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## Resources

**Film: Edie (2017)**  
**Director: Simon Hunter**



Image courtesy of The Hollywood Reporter (<https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/movies/movie-reviews/edie-1236350/>)

*Shelia Hancock: "All people have low expectations of themselves. If you're not careful, you're told 'be careful you don't fall', or 'that's dangerous'. To be with a group of people that actually didn't pay that much attention to my age, I felt one of them and that's marvelous."*

## Trailer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=97F2udNHdGk>



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**Fun facts:**

- Everything you see Edie do in the film, was done for real by Shelia Hancock, then aged 84.
- The film was shot on-location in the Scottish highlands. Edie's journey was shot for real in order, and her journey to Suilven mountain is geographically accurate.
- Shelia Hancock has a fear of heights and states that shooting the film helped her face her fears!
- The initial idea for the story came about when Hunter began thinking about age and achieving goals, 'I met a student who was doing psychology at university. They told me that they wanted to be a journalist, so I said, "Well, why don't you study journalism?" and they said, "I can't! I'm a year into doing my degree – that ship has sailed!" I couldn't believe it; I remember thinking that it's funny how we look at things like that'.
- Hunter didn't want to be pessimistic, but he did want to challenge a stereotype, 'that we get to the end of our lives and we're happy... the reality is that a lot of people get to the end of their life and are full of regrets'.
- Shelia Hancock was chosen as they wanted an older actress who could climb the mountain.
- Shelia Hancock trained with a soldier for three months, going to the gym and undertaking various walks.



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## Festival Appearances and awards:

- **Berkshire International Film Festival (BIFF), 2018.**  
**WON:**  
Jury Award – Narrative Feature
- **Cleveland International Film Festival, 2018.**  
**WON:**  
International Narrative Competition
- **Edinburgh International Film Festival, 2017.**  
Nominated:  
Audience Award
- **Golden Trailer Awards**  
Nominated:  
Best Foreign Independent



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## Video material:

Arrow Films, <b>Behind the Scenes.</b>	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0dpGdkeeF-E&amp;t=36s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0dpGdkeeF-E&amp;t=36s</a>
Arrow Films, <b>Recording the Music Score.</b>	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MnMLvuZXGw0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MnMLvuZXGw0</a>

## Interviews:

Upbeat Entertainment: <b>Sheila Hancock On The Mountainous Challenge Of Edie.</b>	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hhg2E8IfAI">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hhg2E8IfAI</a>
Edinburgh International Film Festival: <b>Sheila Hancock &amp; Kevin Guthrie.</b>	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F3hsNgReOIM">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F3hsNgReOIM</a>
Santa Barbara International Film Festival: <b>Interview with Filmmakers.</b>	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJGhYNuuFBw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJGhYNuuFBw</a>



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## Reviews:

Rotten Tomatoes	<a href="https://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/edie">https://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/edie</a>
Variety	<a href="https://variety.com/2019/film/reviews/edie-review-1203322425/">https://variety.com/2019/film/reviews/edie-review-1203322425/</a>
The Hollywood Reporter	<a href="https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/movies/movie-reviews/edie-1236350/">https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/movies/movie-reviews/edie-1236350/</a>
Los Angeles Times	<a href="https://www.latimes.com/entertainment-arts/movies/story/2019-09-05/edie-drama-sheila-hancock">https://www.latimes.com/entertainment-arts/movies/story/2019-09-05/edie-drama-sheila-hancock</a>
Empire	<a href="https://www.empireonline.com/movies/reviews/edie-review/">https://www.empireonline.com/movies/reviews/edie-review/</a>
Cinemagazine	<a href="https://cinemagazine.nl/edie-2017-recensie/">https://cinemagazine.nl/edie-2017-recensie/</a>