

Festival Fringe: Friday 20 March – Saturday 21 March 2026

Nurturing talented filmmakers in our community is important to Keswick Film Festival and we are proud to present a selection of films made by groups and individuals that showcase Cumbrian Life.

Date Venue Time	Event/Film Title	Description
Friday Alhambra Screen 2 13.00	Film - Event BlueJam Arts presents <i>Jam For Climate: Songs of Stone & Water</i>	An hour of film and live performance featuring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three documentary film shorts about storms and flooding in Cumbria by Hazel Burrow • <i>Jam For Climate</i> - Animations with live poetry and song • <i>Songs of Stone and Water</i> - an audiovisual response to Mayburgh Henge, Arthurs Round Table and Penrith Castle All work created by CreateJam, Painting For Wellbeing and Friday Jam Clubs with funding support from English Heritage. Introduction and Discussion
Friday Alhambra Screen 2 16.00	Film Carlisle College Media presents... <i>Cinema '76</i>	From the students of Carlisle College come seven short films that celebrate the 1970's cinematic and visual techniques. This collection of films, from many unique creative perspectives, explore different genres, themes and styles; romance, horror, thriller, melancholy, comedy, family, espionage, the beauty of nature and surrealism. <i>The Call</i> - Thomas Bradley and Alice Hetherington <i>The Tale of the Straw Child</i> - Tahlia Coupland and Moli Parry <i>Uroboros</i> - Daniel Cairns <i>The Date</i> - Jacob Bulman, Wil Finch, Jessica Macauley and George Rennie <i>Our House</i> - Evie Watson Amelia Wiltshire <i>Monster</i> - Louis Page <i>The Call Vintage</i> - Thomas Bradley and Alice Hetherington
Friday Alhambra Screen 2 18.30	Film <i>I ME US</i>	Focusing on the life stories of Trans and non-binary people who live in Cumbria and the North East, this film gives an insight into their personal journeys and experiences. Produced and Directed by Peadar and Deborah Sweeney Carlisle College, Pride in North Cumbria, Heritage Fund, Eden Film Run time: 65 mins

<p>Friday Alhambra Screen 2 21.00</p>	<p>Film <i>Saving Our Rainforests</i></p>	<p>This visually stunning documentary sheds new light on Britain's best kept secret: the UK's rare temperate rainforests, with a focus on Borrowdale in Cumbria. Covering less than 1% of the planet, these habitats are rarer than tropical rainforests and are in urgent need of recognition and protection.</p> <p>Borrowdale contains one of the largest remaining portions in the UK, making it a vital site for conservation. The film highlights the unique species that depend on this ecosystem, including the Northern Hairy Wood Ant, and features insights from experts such as National Nature Reserve officer Jade Allen and ecologist Ian Rotherham.</p> <p>Made by Emily Topping Run time: 21 mins</p>
<p>Saturday Alhambra Screen 2 13.00</p>	<p>Event – Panel Discussion Every Life Matters: Telling Stories that Save Lives</p>	<p>Suicide Prevention in Film</p> <p>This short panel discussion will explore suicide prevention and the power of film in conveying vital messages, exploring the impact of both scripted and lived experience, and how both can enable us to engage more fully with suicide prevention.</p> <p>The panel will share examples of films produced by Every Life Matters to raise awareness of personal experience of suicide, alongside examples of videos from other suicide prevention campaigns.</p> <p>This panel is for anyone interested in suicide prevention, filmmakers, videographers and documentary makers.</p> <p>Event running time: ~90 mins</p>
<p>Saturday Alhambra Screen 2 16.00</p>	<p>Film LA1 Shorts On Tour - 10th Anniversary NC [15+]</p>	<p>A selection of shorts presented by LA1 Shorts, Lancaster's premiere and longest running film festival.</p> <p>At each Festival, both experienced and new, grass roots filmmakers see their work on the big screen at The Dukes Theatre, showcasing a fantastic mixture of short films from the Lancashire Audience Choice section, and a National Best Film category.</p> <p>Run time: ~90mins</p>
<p>Saturday Alhambra Screen 2 18.30</p>	<p>Film – Q&A Alexander Kasper Jessett presents a Trio of Films</p>	<p><i>Once Upon a Time in the North-West</i> Run time: 15 mins Lead Producer: Alexander Kasper Jessett Director: Ieva (Eve) Zilionyte Writer: Oliver Hamer Crane</p> <p><i>Absent Friends</i> Run time: 15 mins Producer: Cleo Emmett Director/Writer: Harry Skuse Director of Photography: Luca Hill</p> <p><i>Forest</i> Run Time: 6 mins Producer: Sean Mc Carthy Director: Jake Platt Director of Photography/Creator: Elliot Carter</p>