



## Media Release

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### Bedford Film Festival launches film 'election' for Bedfringe

In the spirit of democracy Bedford Film Festival is giving the people of Bedford a chance to take part in another 'election' and choose two films for this year's Bedfringe festival.

The films, which will be screened on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> July at the brand new Quarry Theatre at St Luke's have all been nominated by well-known people in the town, and include a variety of genres for a family film screening and a screening for older audiences.

Co-Founding Director of Bedford Film Festival, Paul Hutchinson, says: "When we asked people to nominate great films for Bedfringe, we weren't disappointed. The variety and quality put forward is exactly what Bedford Film Festival and Bedfringe is all about. Now film lovers can choose the film they want to see simply by voting at [www.BedfordFilmFestival.org](http://www.BedfordFilmFestival.org)."

The nominated films for an older audience are:

- **The Thing** – nominated by James Pharoah, Organiser, Bedfringe
- **Jaws** – nominated by Sarah Cox, Editor, Bedfordshire on Sunday
- **Blazing Saddles** – nominated by Dave Hodgson, Mayor of Bedford
- **The Big Chill** – nominated by Ian Pryce, Principal, Bedford College
- **Ferris Bueller's Day Off** – nominated by Jules Crossley, Director, Quarry Theatre at St. Luke's

And family film lovers can choose from:

- **The Jungle Book** – nominated by Emma Garrett, Co-Director Kiosk at the Park and Pavilion at the Park
- **Bugsy Malone** – nominated by Rachael Rogan, Organiser, BookTastic
- **The Incredibles** – nominated by Kristine Hughes, The Frogs' Chorus/Cicero Buck
- **ParaNorman** - nominated by Kristina Bullen, Chair, The Circus of Illustration
- **Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure** – nominated by Erica Roffe, Editor, The Bedford Clanger

Voting is open until midday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015 at [www.BedfordFilmFestival.org](http://www.BedfordFilmFestival.org). Tickets for the winning film go on sale on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015.

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### **Notes To Editors**

- For further information, please contact Paul Hutchinson on 07714 247 040
- Attached images show nominated films. Original High-Res images are available upon request.

### **About Bedford Film Festival**

Bedford Film Festival was set up to help bring films to Bedford that are not available in town anywhere else.

While developing the ethos to #SupportVariety, the organisers also encourage a new generation of filmmakers in Bedford with high quality industry workshops.

Bedford Film Festival also actively encourages other local organisations to host their own film screenings, offering screening collaboration opportunities and support.

The latest news from Bedford Film Festival can also be found at [www.Facebook.com/BedfordFilmFestival](http://www.Facebook.com/BedfordFilmFestival) and [www.Twitter.com/BedfordFilmFest](http://www.Twitter.com/BedfordFilmFest).