

# SHATTERBOX

**Refinery29** and **Level Forward** are joining forces for another season of **SHATTERBOX**, the award-winning short film series born four years ago as a rallying cry to counteract the lack of opportunities for female directors. Our previous seasons of shorts saw great success with filmmakers like Yara Shahidi, Gillian Jacobs, Jessica Sanders, Ivy Agregan, Kristen Stewart, and Gabourey Sidibe many of whom had films premiere at Sundance, Cannes, SXSW, the New York Film Festival with Anu Valia's timely short *Lucia, Before and After* taking home the Jury Prize for Best U.S. Fiction Short at the 2017 Sundance Film Festival.

Today, championing gender parity in storytelling on and off the screen has never been so urgent. According to recent analysis by TheWrap, "only 3.3 percent of the films scheduled for release this year by the six major Hollywood studios have a female director — the lowest percentage in at least five years," showing there is still so much work to be done. Instigating cultural conversations that represent inclusive and diverse points of view – a shared mission between R29 and Level Forward – is becoming an increasingly essential part of social movements and broader societal change.

This R29 / Level Forward partnership provides you – whether emerging or established talent – with support and opportunity to realize your vision and reach new audiences through moving, magnetic and unique storytelling – personal to you, relevant to others.

We've joined forces because we see even more potential and need this year.

· The SHATTERBOX shorts have made their way to audiences around the world; they have premiered at Cannes, Sundance, SXSW, and Palm Springs Film Festivals, have been viewed via R29's online community of 500 million, and most recently aired on television network TNT. And there's still places to go!

· Level Forward's commitment to advancing story-driven and impact-minded work that extends the influence of creative excellence defines this new breed entertainment company and our partnership. At the core of Level Forward's work is a fundamental belief that commercial success can be used to satisfy underserved audiences, reward storytellers and investors, and advance the greater good.

Now it's your turn to submit your work for consideration. We're looking for scripts, proposals or films in progress to join the next SHATTERBOX cohort. We can't wait to see what you do!

## **WHAT KIND OF SHORTS ARE WE LOOKING FOR?**

- Personal films with a strong narrative - shorts with a beginning, middle, and end
- A variety of recognizable genres - sci-fi, comedy, drama, action, animation

- Shorts can be fiction or non-fiction

**DEADLINE:** 9/9/19

**BUDGET:** TBD

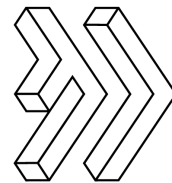
**REQUIREMENTS:**

- Films can be scripted, documentary, or animated.
- Proposals are to consist of a treatment for the project, a moodboard, scripts, examples of past work, and a director's statement.
- If the project does not have a producer attached, R29 can assign a producer.
- All scripts should be in the final stages.
- All submissions should be ready to shoot Fall 2019.
- If your film is selected you'll enter into an agreement with Refinery29 and Level Forward to produce your film.

**ALL SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO [ShatterForward@Refinery29.com](mailto:ShatterForward@Refinery29.com)**



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