

Latest News from Dr Jon Wardle

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The Hollywood Reporter has once again named the National Film and Television School as one of the world's top film schools. This is the eighth consecutive year the School has been featured in the list of the top 15 international film schools and the NFTS is the only UK film school to be included. Read the [full article here](#).

A big thank you goes to my colleagues at the School - both staff and students - and all our partners and supporters who make achievements like this possible. A particular note of thanks to our Key Partner Funders and Sponsors who do so much to support the School. These include the DCMS, BFI, Creative Skillset, Office for Students, Channel 4, BBC, Sky, ITV, the UK Cinema Association and the Film Distributors Association. We couldn't do it without you.

Also, we were excited to learn last week that NFTS graduation fiction, *Dead Birds*, directed by Johnny Kenton and produced by Sabina Smitham has been voted a finalist in the 45th annual Student Academy Awards. We will find out in the Autumn if the film wins a prize.

This very recent news follows other summer success for NFTS student and graduate projects, including Lucia Bulgheroni's graduation animation *Inanimate* which won the Best Animation Short Film Award at the Melbourne International Film Festival and *Triptych*, directed by Katia Lom which won 1st prize for Best Experimental Film at the Rhode Island International Film Festival.

In addition *The Arrival*, *Sex Ed*, *Moth*, *Facing It* (all in competition) and *Inanimate* have all been selected for the Encounters Film Festival and at the end of the month we will be able to announce which of our films have been selected for the London Film Festival.