

## 16<sup>th</sup> ALMERÍA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL 2017

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

#### “ALMERÍA EN CORTO” INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM COMPETITION

##### 1. OBJECTIVE

The 16<sup>th</sup> Almería International Film Festival will be held in Almería (Spain) from Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November to Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016 to promote Almería province through the enhancement of the historical links between this province and the audiovisual industry and culture. The Festival will be organized by Almería Provincial Council.

All domestically or internationally produced short films, filmed in 35 mm or 16 mm, or in High Definition Video (or higher) shall be considered eligible for competition. The films should last no longer than 30 minutes (credits included).

The production date must not be prior to 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2016.

##### 2. BENEFICIARIES AND ENTRY CONDITIONS

- a. Any producer owning the rights to the films they are submitting is eligible to participate.
- b. Participant may submit as many films as they wish. Each film must be submitted individually together with its own registration form.
- c. Works shall be submitted in their original language. Should the language be other than Castilian Spanish, it must have Spanish subtitles or include the original script translated to Spanish or English.
- d. Films selected in the previous “Almería en Corto” festival will not be admitted.

Selected films will be screened exclusively in High Definition Video (or higher) Selected films are to be sent in a .mov file, with H.264 coded, progressive.

### 3. AMOUNT AND BUDGETARY IMPLEMENTATION

The amount assigned for this call is seventeen thousand five hundred (17.500) euros, which will be paid for from budget heading 6000.334.48900 of the Almería Provincial Council 2017 fiscal year.

### 4. ENTRY FORM

In order to enter, please use one of the following platforms: **MOVIBETA, FESTHOME or CLICKFORFESTIVALS**. The registration form provided by each of the platforms is to be filled in and admitted video formats adhered to. Each platform has different registration categories according to the **geographical origin of the production or direction of the short film**. You are **only required to register in one category**.

If the film's language is not Castilian Spanish, it is to be subtitled in Spanish or English or the original script translated into Spanish or English included.

The registration deadline is **2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2017**.

The individuals or groups submitting the works are assumed by the organizers to hold all the corresponding copyrights and other exhibition rights for the same, in addition to authorization to receive the award, should the film be coauthored. Under no circumstances shall the organizers be held responsible for any breach of this clause.

### 5. SELECTION

A selection committee, composing professionals of the film industry and members of the festival organization team, will select the works to take part in the official competition according to their artistic quality from among all the films received. The decisions shall be announced as of 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.

Selected films must be sent for screening, in a **.mov file**, with **H.264 codec** and **bitrate** of between **30 Mbps and 50 Mbps**, progressive, no later than **23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2017**. Should the



bitrate be lower than specified, **it shall be understood the participant wishes it to be screened with that technical specification.** The file will be uploaded to movibeta, festhome or clickforfestivals. It can also be uploaded to any online drive or similar platform. The **file** can also be saved and sent by post on a dvd, blue-ray, memory card (compact flash or sd) or usb memory to the following address:

Diputación Provincial de Almería  
XVI Festival Internacional de Cine de Almería  
Centro de Servicios Múltiples  
Negociado de Recursos  
Carretera Ronda, 216  
04009 Almería  
SPAIN

The following information must be sent (via email to [inscripciones@festivaldealmeria.com](mailto:inscripciones@festivaldealmeria.com)) together with the selected film:

- Two digital photographs of the film (300 ppp jpg, no larger than 1Mb).
- A digital photograph of the director(s) (300 ppp jpg, no larger than 1Mb.).
- Completed official entry form. Available from: [www.festivaldealmeria.com](http://www.festivaldealmeria.com).
- srt subtitle file in Spanish or English, or a copy of the original script translated into Spanish or English (compulsory).

In order to be eligible to compete all the aforementioned documents must be submitted.. Participants hereby authorize the organizers to use frames, photographs and extracts from the films for promotional purposes in any format and media, for the purposes of promoting and advertising this Festival. The information and material received from selected works may be used in the Festival advertising and promotion.

