

RULES AND REGULATIONS

15th ALMERÍA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM COMPETITION

1. PURPOSE

In order to promote Almería province through the enhancement of historical links between this province and the audiovisual industry and culture, the 15th Almería International Film Festival will take place in Almería (Spain) from Sunday, 13 November¹ through Saturday, 19 November, 2016. The Festival is organized by the County Council of Almería.

INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM COMPETITION

All domestically or internationally produced short films, shall be considered for competition filmed in 35 mm or 16 mm, or in High Definition Video. The films should not last longer than 30 minutes (credits included).

The production date must be after 1 January 2015.

2. BENEFICIARIES AND CONDITIONS FOR ENTRY

- a. All producers or directors who own the rights to the films they are submitting, are eligible for the International Short Film Competition.
- b. Each participant may submit as many films as desired. Each film submitted must be accompanied by an entry form and sent individually.
- c. The films must be submitted in their original language. If the language is not Spanish (Castilian), it must have Spanish subtitles or the original script translated to Spanish or English must be included.

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d. Films selected in previous “Almeria en corto” festival will not be admitted.

Selected films will be screened exclusively in High Definition Video. Selected films will be sent in a .mov file, with H.264 coded, progressive.

3. AMOUNT AND BUDGETARY IMPLEMENTATION

The assigned amount for this call is seventeen thousand five hundred (17.500) euros, which will be paid for from budget heading 6000.334.48900 from Almería County Council budget.

4. ENTRY FORM

In order to enter, the movie should be sent through **only one** of the next channels: **MOVIBETA, FESTHOME or CLICKFORFESTIVALS** platform. **It is mandatory to use their online entry form and their video requirements.** Each platform shows different folders or categories organized according to the geographical origin of the production company or director. **The submission must be done only in one folder.**

If the movie language is not Spanish(Castilian), it shall include spanish or english embedded subtitles or the original script translated to Spanish or English must be sent.

Deadline is 2 August 2016.

The organization assumes that the individual or group submitting the work holds all the copyright and other exhibition rights for the material submitted, in addition to authorization to receive the award, should the film be a collective work. Under no circumstances shall the organization accept any responsibility that might arise due to the infraction of this clause.



5. SELECTION

A selection committee composed of media professionals and members of the festival organization team, will select the films for official competition, according to artistic quality criteria, from among all the films received.

The decisions shall be announced no earlier than 16 September 2016.

Selected films must be sent for screening, before **24 October 2016**, in a **.mov file**, with **H.264 codec** and **bitrate** between **30 Mbps and 50 Mbps**, progressive. If the bitrate is lower than specified, it shall be understood the participant wish to screen with that technical specifications. This file will be uploaded to movibeta, festhome or clickforfestivals. Also, it can be uploaded to any online drive or similar platform This file can also be saved and sent in a dvd, blue-ray, memory card (compact flash or sd) or usb memory to:

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Centro de Servicios Múltiples

Negociado de Recursos

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It is mandatory to send with the selected movie the following information through email to: inscripciones@festivaldealmeria.com:

- Two digital photographs (300 ppp jpg, no larger than 1Mb) taken from the film.
- A digital photograph (300 ppp jpg, no larger than 1Mb.) of the director(s).
- Official entry form completed. Available in www.festivaldealmeria.com
- .srt subtitles file in spanish or English, or a copy of the original script translated Spanish or English (mandatory).

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All this documentation is mandatory in order to be eligible for the International Short Film Competition. Participants authorize the organization to use frames, photographs and extracts from the films for promotional purposes in any form of media, for the purposes of promoting and advertising this Festival. The information received from selected films may appear in the Festival advertising and promotions.

6. AWARDS

A jury (composed of professionals from the fields of cinema, art, and culture, along with members of the organization who will have a say but not a vote) will select the winners from among all the films officially selected for competition, according to artistic quality criteria:

- Award for Best International Short Film, to be awarded 6,500€ and a trophy.
- Award for Best National Short Film, to be awarded 3.000€ and a trophy.
- Audience Award for Best Short Film, to be awarded 2.500€ and a trophy.
- Award for Best Andalusian Short Film, to be awarded 1.600€ and a trophy.
- Award for Almería Best Short Film, to be awarded 1.400€ and trophy.
- Award for Best Screenplay, to be awarded 500 €, and a trophy.
- Cecilio Paniagua Award for Best Cinematography, to be awarded 500 € and a trophy.
- Gil Parrondo Award for Best Art Direction, to be awarded 500 € and a trophy.
- Award for Best Female Performance, to be awarded 500 € and a trophy.
- Award for Best Male Performance, to be awarded 500 € and a trophy.



- Award from Journalist Association - Press association of Almería (AP-APAL), for best performance in Short Film from Almería, to be awarded a trophy. This award shall be granted by a jury designated by AP-APAL.
- Special Award for Values and Human Rights-Amnesty International, to be awarded a trophy. This award shall be granted by a jury designated by Amnesty International.
- Award from Cinema Writers Association of Andalucía (ASECAN), for best performance in short film in Andalucía, to be awarded a trophy. This award shall be granted by a jury designated by ASECAN.

These awards, with the exceptions of best art direction, best cinematography, best screenplay and best female and male performance, shall be paid out **to the person or production company whose name appears on the Entry Form, 'Grantings of awards'**.

One person/film may be awarded multiple awards. No special mentions shall be given. In all cases, the awards money will be paid through bank transfer. All awards are subject to applicable tax laws.

The award winners must provide to the County Council of Almeria (Diputación de Almería), the following documents:

- A National Tax Number photocopy (N.I.F.),
- Two forms available at www.festivaldealmeria.com: 'General details form' and 'Bank details form' original and properly signed.

The mentioned documents in the previous paragraph and the authorization of use indicate in item number 8, are essential and compulsory requirements and previous to granted award bank transfer. **Deadline for delivering mentioned documentation is 12 December 2016. If it had not been delivered within this period, it will be understood the award money resignation.**

7. SHIPPING AND RETURN OF FILMS

Shipping expenses are the responsibility of the participants.

Submitted films copies, will not be returned and will become part of the archive of the festival. They will be available for those authorized to be watched during the festival celebration.

8. AUTHORISATION OF USE

The exhibited copies that obtain best international short film award, best Ibero-American short film award, best national short film award, best Andalusian short film award, audience award and best Almería short film award, shall become the property of the film archives of the Almería County Council, which hold the non exclusive screening and promoting right of use in a cultural and nonprofit manner within the Province of Almería and for the Almería International Film Festival promotion. For this reason and before award payment, it should be necessary to deliver an authorization document, which will be available for winners in www.festivaldealmeria.com .

9. ACCEPTANCE OF RULES

Participation in the XV Almería International Film Festival implies the acceptance of all the terms and conditions listed above as well as the resolution by the organization of any problem not stated herein.

10. PUBLICATION

The County Council of Almería, in accordance to Article 20 of Law 38/2003, General Subsidies Law, will report to National Subsidies Database (BDNS) the text of this call and any requested information.



BDNS will transfer to BOP Almería (Almería Official Gazette) an excerpt from this call for publishing. Once BDNS check the excerpt is released, in any case, after 72 hours since BOP received, BDNS will report all information about this call through National Subsidies Publicity System (SNPS). In any case, the effectiveness of this call is subject to the mentioned excerpt publication in BOP Almería.

Simultaneously it shall be published in the Notice Board (Tablón de Anuncios) in section 'Culture Activities' and in Transparency Section in County Council website.