Recommended cert 15

Killer Tape

An old videotape gets revenge on its cruel owner. Funny horror. Obvious fake blood, moderate violence, some references to sex. Recommended cert 18

Killing My Girl

A young South Asian woman lives in London with her husband and in-laws. Miles away from her own family, she is forced to undergo the abortion of her female unborn baby. Recommended cert 15

LIKE IT

A black and white french canadian short film shot impulsive in 3 days of a woman's melancholy journey from the suburbs to the city. No contentious material Recommended cert PG

Look at Me Now

A short film presented in 'silence', with minimal dialogue, delivered in French and Italian and without subtitles. A film about one woman at two different points in her life: one filled with death, and one with life. In one time she struggles to perform the most everyday of actions, and in the other she takes the time to enjoy these moments. Recommended cert 15

Love in Five Parts

A black and white French-new-wave style short filmed in Paris. A light-hearted examination of the nature of love through objects, themes, concepts, repetition, and analysis. No contentious material Recommended cert PG

Mary No More

A student art-house offering. With her grandmother's impending death, 18 year old Mary returns to the family home in the country. She has a distant relationship with her grandmother and Mary finds it difficult to connect, instead developing a renewed mutual fondness with her cousin Cameron. Some strong language, some sex. Recommended cert 18

Marzipan Flowers

A delightful, outrageous and heartwarming comedy feature. Marzipan Flowers tells the story of Hadas, a 48-year-old woman living in a southern Israeli kibbutz. After her husband is killed in a motorcycle accident, Hadas is scrutinized by her friends and neighbors in the Kibbutz, who feel threatened by her new "martial status" as a beautiful widow. Lost and vulnerable, she decides to move to the big city. There, Hadas finds unexpected help and support from her new roommate, Petel, a transgender woman with a mysterious and colorful past. The two form an unusual friendship and soon discover they have much more in common than they imagined. Some strong language, some references to drugs. Recommended cert 18

Meet the Hitlers

Meet the Hitlers is a documentary that examines the relationship between names and identity, by exploring the lives of people who are linked by the name "Hitler." It raises important questions about the meaning of names and what they say about us. Meet the Hitlers is a thoughtful and nuanced exploration of the power of names and their relationship to identity in the modern world. Recommended cert 18

MELANY

A short film. Melany, a junkie living on the outskirts of a city is suddenly confronted with her father, reality and imagination are drawn to a climax. Recommended cert 18

Michael

A young homeless man is promised a better life, working for a private contractor. He finds himself trapped on a farm working in horrible conditions and unable to leave. 'Michael' was

a winner in the charity film competition 'Unchosen' which aims to educate about the issue of domestic slavery and forced labour in the UK. Some violence. Recommended cert 18

MONICA

Monica a young girl from Romania, with dreams of becoming a concert pianist, falls victim to human trafficking and ends up as a prostitute in Bergen. We witness her daily struggles. Some sex, moderate violence. Recommended cert 18

Nation On Fire

A short documentary about the recent riots in Ukraine and its effect on ordinary Ukrainians. Some violence. Recommended cert 15

Non Human

A short documentary about the Doll Hospital in Portugal where broken dolls are taken to be fixed. No contentious material Recommended cert PG

Offside

After learning from her father that she will soon lose her place on the local boy's football team, eleven-year-old Kirsty struggles to come to terms with her evolving identity as a young woman. Recommended cert 12

Our Skin Is Going To Gray

A story about the universal fear of being rejected, attached and alone. In a small apartment located in the concrete blocks of modern Belgrade, two artists are going through the personal creativity crisis in the time of global crisis. Minutes after being intimate, they reveal, through a causal talk, all the waste of their lives, as well as of the fictive lives they create. Some nudity, references to sex. Recommended cert 18

Rabbit

Abandoned by his parents and harbouring a grim family secret a damaged young teen is faced with a difficult choice when he brings his foreign girlfriend into the family home. Moderate language, references to sex, some violence. Recommended cert 18

Ramble

Based on Johann Wolfgang von Goethe's Osterspaziergang, Streifzug (trans: Ramble) is a film by Andreas Ramm, a director born in 1985 within the Eastern Bloc, in the GDR. The film takes us on a romantic journey through nature, but sometimes we crave paradise so much that we lose track of reality. The light of the sun is not always beautiful. It can as well be dazzling, so we know there is no place for us in paradise. Some nudity. Recommended cert 15

Salt

A short art film - A man meets a woman. Coincidence and desire start to blur and manifest into the man's reality. Some nudity. Recommended cert 15

She would move the tree rather more to the middle

A short film inspired by Virginia Woolf's To The Lighthouse. Having tried so hard to be close to the one she loves, Giulia has become him. To return to herself she has to take him off, literally. No contentious material Recommended cert PG

SKINSHIP

Set against a technological backdrop - an alienated and disconnected woman seeks the help of a professional to reconnect through 'touch'. Some nudity. Recommended cert 15

Still

A hand-drawn animation about losing and finding. A young child goes on a short journey of discovery and experiences loss and a reunion. No contentious material Recommended cert PG

Story of an Object

An artistic short about the story of an object, a story about subjectivity and introspection of people. No contentious material Recommended cert PG

Sucker

A satire of the high school teen comedies of the late 90's – early 2000's Sucker is a short film about Colleen and Kelly Fisher – two identical twin sisters who couldn't be more different. While the Fisher parents dote on beautiful, popular Queen Bee Kelly, Colleen is completely ignored, left to spend her days pining over an unrequited crush. When Colleen discovers her sister has betrayed her by hooking up with the boy of her dreams, their heated rivalry takes a deliciously dark turn. Mild violence. Moderate language. Recommended cert 15

The Betrayal

An abstract, experimental short film consisting of images of medications, notes, letters and a voiceover. A doctor-patient relationship goes catastrophically wrong. Legal texts and medical records interwoven with pulsing pills tell a story of addictive, emotional enmeshment. Recommended cert 15

The Fourth Estate

A documentary examining the practices of the media industries and press groups in the wake of the Leveson report and their impact on the state of western political economy. Moderate language. Recommended cert 15

The Good Son

A short film. A young Nigerian man is forced to address a secret he has harboured from his parents during a traditional, family gathering. No contentious material Recommended cert PG

The Life and Times of Thomas Thumb Jr.

A short comedy. Thomas Thumb Jr. is unlike any other man. He has a giant thumb for a head and he'll do whatever it takes to achieve the American Dream. Some violence, minor references to drugs. Recommended cert 15

Throw Me to the Dogs

A stunning short film involving local young people from the community in Blackburn, Throw Me to the Dogs is about a troubled teenage boy. Growing up in a dreamless wilderness and isolated from those around him, he is stripped of his dignity as his father abandons him for the outside world which he is trying to retreat from. Some violence. Recommended cert 18

Toby

A short film about a man called Toby's 25 who lives at home with his mum and works down the road at the local supermarket, the same job since he was a teenager. No contentious material Recommended cert PG

We Got Your Back

A Swedish comedy short. There is so much to feel guilty about nowadays, when you think about it. Sure, we all care about the environment, but honestly, don't you just want to toss all the junk in the same waste bin, sometimes? What if there was a simple service that got your back covered, on a monthly direct debit plan? No contentious material Recommended cert PG

Wildless

A fascinating animation. Wildless gives a glimpse of Scotland's past, present and future. Can we restore lost wildlife populations and wonderment to the world around us? No contentious material Recommended cert PG