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25th Vila-real International Film Festival

March 24 to 31, 2023

RULES OF THE SHORT FILM CONTEST

A. CONDITIONS

1- This contest is open to fiction, non-fiction and animation short films, of any subject and any nationality, spoken in Spanish, Valencian or in the original version with subtitles in Spanish or Valencian.

2- The maximum duration will not exceed 30 minutes, including credits.

3 - Authors may submit a maximum of 2 works, made after 1st January 2022.

4- Two competition categories are established: official selection and official provincial selection. The short films that compete for the Manuel Villarreal Award (Best short film from Castellón province) will also be eligible for the rest of the festival awards.

5 - Short films whose directors were born or are residents in the province of Castellón will participate in the official provincial section. Also, short films whose production office is based in the province of Castellón.

It will be necessary to attach an official document to justify this condition (see point B.2).

6 - Short films that use Valencian as their main language or that are bilingual and use Valencian as one of their languages will be eligible for the "Prize for the best short in Valencian". Short films dubbed or subtitled in Valencian will not be eligible for this award.

5 - Advertising films, video clips, fashion films, video art, institutional videos or similar will not be admitted to the contest.

6 - Short films that do not comply with the minimum technical qualities for a proper public projection will be rejected, as well as all short films that are not duly completed with all the requirements expressed in these rules.

7 - The decisions of the selection committee and the jury will be unappealable

8 - Any question that appears during the festival, not contemplated in these rules, will be solved by the festival's management committee.

9 - Registration implies acceptance of the rules.

B. REGISTRATION

1 - Registration will be done ONLINE through the FESTHOME platform by completing all its mandatory sections.

2 - In addition to the short film in digital format, it will be necessary to attach the poster of the short film, two frames of it and a photograph of the director.

In case of participating also in the official provincial section, it will be necessary to attach an official document to justify that condition (as specified in point A.5) .

3 - The registration period will be open until February 5, 2023.

C. SELECTION OF SHORT FILMS

1- A professional selection committee, appointed by the festival management, will be in charge of viewing each short films, selecting those that will finally compete for the awards.

2 - Selected short films will be announced through the official channels of the festival, at least two weeks before the celebration of the competition.

Previously, confirmation will be sent by email to the contact of each selected job.

3 - The screening copy of the selected short films must be sent digitally (through the channels determined by the festival organization) in an mp4 container, with the H 264 codec and a minimum resolution of 1920x1080 (1080p) before March 10, 2023 .

4 - The selected short films will be part of the festival sections and will be publicly screened during the days of the festival. Taking part in the Festival implies the consent of author and/or producer to the screening of the short films.

5 - The festival may use the photographs, images, video and / or audio fragments of the short films (not exceeding one minute) for promotional and dissemination purposes.

D. JURY AND AWARDS

1 -The jury will decide on awarding the prizes and trophies among all the short films selected by the selection committee, except the audience award.

2- The jury will be made up of a minimum of 3 members, all of them film and audiovisual professionals.

3 - Awards:

Best Short Film Award: € 1,800 + trophy

Manuel Villarreal Award: € 1,200 + trophy

Best Short Film in Valencian: € 600 + trophy

Audience award: € 600 + trophy

Best Male Performance: € 300 + trophy

Best Female Performance: € 300 + trophy

Best script: € 300 + trophy

4 - The audience award will be determined by the audience attending the screening sessions of the official sections.

5 - The jury may declare void any award.

6- None of the awards may be given to two participants

7 - The festival will contact the winners in advance and will manage attendance at the awards ceremony whenever possible.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

These rules will be published in Spanish, Valencian and English. For any matter related to language interpretation, the reference text will be the Spanish version.