

FILM FESTIVAL

London's Leicester Square glitters with stars for 1948's film festival. Daily Mail sponsored, it launches the voting for the film of the year. Anthony Asquith (duffle-coated film director) is an early arrival, followed by the Boulting Brothers- Roy and John. With Britain's Oscar and world fame as the prize, 55 British-made films are entered in a contest decided by nationwide ballot.

On the stage, the stars present scenes from their successes. From "Holiday Camp," come Kathleen Harrison and Jack Warner.

From "While the Sun Shines" - Ronald Howard and Bonar Colleano.

With daughter Bunchie holding his hat John Mills appears literally with "Great Expectations."

He saw Magwitch - the escaped convict - but not looking quite like Finlay Currie at this moment. Enjoying themselves are Kieron Moore and Kathleen Ryan. From work on "The Guinea Pig" Dickie Attenborough, here with Dulcie Gray. Anna Neagle and Michael Wilding again have "Oscar" hopes, as have newlyweds Georgie Withers and John Macallum. His role in "Bond Street" completed, Ronald Howard relaxes with Pat Roc and Margaret Lockwood. For film-makers and stars, London's festival brings recognition for achievement.