

## **Press Release**

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### **Insight on Faith...**

The eagerly awaited shortlist for the 2011 Insight Film Festival has been announced at a special preview event held at BAFTA in London.

Now in its third year, the Insight Festival aims to encourage film-makers to consider 'faith' as a suitable film topic to explore.

Shortlisted films will be shown in December. Major awards will be presented to several films including the £1,000 Coexist Award and international awards involving EICAR, the Paris Film School and SIGNIS in Trento, Italy. The judging line up included Gary Kurtz (Star Wars, American Graffiti) and Hollywood screenwriter David N Weiss (Shrek 2) and Amanda Rice, head of diversity at the BBC. More than 270 entries were received from across the world.

Festival Director, John Forrest, said: "The quality of films has stunned us all. The diverse approach to the topic of faith in these films challenge so many perceptions, often stimulating humour, hearts or heads - and sometimes all three!"

The event will also announce that acclaimed Screenwriter, Frank Cottrell Boyce, is to give the inaugural Insight Festival Lecture, and other Festival details.

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#### **Notes to Editor**

1. The event is at the Run Run Shaw Theatre BAFTA, 195 Piccadilly, W1J 9LN London at 2pm, 24<sup>th</sup> Oct. Please RSVP via: <http://bit.ly/nD33XD>
2. If you are unable to make the event but would like a full shortlist and video 'showreel' emailed, please email [kb@tscomms.com](mailto:kb@tscomms.com).
3. To arrange an interview in London on Monday, Tues or Weds with Festival Director, John Forrest, please call Top Story on 07889504040.

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4. Insight Film Festival is particularly interested in young and emerging film-makers. People from all faith backgrounds and none are welcome. Click [Festival](#) or [Judges](#) for more details about either.

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