

Competition – pitch and fund your fantastic film project

For the fifth year running, Imagine Film Festival is proud to announce a unique opportunity to accelerate your fantastic film project. During its 2019 edition (10-20 April), up to six Dutch and Flemish projects will have the opportunity to pitch themselves in front of an international jury. The best pitch will be awarded a place the Frontières International Co-Production Market in July.

The Imagine Film Festival and Frontières collaborate for the fifth year running on a unique project to support Dutch fantastic film projects.

Pitch winners in 2015 were Colinda Bongers and Thijs Meuwese. Their first feature film, Molly, had its international premiere at Imagine 2017. Richard Raaphorst, winner in 2016, is busy working on the preparation of his second feature The Profundis. The same goes for Jan van Gorkum, who won the contest in 2017 with The Cleaner. David-Jan Bronsgeest's and Tim Koomen's 2018 winner Meet Jimmy is currently in pre-production, with Paramount and production company Platinum Dunes involved.

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The winning pitch will participate in the Frontières International Co-Production Market, part of the Fantasia Film Festival in Montréal (11 July – 1 August 2019) and the only co-production market in North America for fantastic films. As part of the package, there are two round trip tickets for representatives of the project.

Producers and directors are invited to submit their fantastic film project before the Friday the 15th of March 2019. The project selection will be announced on Friday the 22nd of March 2019. The pitching session takes place on Wednesday the 17th of April during the Imagine Film Festival (exact time and date will be announced later).

Minimal requirements for entry

The competition is open for Dutch and Flemish productions and co-productions. Minority co-productions are eligible. To participate in this competition, we ask you to submit the following:

- 200 word synopsis
- A Treatment. A full screenplay is preferred.
- International coproduction intentions (sales agents, countries of co-productions etc)

Please send your documents to Chris Oosterom: chris@imaginefilmfestival.nl

The pitching session

Pitching sessions take place at Wednesday 17 April as part of the Imagine Film Festival in EYE. Exact time and date will be announced at the end of March. You can pitch for 5 minutes and show a clip of 3 minutes. The clip must be submitted to Imagine Film Festival in advance.

Exact specifications and times are communicated after the project selection.

The winning pitch needs to deliver the following additional materials:

- Basic production budget estimate
- Director's statement
- A 2 page synopsis

Not required, but highly recommended

- A pitch video of max 2 minutes, made by the director of the film.

Reward for the winning pitch

- Participation in the Frontières International Co-Production Market of the Fantasia Film Festival in Montreal (11 July – 1 August 2019). This includes two round trip tickets, festival and market pass, hospitality and access to all sessions, one-on-one meetings, industry events and social events during your stay in Montréal.

This project is a collaboration of the Imagine Film Festival, Frontières International Co-Production Market and the Fantasia International Film Festival, with support from the Dutch Film Fund.