## 6. AWARDS AND PRIZES

The award winners will be chosen according to their artistic quality by a jury (comprising professionals from the fields of cinema, art, and culture, together with members of the organization who will have a say but no vote) from among all the films officially selected for competition:

- Award for Best International Short Film, €6,500 in prize money and a trophy.
- Award for Best National Short Film, €3,000 in prize money and a trophy.
- Audience Award for Best Short Film, €2,500 in prize money and a trophy.
- Cinema Writers' Association of Andalusia (ASECAN) Award, for the best Andalusian short film (Spain), €1,600 in prize money and a trophy.
- Journalist Association – Almeria Press Association (AP-APAL) Award for best Almerian Short Film, €1,400 in prize money and a trophy. The jury for this award will be made up of professional journalists designated by AP-APAL.
- Award for Best Screenplay, €500 in prize money and a trophy.
- Cecilio Paniagua Award for Best Cinematography, €500 in prize money and a trophy.
- Gil Parrondo Award for Best Art Direction, €500 in prize money and a trophy.
- Award for Best Female Performance, €500 in prize money and a trophy.
- Award for Best Male Performance, €500 in prize money and a trophy.
- Special Award for Values and Human Rights-Amnesty International, to be awarded a trophy. The jury for this award will be designated by Amnesty International.

The prize money, with the exceptions of: Best Art Direction, Best Cinematography, Best Screenplay, Best Female and Best Male Performance, shall be paid out **to the person or production company whose name appears on the Entry Form in the 'Award/Prize Reception' section.**

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



The following documents must be provided by the award winners to Almeria Provincial Council (Diputación de Almería) Department of Culture:

- A photocopy of the National Tax Number document (N.I.F.),
- Original and duly signed 'General details form' and 'Bank details form'. (These forms are available at [www.festivaldealmeria.com](http://www.festivaldealmeria.com)),
- Authorisation of use, where relevant, according to clause number 8.

The documents mentioned in the previous paragraph, as well as the “authorization of use” indicated in Clause number 8, are essential and compulsory requirements for the prize money awarded to be transferred. **The deadline for delivery of the aforementioned documents and authorisation is 11 December, 2017.** Should said documentation have not been received within this period, **the prize money will be understood to have been rejected.**

The address to which the documentation should be forwarded to is the following

Diputación de Almería  
Área de Cultura  
Plaza Bendicho s/n  
04001 Almería.

Prior to the sending of the hard copy, a digital copy of the documentation is to be sent to the following email address: [sjacultura@dipalme.org](mailto:sjacultura@dipalme.org) for verification by the Culture Department's Legal Administrative Service.

## 7. DELIVERY AND RETURN OF FILMS

Delivery/Postage costs of copies are payable by the participants.

Submitted film copies, will not be returned and will become part of the Festival Archive. They will be available for authorized persons to watch during the Festival.



## 8. AUTHORISATION OF USE

The exhibited copies that win the: Best International Short Film Award, Best National Short Film Award, Audience Award for the Best Short Film, ASECAN Best Andalusian Short Film Award, and AP\_APAL Best Almerian Short Film Award, shall become the property of Almeria Provincial Council Film Archives, which will hold the right to screen said short films for cultural and nonprofit ends in the Province of Almeria and for the promotion of the Almería International Film Festival. For this reason, and prior to receiving payment of the prize money, a document authorizing the aforementioned use of the award-winning works, which is available for award winners at [www.festivaldealmeria.com](http://www.festivaldealmeria.com), will be required.

## 9. ACCEPTANCE OF RULES

Participation in the 16<sup>th</sup> 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 Almeria Provincial Council, in accordance with Article 20 of Law 38/2003, General Subsidies Law, will report the text of this notification, and any information requested, to the National Subsidies Database (BDNS).

The BDNS will transfer to BOP Almería (Almería Official Gazette) an excerpt from this notification for publication. Once BDNS is officially aware of the publication of the excerpt, in any case 72 hours following reception by the BOP, the BDNS will report all information regarding this call through the National Subsidies Publicity System (SNPS). In any case, the effectiveness of this notification is subject to the publication of the aforementioned excerpt in the BOP Almería.

It shall be published simultaneously on the Notice Board (Tablón de Anuncios) in section 'Culture Activities' and in Transparency Section in Provincial Council website.