

# SHORT WAVES FESTIVAL

## RULES OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

International Competition is organised as a part of Short Waves Festival 2018. It is the most prestigious competition at the Festival for the best productions from all over the world, up to 45 min long.. The winners will receive prize money. The main goal of the Competition is to create a diverse programme with a fresh perspective on contemporary cinema and original film language.

### 1. General provisions:

- 1.1. SHORT WAVES FESTIVAL 2018 is organised by Fundacja Edukacji Kulturalnej Ad Arte (Ad Arte Foundation of Cultural Education), hereinafter referred to as the Organiser, based at Hawelańska 1 Street, 61-625 Poznań, Poland.
- 1.2. SHORT WAVES FESTIVAL 2018, hereinafter referred to as the Festival, will take place between **20-25th March 2018** in Poznań.
- 1.3. Film submissions will be open **from 6<sup>th</sup> June to 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017**.
- 1.4. Entrance fee should be paid upon one's entering the Competition (section 4 of the Rules).
- 1.5. Films will be selected by the Organiser.
- 1.6. The participants of films qualified for the Competition will be informed directly (by phone or e-mail) on **11th December 2017**.
- 1.7. The authors of films qualified for the Competition will be asked by the Organiser to send the screening copy of the film by electronic means **until 20th December 2017**.
- 1.8. If the submitter fails to meet the due date of sending the copy, the Organiser has the right to refuse accepting the film and select another participant of the Competition.
- 1.9. The winners of the Competition will receive prize money (section 6 of the Rules).
- 1.10. Information about the awarded films will be announced on the Festival's website and social media profiles.

## **2. Formal requirements:**

- 2.1. Short film forms that were made no sooner than on **1<sup>st</sup> January 2016** may be submitted to International Competition.
- 2.2. Maximum length of the film is 45 minutes.
- 2.3. The form of the film and its topic are not subject to any regulations.
- 2.4. Films may be submitted to the Competition only by means of FilmFestivalLife, (<http://www.filmfestivallife.com/Short-Waves-Festival/>).
- 2.5. In order to submit the film one should create an account on FilmFestivalLife website and follow directions provided on the portal.
- 2.6. Films taking part in the Festival may be submitted by natural or legal persons and groups of people submitting as one participant (group participant) that are producers who have the right to dispose of the submitted film, or who have received permission from the producer owning those rights.
- 2.7. The participant submitting a film to the Festival must possess copyright laws, which include music used in the film's soundtrack. In any other case the participant is obliged to attach a statement defining the legal situation of the film.
- 2.8. The Organiser reserves the right not to accept the film for the Competition when the requirements described in sections 2.1-2.7 are not met.

## **3. Technical requirements:**

- 3.1. When submitting the film one should:
  - fill in the online entry form (all the information required by FilmFestivalLife should be provided as well as such details as the English title of the film, its original title, available dialogue lists, release date and the place of the film premiere),
  - attach a preview copy of the film with English subtitles, if the movie is not English-speaking,
  - attach dialogue lists in both the original language and in English that include time codes, in the SRT file (no hardcoded subtitles),
  - attach 3 stills from the film (300dpi),
  - attach the director's picture (200dpi).
- 3.2. Submitters whose films have been selected to participate in the Competition are required to send the Organiser a screening copy of the film with MOV or MP4 file in FULL HD (other aspect ratios will be boxed to 1920x1080), one audio track with stereo mix. Screening copies may be sent by electronic means for example wetransfer.com or the Organiser's FTP server (data required to send the film will be provided via e-mail to participants whose films have been qualified for the Competition).
- 3.3. The Organiser has the right to refuse to accept the film when its technical quality is faulty.

#### **4. Participation fee:**

- 4.1. The participant of the Competition is required to pay initial fee via FilmFestivalLife.
- 4.2. From 6<sup>th</sup> June until 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017 initial fee is EUR 5, from 10<sup>th</sup> September until 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017 it is EUR 15.
- 4.3. This sum does not include FilmFestivalLife handling charge which is EUR 2,99 for films shorter than 30 minutes and EUR 4,99 for films longer than 30 minutes.
- 4.4. Final payment is a sum of fees charged by the Organiser and FilmFestivalLife.
- 4.5. Participation fee can be made only by online payment system Paypal.

#### **5. Liability:**

- 5.1. Upon submitting the film the submitter consents that the film will be screened three times during the Festival. The aforementioned screenings will be free of charge.
- 5.2. Upon submitting the film the submitter whose film has been selected to the Competition, consents that the film will be screened five times till the end of 2018 as a part of Festival's promotion. The aforementioned screenings will be free of charge.
- 5.3. The submitter undertakes to cover expenses if they decide to withdraw the film from the Festival without any reason.
- 5.4. Submitting a film to the Competition is equal to giving the Organiser the right to use promotional data and film fragments (a trailer or a max. 2 minute-long fragment of the film) free of charge in any promotional actions linked to the organization of the Festival.
- 5.5. The Organiser reserves the right to prepare dialogue lists in languages other than English.

#### **6. Awards and special mentions:**

- 6.1. The decision to grant the International Competition award is made by the jury chosen by the Organiser.
  - 1st International Competition Award – PLN 12 000 (around EUR 3 000)
  - 2nd International Competition Award – PLN 8 000 (around EUR 2 000)
  - 3rd International Competition Award – PLN 4 000 (around EUR 1 000)
- 6.2. The jury may also grant special mentions.
- 6.3. International Competition Audience Award and PLN 4 000 (around EUR 1 000) will be granted by the audience of competition screenings. The viewers will cast their votes for the chosen film using voting cards prepared by the Organiser.

6.4. The Organiser reserves the right to change the amount of prize money and the way it is divided.

6.5. The monetary value of the award will be decreased by flat-rate income tax which is equal to 10% of the sum of money and will be paid by the Organiser of on behalf of the awarded winner.

## **7. Final provisions:**

7.1. Submitting a film to the Festival is tantamount to accepting these Rules.

7.2. Declaring one's participation in the Competition is tantamount to consenting *to the fact that the participant allows their personal data to be processed by the Organiser in accordance with the Personal Data Protection Act dated 29.08.1997 (Journal of Laws of the Republic of Poland No 133, item 833).*

7.3. The Organiser reserves the right to change the date and the duration of both the Festival and the Competition without stating causes if it does not affect the acquired rights of the participants of the Festival.

7.4. All matters not stated in these regulations are decided on by the Festival's Organiser represented by the Director of the Festival.