

**SIFF – SULMONA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT 2019**

Cinema – Teatro Pacifico – Sulmona (AQ) – ITALY

1) INTRODUCTION

Cultural association Sulmonacinema announces the **SULMONA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL 2019**. The Sulmona International Film Festival (SIFF) is a festival for short films taking place in Sulmona (Italy) from 6th to the 9th of November 2019 at “Cinema-Teatro Pacifico”. The festival celebrates young cinema from all around the world with a selection of new works from emerging directors and passionate storytellers with unique visions.

The SIFF – Sulmona International Film Festival is the international evolution of the Sulmonacinema Film Festival that has reached its 37th edition.

2) COMPETITIVE CATEGORIES

The SIFF – Sulmona International Film Festival have six competitive categories:

- 1) **INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILMS:** for short films from around the world (except Italy) with a running time of 30 minutes or less.
- 2) **NATIONAL SHORT FILMS:** for short films from Italy with a running time of 30 minutes or less.
- 3) **ANIMATION SHORT FILMS:** for short films from around the world with a running time of 30 minutes or less.
- 4) **DOCUMENTARY SHORT FILMS:** for documentary short films from around the world with a running time of 30 minutes or less.
- 5) **MUSIC VIDEOS:** for music videos from around the world with a running time of 10 minutes or less.
- 6) **ABRUZZO SHORT FILMS:** for short films from Abruzzo (Director; Production; Locations) with a running time of 30 minutes or less.

3) AWARDS and PRIZES

Main awards (TROPHIES + CASH PRIZES):

- 1) The awards for the **BEST INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM** consists in **2.000,00 \$** (USD) and trophy.
- 2) The awards for the **BEST NATIONAL SHORT FILM** consists in **1.000,00 \$** (USD) and trophy.
- 3) The awards for the **BEST ANIMATION SHORT FILM** consists in **300,00 \$** (USD) and trophy.
- 4) The awards for the **BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT FILM** consists in **300,00 \$** (USD) and trophy.
- 5) The awards for the **BEST MUSIC VIDEO** consists in **300,00 \$** (USD) and trophy.

Other awards (TROPHIES WITHOUT CASH PRIZE):

- 1) **BEST DIRECTOR**
- 2) **BEST SCREENPLAY**
- 3) **BEST PHOTOGRAPHY**
- 4) **BEST SOUNDTRACK**
- 5) **BEST EDITING**
- 6) **BEST ACTOR**

7) BEST ACTRESS

8) SPECIAL JURY PRIZE

The Sulmona International Film Festival jury and programming committee can give special awards to films with specific values. National and International shorts will compete, without nationality distinction, to the "Other Awards". National Shorts will not compete in the "International Shorts" category.

Documentary shorts will compete only in the "Documentary Shorts" category. Animation shorts will compete only in the "Animation Shorts" category. "Abruzzo" shorts submitted in the "National Shorts" category will also enter automatically in the "Abruzzo Shorts" category.

4) PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE and JURY:

Films are selected for Festival presentation by the Sulmona International Film Festival programming committee. The jury will be made up of recognized individuals in the cinema and cultural world. The festival management will appoint the members of the official jury who will assign the awards for each competitive section. The decisions of the Programming Committee and Jury will be FINAL.

Programming committee decides the number of short films and music videos selected for the screening. If a film is selected, the Festival office will contact officially the entrant by email. Selected films will be published on-line on www.sulmonafilmfestival.com. The Festival organizations have the final decision about controversial cases.

5) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Short films, documentaries and music videos can be submitted

electronically ONLY via FILM FREEWAY (<https://www.filmfreeway.com>):

<https://filmfreeway.com/festival/SulmonaInternationalFilmFestival>

DEADLINES and FEES:

- OPENING DATE: **February 15, 2019.**
- EARLYBIRD DEADLINE I: **March 15, 2019 - \$15 (USD)**
- EARLYBIRD DEADLINE II: **April 15, 2019 - \$20 (USD)**
- REGULAR DEADLINE **May 15, 2019 - \$25 (USD)**
- REGULAR DEADLINE II: **June 15, 2019 - \$30 (USD)**
- LATE DEADLINE: **July 15, 2019 - \$35 (USD)**
- EXTENDED DEADLINE: **August 31, 2019 - \$45 (USD)**
- NOTIFICATION DATE: **September 30, 2019**

Entry fees are not refundable. All short films and music videos must have been completed after January 1, 2016. International, National, Animation and Abruzzo short films must have a running time of 30 minutes or less. Documentary short films must have a running time of 30 minutes or less. Music videos must have a running time of 10 minutes or less. All genres are accepted. There is no Première policy. Each director may submit a maximum of three short films or music videos (entry fee for each project). All short films must be subtitled in English for Festival consideration. Final deadline (Extended deadline) is August 31, 2019 (23.59 - Local time).

Entrants must deliver final format (as indicated in the "Screening requirements" section below) for Festival screenings. No exceptions will be permitted. Through Film Freeway entrants must provide:

1) Pre-selection copy of short film or music video in high resolution.

- 2) Synopsis.
- 3) Dialogue list in English.
- 4) Director's photo.
- 5) N°2 pictures in high resolutions.
- 6) Poster.
- 7) Trailer.

6) SCREENING REQUIREMENTS:

If your film or music video is selected for exhibition, the Festival will require:

- 1) Official copy of film or music video in high resolution (Apple ProRes; H264; .mov)
- 2) All foreign (non Italian) short films selected for the official screening MUST have Italian subtitles.
- 3) All Italian short films selected for the official screening MUST have English subtitles.
- 4) Digital Press-kit.
- 5) Any promotional material.

7) GENERAL CONDITIONS:

The Festival reserves the right to complete any information not supplied by the filmmaker from whatever source available and will not be responsible if incorrect information is entered. Sulmona International Film Festival (SIFF) has the right to add, alter, change, or delete any portion of the guidelines at anytime without notice.

Sulmona International Film Festival (SIFF) will provide the best quality projection possible but will not be held liable for any failure in the technical quality of the projection, nor will fees be refunded in any such case. If accepted entrants grant without reservations, to the Festival, the right to use footage, stills and/or titles, and information from the Film for promotional purposes.

No film may be withdrawn from the festival program after its selection. The Festival management reserves the right to modify or suspend the event. All information above shall supersede any other guidelines associated with the Festival. The Festival is entitled to make interpretations in any case not considered in these rules and regulations and may make exceptions whenever justified.

The Festival Management will review unforeseen cases. The participation at the Sulmona International Film Festival (SIFF) implies understanding and acceptance of above regulations. The festival management declare that any personal data provided will be used in accordance with Legislative Decree No. 196/2003 as subsequently amended and will be processed exclusively for the purposes of the Festival.

Cash prizes will be paid according to the Italian laws.