

## Brussels Short Film Festival

The Brussels Short Film Festival celebrates its 15th birthday this year, mixing special events with the usual competitions for recent Belgian and international short films. The anniversary programme includes a party on 28 April and a selection of shorts with a birthday theme. There's also a retrospective of past prize winners and festival favourites, including early shorts from Flemish directors Vincent Bal (*Minoes*) and Michaël R Roskam (*Rundskop*).



Highlights from the national competition include *Oh Willy...*, the latest fabric animation from the brilliant Emma De Swaef (*Zachte planten*) and Marc Roels, and *Dura Lex* by Anke Blondé, a prize winner at the Leuven short film festival last year. There is also a chance to catch three of the student films that recently won Wild Card awards from the Flanders Audiovisual Fund: the animated film *Shattered Past* and documentaries *The Heir* and *Twenty-One + Seven*. The festival opens with an evening exploring the first uses of 3D on the big screen, presented by early cinema specialist Serge Bromberg. He puts the films in context and provides live piano accompaniment. Later on there's music from Antwerp band Blackie & the Oohoos, who play a live soundtrack to Roman Polanski's (not at all short) *Repulsion* on 3 May. Ian Mundell

27 April to 6 May | Across Brussels | [www.bsff.be](http://www.bsff.be)

## MORE FILM THIS WEEK

### Antwerp

**Film Histories:** Two key films from the history of the genre every week. Coming up are *Scanners* by David Cronenberg and *Genesis* by Mrinal Sen  
TUES & THURS at Cinema Zuid, Lakenstraat 14

▶ [www.cinemazuid.be](http://www.cinemazuid.be)

### Turnhout

**Open Doek Film Festival:** The 20th anniversary of the world film fest, with features, documentaries and exhibitions, plus special guests and a retrospective of Indian director Anurag Kashyap

Until APR 29 at Utopolis, Graatakker 99

▶ [www.opendoek.be](http://www.opendoek.be)