

Introduction

The Digital Cinema Media Awards, in partnership with *Campaign*, which reward the best campaigns showcased on the big screen by the media industry are making a return for the sixth year after a short break due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Cinema is the most powerful, trusted and premium medium. The cinema environment offers a unique shared experience that delivers highly attentive audiences that have paid to pay attention. A darkened room and immersive sound creates the best viewing experience for viewers that are literally looking forward at the big screen with no distractions. It truly is the best seat in media.

We're looking to celebrate the campaigns that have made the most of cinema's unique and powerful environment to deliver brand fame, strong emotional connections and increased ROI.

The entry criteria period has been extended for the 2022 the Digital Cinema Media Awards to encompass campaigns that ran during August 2019 – July 2022, including all work that deserves to be recognised since the last Awards scheme in 2019.

This year, our esteemed Judging Panel is chaired by Maisie McCabe, UK Editor, Campaign and includes:

- **Ali Reed**, CEO, PHD UK
- **Davina Barker**, Sales Director, Digital Cinema Media
- **James Bailey**, CEO, iProspect
- **Karen Stacey**, CEO, Digital Cinema Media
- **Katie Lee**, Chief Growth Officer, Wavemaker
- **Mark Clancey**, Managing Director, Smart Media
- **Natalie Cummins**, CEO, Zenith UK
- **Patrick Affleck**, CEO, Havas Media Group UK & Ireland
- **Paul Knight**, CEO, OmniGOV
- **Sharon Dhillon**, Managing Director, Initiative

Key dates

- Entry deadline:** Friday 15 July
Judging day: Tuesday 6 September
Awards ceremony: Tuesday 20 September

Prizes

Prizes include cinema tickets, exclusive hire of our screening room, a red-carpet experience for four people and a cinema screen time campaign to the value of £100,000.*

**To be used in Q1 2023. No barter. Production not included. Limited to 30" copy. All subject to DCM approval.*

Award Categories

Seven categories are open for entry, including the Grand Prix which is chosen by the judging panel solely from the winners of the five main entry categories (excluding Talent – Best contribution to cinema). All campaigns must have been exhibited in a DCM cinema within the judging period of August 2019 to July 2022.

- **Best use of cinema (small)**
- **Best use of cinema (large)**
- **Best bespoke for cinema campaign**
- **Best use of innovation in cinema**
- **Best ‘marketing for good’ cinema campaign**
- **(NEW) Talent – Best contribution to cinema**
- **GRAND PRIX**

Award Categories

1. Best use of cinema (small)

This category rewards campaigns under £250,000 (DCM ratecard) which demonstrate the best strategic use of cinema. As well as impactful big screen advertising, entries could include campaigns that employ tactical and topical messaging and engagement, proximity targeting or different touchpoints of the cinemagoing journey, for example digital 6 sheets, mobile or sampling.

If cinema has been planned as part of an integrated and multi-platform campaign, entries should explain the role of each chosen campaign element, including relative weights, timings and regionality and how they worked with and amplified each other to contribute to the overall success of the campaign.

As with all categories, the judges will need an explanation of the Background, the Idea, the Plan and the Results.

2. Best use of cinema (large)

This category rewards campaigns over £250,000 (DCM ratecard) which demonstrate the best strategic use of cinema. This can be an individual campaign or multiple campaigns over a long period. As well as impactful big screen advertising, entries could include campaigns that employ tactical and topical messaging and engagement, proximity targeting or different touchpoints of the cinemagoing journey, for example digital 6 sheets, mobile or sampling.

If cinema has been planned as part of an integrated and multi-platform campaign, entries should explain the role of each chosen campaign element, including relative weights, timings and regionality and how they worked with and amplified each other to contribute to the overall success of the campaign.

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3. Best bespoke for cinema campaign

This category celebrates content that has been created or adapted for the cinema medium. From idents to blipverts, tailored copy to long-form to live ads – any content that maximises the unique power of the big screen and the context of cinema can be entered.

Entries should explain how the campaign content was made bespoke for cinema and the contribution of cinema to the campaign's success.

As with all categories, the judges will need an explanation of the Background, the Idea, the Plan and the Results.

4. Best use of innovation in cinema

This category rewards campaigns that can demonstrate innovative thinking, whether through new technology, new formats, new insight or planning.

Entries should explore new and effective collaboration, different ways of working, innovative thinking in communications planning and how the cinema medium can be used in a new way to deliver results for brands.

As with all categories, the judges will need an explanation of the Background, the Idea, the Plan and the Results.

