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# The BAFTA Short Film Nominees 2017 (Live Action)

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Much to admire ... [Samir Mehanovic's Mouth of Hell](#)

**This year BAFTA have chosen a selection of vastly different films, telling stories from across the world. They touch on a variety of themes, from the refugee crisis to environmentalism and war, and show a breadth of voices not heard.**

### **Mouth of Hell**

Mouth of Hell tells the story of Anant, an eight-year-boy living in Jharia, India – one of the most dangerous places on earth. As he risks his life to sell coal in hopes of saving his sick mother, a twist of fate leads him to meet a wealthy woman and her young daughter in a shopping mall. It's a stunning, impactful film, with an incredible lead actor in the young Suraj Mondal, highlighting the devastating poverty in the Jharia region, as well as reflecting on the universal strength of parental bonds. It could easily be adapted to feature length, and the stunning cinematography of the harsh Jharia coal fields is also worth mentioning – it highlights a world beyond the headlines, and it's not hard to see why Samir Mehanovic chose the moniker 'Mouth of Hell' for the film.