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Young Bristol talent featured in Electric December

Watershed's online advent calendar goes live on Tue 1 Dec

Visit electricdecember.org to unwrap your gift

Get ready – Electric December, Watershed's original end of year online showcase of creative talent, is back, led this year by an international team of young people from Europe, including Bristolians involved in eShed (a Watershed project for 14-21 year-olds who love film).

This year Electric December features films made by Bristol students from Cotham School and Knowle West Media Centre, with help from First Born Creatives, Calling the Shots and Science TV.



Thanks to funding from the European Commission, eShedders from Bristol (including students from Fairfield High School) teamed with young Lithuanians from Vilnius to form a steering group to shape up this year's Electric December.

With over 80 entries from 10 countries, the steering group had a tough job selecting the 24 mini masterpieces for this year's calendar and deciding who will win this year's prestigious Electric December International Award.

Electric December is their gift to you: 24 webby windows by emerging filmmakers from Latvia, Lithuania, Italy, Hungary, Romania, Spain, France and of course the UK. Expect to be dazzled by the wealth of ideas and creativity on show online.



Adibah Iqbal, a member of eShed and student at Fairfield High School, Bristol said:

Working on electric December has been a wonderful experience, which has opened many doors for me. Having worked with young filmmakers from Lithuania, I have gained a very good friendship, and a deeper understanding of organising a film festival. Working with eShed was very fun and I hope to take part in other events they will be holding in the future.

Mark Cosgrove, Watershed's Head of Programme, shares Adibah's enthusiasm:

'2009 is a vintage year for Electric December – bringing together the talent of young creatives from two distinctive European cities, Bristol and Vilnius in Lithuania. It's wonderful to see them working together and sharing their creativity. Check back every day to discover the exceptional Electric December films for yourself.'

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Notes to editor

- For further information and images please contact Cat John or Claire Stewart on (0117) 927 6444 / cat.john@watershed.co.uk or claire.stewart@watershed.co.uk.
- You are invited to this year's Electric December launch sponsored by Connecting Bristol and hosted by eShed. The event is taking place at Watershed, Bristol (and Skalvija in Vilnius, Lithuania) on Tue 1 Dec at 1800hrs – 2000hrs UK time. Members of the eShed steering group, locally based young filmmakers involved in the project, and Watershed staff will be attending and available for interview. Please RSVP to communications@watershed.co.uk
- Visit electricdecember.org to view work from the previous ten years of Electric December, and to get a flavour of the behind the scenes activity that's gone into Electric December 2009.
- eShed is a Watershed-hosted community run by young people for young people (14-21) interested in film and media with regular events, projects and networking sessions. FFI eShed.net

- Electric December 2009 is a Watershed project led by eShed taking place as part of the 2009 European Year of Creativity and Innovation. Electric December 2009 is an outcome of the “Young Voices Across Europe” project which is funded with support from the European Commission through the Youth In Action programme.
- For a sneak preview of what’s in store, you can view the Electric December trailer online at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6WoXQWfc8FU>.
- The Electric December International Award winner will be announced at the launch on Tue 1 Dec and will receive a travel bursary to attend the BUFF Young People’s Film Festival in Malmö, Sweden in March 2010 where this year’s shortlisted films will also be presented.

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