5. Best 'marketing for good' cinema campaign

This category recognises campaigns that have delivered a tangible impact for good. We believe advertising is a force for good and will celebrate entries that demonstrate how cinema contributed to delivering value to a cause or organisation, changed consumer attitudes and behaviour or delivered sustainable benefits to society or the environment.

As with all categories, the judges will need an explanation of the Background, the Idea, the Plan and the Results.

6. (NEW) Talent – Best contribution to cinema

This category celebrates the individuals who champion cinema and go above and beyond to get the best from the growing opportunities that the medium presents for brands.

Entries should demonstrate a proven track record of making an impact for the cinema medium during the entry criteria period, whether by initiating a new strategic approach for a client, driving awareness of cinema's role on AV plans or a change in thinking around the medium since our business reopened.

Entry Deliverables (EXCEPT 'Talent – Best Contribution to Cinema')

In no more than 1,000 words, please structure your entry around the headings below. The judging criteria will be based on these headings so you MUST cover off these four areas.

All entries must be submitted at dcm.awardsplatform.com.

1. The Background:

Clearly state the business, marketing and communications objectives that lay behind the campaign.

- What was the position of the brand and its market history?
- What were you trying to achieve and why?
- Ensure your objectives are clear. It will be crucial to match your final results to these objectives.

2. The Idea:

Tell us about your strategic solution.

- What was the big idea?
- How did you get to the final idea and why?
- What role did cinema play within the campaign and why was it critical to its success?

3. The Plan:

Outline how your strategic solution was implemented.

- How did you make the most of today's dynamic and multi-platform cinema environment?
- Describe how cinema was integrated with other marketing activity.
- Ensure you include enough detail about the plan including seasonality, scheduling, film choices and frequency where relevant.
- Be as clear as possible about how the different elements of the plan contributed to its success and what its main virtues were.

4. The Results:

Detail the results of the campaign against the objectives set.

It is critical to include evidence that your plans hit the objectives that were set and that the results include shifts in awareness, attitudes and commercial results such as uplifts in revenue, profit, market share, sales and ROI.

- What were the results of the overall activity? Including cinema specific results where you can will be beneficial.
- How do you know the campaign worked?
- Was it possible to isolate the specific impact made by cinema?
- Can you specify results such as shifts in awareness, attitudes, ROI, revenue, profit or market share?
- Do you have an endorsement from the client?

Entry Deliverables - 'Talent – Best Contribution to Cinema'

Whether you are new to media or an industry veteran, to enter this category you must be a Cinema champion.

In no more than 500 words, explain why you deserve to win this award, including:

- Showcase your achievements and how you have worked to get the most out of what cinema can offer.
- An account of what you hope to achieve in the next 12 months and how you plan to continue championing the important role cinema plays on AV schedules for clients.
- Withinin your entry, include a testimonial from a peer, senior member of staff or client (not included in overall word count, but must be no more than 100 words).

Entry Requirements:

Please ensure your entries include the following elements and are presented in the most compelling way possible. Give your entry the best possible chance by making it read well and easy to digest.

Contact:

Please include a lead contact for the entry including a Contact Name, Job Title, Company Name, Contact Number and Email Address.

Category:

Clearly state which category you are submitting for. Entries can be submitted for multiple categories apart from the Grand Prix, which is selected by the Judging Panel.

Entry title and credits:

Please give your entry a title and credit all the relevant collaborative partners who have worked on the campaign.

Summary:

Each entry should have a summary sentence of no more than 30 words.

Each entry should have an executive summary of no more than 250 words.

Entry:

No entry should exceed 1,000 words, or 500 words for the Talent category, but can be as short as you wish. Please also supply a supporting YouTube or Vimeo link or upload a file version.

Two high resolution images must be submitted as part of your entry.

Judging criteria:

Each entry MUST cover off the four areas outlined: Background, Idea, Plan, Results to correspond with the judging criteria. In the event of any dispute, conduct or results of this competition, the decision of the judges will be final.

Award recipients:

Please indicate who would accept the award on behalf of a winning campaign at our Awards Ceremony on 20 September.

You must submit three contact names for each campaign that you would like invited to the event. Please note that space on the night is limited and tickets are allocated on a first come first served basis.

Case study:

We would like to amplify the success of your campaign by turning your entry in to a case study. If you would rather your campaign entry was not used as a case study please indicate this when submitting your entry form.

Publicity:

Digital Cinema Media and *Campaign* reserve the right to use the name, company and details of the winner and their photographs in any publicity and to publish winning entries online and in the awards brochure.

How to enter:

Submit your entry at <https://dcm.awardsplatform.com/>. Don't forget to include a link to your campaign ad via YouTube or Vimeo or upload a file version, as well as submit two high resolution images.