

# Edinburgh International Film Festival 2019 – People's Gala

**The People's Gala at the film festival this year will be the Jamie Adams drama *Balance, Not Symmetry*.**

*Balance, Not Symmetry* is a beautiful cinematic tribute to art, music and Scotland (and Glasgow in particular). A moving, funny and inspirational new film from the talented and prolific filmmaker Jamie Adams, it was made in close conjunction with the great Scottish band Biffy Clyro, who worked on both the storyline and the score.

Laura Harrier (*Spider-Man: Homecoming*) stars as a Scottish-American art student who is studying at Glasgow School of Art, and whose privileged existence is thrown into a spin when her father unexpectedly dies. Torn between supporting her mother (Kate Dickie) and dealing with her own sense of loss, she finds herself re-examining her life and friends. She finds inspiration from provocative fellow student Hannah (Bria Vinaite, *The Florida Project*).

The People's Gala is supported by Accenture, and tickets are only £5, offering audiences the opportunity to see a great new film at an accessible price.

Les Bayne, Managing Director, from Accenture Scotland said: "The Family and People's Gala series is an excellent way to introduce new film genres and widen audience appreciation of film making. Edinburgh International Film Festival is a firm favourite in the calendar and Accenture Scotland is delighted to be supporting the innovation and creativity that EIFF brings to the people of Edinburgh."

The film will screen at EIFF on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at Festival Theatre. Tickets can be purchased here: <https://www.edfilmfest.org.uk/2019/balance-not-symmetry>

Paul Bush OBE, VisitScotland's Director of Events, said: "EventScotland is delighted to be supporting this year's Family Gala and the screening of *UglyDolls*. Alongside the Opening and Closing Galas, the Family Gala is wonderful way to engage festival goers by offering them the chance to see the latest cinematic offering and the chance to walk the red carpet.

"As the world's longest continuously running film festival and one of Scotland's signature events, introducing the next generation to the Edinburgh International Film Festival will ensure its success for years to come."



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