

EIFF – 2025 dates announced

The Edinburgh International Film Festival (EIFF) will run from 14 to 20 August 2025 in a revived festival for the 78th iteration, under the new leadership of EIFF CEO and Festival Director, Paul Ridd and Festival Producer, Emma Boa.

Mr Ridd said: “Our reborn Film Festival is now a major part of the excitement of August in Edinburgh when the city hosts the biggest and best Arts Festival in the world. We are delighted to announce our next edition in August 2025 and cannot wait to see the submissions that will come our way for potential selection in the new year. For my team there is no feeling greater than discovering something truly great for audiences, and knowing so many of our 2024 films have had lives well beyond our Festival is truly invigorating. Bring it on again!”

Criteria for submitting films to the Festival can be found via the Festival website at <https://www.edfilmfest.org/submissions/> with submissions to open on 6 January 2025. More information will be released on the shape of the 2025 Festival, venues and key strategic partners in the coming months.

EIFF 2025 is supported by Screen Scotland.

Further details on the programme will be announced in due

course. Helmed by CEO and Festival Director Paul Ridd, the Festival team aims to create a world-class showcase for independent film and filmmaking talent. Ridd is supported by an expanding Board, including Teresa Moneo, Director of UK Film, Netflix; Peter Rice, former Chairman of General Entertainment at Disney and President of 21st Century Fox; Isla Macgillivray, Partner at Saffrey; and Romana Ramzan, Producer at No Code Studio; Chair Andrew Macdonald of DNA Films, producer of the iconic Edinburgh-based film *Trainspotting*; and Vice Chair Amy Jackson, producer of BAFTA award-winning indie, *Aftersun*.

The EIFF stopped when the trustees of Centre for the Moving Image (CMI), the parent charity which runs Filmhouse Cinema and Café Bar in Edinburgh, Edinburgh International Film Festival and Belmont Filmhouse in Aberdeen, [called in the administrators](#) in October 2022.

[The EIFF returned in 2023 with a capsule film festival](#) and in 2024 the festival ran for six days from 15 to 21 August.



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