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BBC Films On Board for the BUFF Awards 2016

British Urban Film Festival

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The ceremony (to be hosted by Adam Deacon and Femi Oyeniran) will award writers, producers and directors whose work has been showcased by BUFF over the past 12 months. BBC Films is at the forefront of independent filmmaking in the UK, developing and co-producing around twelve films a year. Headed up by Christine Langan, BBC Films was awarded the Michael BalconBAFTA for Outstanding British Contribution to Cinema in 2015.

Recent releases include 'Absolutely Fabulous : The Movie', currently in cinemas, Louise Osmond's documentary 'Versus : The Life and Films of Ken Loach', Stephen Frears' 'Florence Foster Jenkins', John Crowley's BAFTA and Academy Award nominated romantic drama 'Brooklyn' and Nicholas Hytner's BAFTA nominated comedy drama 'The Lady in the Van'.

Upcoming releases include Ricky Gervais' 'David Brent : Life on the Road' (in cinemas on 19th August), and Philippa Lowthorpe´s 'Swallows and Amazons' (also in cinemas on 19th August). Films currently in production include Amma Asante´s 'A United Kingdom.

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