

## 19<sup>th</sup> ALMERÍA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – FICAL 2020

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

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

##### 1. OBJECTIVE

The 19<sup>th</sup> Almería International Film Festival will be held in Almería (Spain), in order to promote the province of Almería through the strengthening the historical links of the province with the audiovisual industry and culture, from Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November to Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019. The Festival is organized by Almería Provincial Council.

All domestically or internationally produced short films, filmed in 35 mm or 16 mm celluloid, 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 2019.

##### 2. BENEFICIARIES AND ENTRY CONDITIONS

- a. Any producer or director owning the rights to the films they are submitting is eligible to participate.
- b. Each 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 into Castilian 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 8000.334.48900 of the Almería Provincial Council 2020 fiscal year.

### 4. PUBLICATION

The Almería 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 'Cultural Activities' and in the Transparency Section on the Provincial Council website. [www.festivaldealmeria.com](http://www.festivaldealmeria.com).

### 5. 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 Castilian Spanish or English or the original script translated into Spanish or English included.

The registration deadline is **30<sup>th</sup> July 2020**.

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 nor for any claims to royalties for public exhibition nor for any other intellectual property rights.

## 6. SELECTION

A selection committee, composing film industry professionals 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 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2020, by publication on the Notice Board of the Provincial Council website [www.dipalme.org](http://www.dipalme.org) and on the festival website [www.festivaldealmeria.com](http://www.festivaldealmeria.com).

The designation of the selection committee will be published on the notice board of the Diputación de Almería (FICAL) website.

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 2020**. 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. The file can also be saved to any storage medium or web platform for file sharing. Films are to be sent to the following address:

Diputación Provincial de Almería  
XIX 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 online 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.

## 7. SCREENING VIA STREAMING

Due to the current situation caused by COVID-19, should the organization deem it convenient and following the instructions of the health authorities, all the works selected in the 'Almería en Corto' International Short Film Contest may be exhibited on platforms with streaming display capacity (continuous video playback service, without downloading, via web pages), so that the works can be viewed anywhere with an internet connection. The works may be accessed on several platforms simultaneously and only during the period of the Almería International Film Festival lasts, between November 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 2020. Viewers will have free access to the films, only being required to register by email and password at no extra cost. Free, unregistered sessions may also be offered. In addition to the above, they may also be shown on commercial platforms, taking advantage of the price rates of said platforms. The latter case will be additional, and there will always be free access platforms.

Due to this situation, an optional voting system for the public to award the audience prize for this contest may also be enabled. Since the technical requirements of the projection copy that are specified in Section 6 are those foreseen for screening, in case of opting for streaming, the copies will adapt to a new standard that allows for them to be viewed correctly on all the selected platforms.

A document of authorization is required in order for films to be streamed. For this reason, the registration form includes "Streaming Authorization", which must be filled in and submitted at the time of request and will be used exclusively by Almería Provincial Council with the selected films.

## 8. JURY, 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, €2,600 in prize money and a trophy. (*\* This award will be decided by the vote of the audience attending each of the sessions. The audience voting ballots will be accepted, as long as all the short films shown in each session are scored). In the case of streaming, the voting system will be specified on each platform, the number of views and the total votes of each work shall always be taken into account).*
- RTVE Award to the best Iberian-American short film, €1,700 in prize money and a trophy. (*\* This award will be decided through the dissemination on the RTVE website of Iberian-American short films in the days prior to the Festival, providing visitors with a voting system. The winning short film will be broadcasted on the RTVE website and can be broadcasted on TVE channels, if its quality and content are adequate and the chain's needs make it possible. The author or authors of the winning work will transfer to RTVE the rights of public communication and reproduction of said short film, either total or partial, on its television channels and on its website, in any territorial area and without the power of assignment to third parties, for a period of one year from the first broadcast. The Festival organisers will contact producers of Iberian-American short films previously selected for dissemination on the RTVE website in order to request the relevant authorizations and assignments mentioned).*



- Cinema Writers' Association of Andalusia (ASECAN) Award, for the best Andalusian short film (Spain), €1,800 in prize money and a trophy.
  - Journalists Association – Almeria Press Association (AP-APAL) Award for best Almerian Short Film, €1,700 in prize money and a trophy. The jury for this award will be made up of professional journalists designated by AP-APAL and a member of the organization with voice, but without a vote.
  - Award for the best script, endowed with a trophy.
  - Cecilio Paniagua Award for best photography, endowed with a trophy.
  - Gil Parrondo Award for the best artistic direction, endowed with a trophy.
  - Award for the best female performance, endowed with a trophy.
  - Award for the best male performance, endowed with a trophy.
- Special Award for Values and Human Rights-Amnesty International, endowed with a trophy. The jury for this award will be designated by Amnesty International.

The awards may be accumulative.

The appointment of the jury will be published on the notice board of the website of Almeria Provincial Council - Diputación de Almería (FICAL).

The jury may not declare these awards void, nor grant special mentions, nor grant ex aequo prizes.

## 9. PRIZE MONEY: METHOD OF PAYMENT

The prizes will be paid to the person or production company that appears on the registration form, in the section 'Awarding of Prizes'.

Payment of the prizes will be made by bank transfer. The prizes will be subject to the applicable tax regulations.

For the bank transfer registration on the database of the Provincial Council is required: "Third parties - powers of attorney", where the winner will enter the: personal, representative



and bank details required to proceed with the payment. The route for the procedure is as follows:

[www.dipalme.org](http://www.dipalme.org)

Tramites online (Online procedures)

Terceros – Apoderamiento (Third parties – Power of Attorney)

After registering on the database, an email will be sent to [sjacultura@dipalme.org](mailto:sjacultura@dipalme.org), indicating that the procedure has been completed and that the name of the winner and the category of the award will be recorded.

Registration on the database indicated in the previous paragraph is an essential requirement and must be carried out previously for the bank transfer to be carried out.

The non-Spanish winners, in the event of not being able to access the database of Third Parties-Powers of Attorney, will send an application to the general register of the Provincial Council of Almería, which will state "FICAL 2020" and the category of the prize awarded. Documents to be attached together with the application:

- General and bank data sheet, which can be obtained at [www.festivaldealmeria.com](http://www.festivaldealmeria.com).
- Certificate accrediting your tax residence issued by the competent tax authority of the country in question.

The documentation will be sent to the following address: Almería Provincial Council, Área de Cultura y Cine, C/ Navarro Rodrigo 17, 04001 Almería.

**The deadline for receipt of documentation**, both for Spanish and non-Spanish winners, **ends on December 11, 2020**. Should this not have been received on or prior to the established deadline, receipt of **the prize money will be understood to have been waived**.

## 10. 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.

## 11. 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, the RTVE award for the best Iberian-American 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. Therefore, prior to the payment of these it is necessary to complete the corresponding section in the registration form 'Authorization of use', to be completed with the entry form and shall be used by the Provincial Council exclusively with films receiving the aforementioned awards.

## 12. AWARD GRANTING RESOLUTION

The jury award granting proposal will be subject to legal authority of Provincial Council for agreement to be adopted.

The resolution will end administrative proceedings and it may be appealed by Contested Administrative Jurisdiction within two months and, optionally in advance, through administrative proceedings, by appeal for reversal in accordance with the provisions of Law 39/2015, Common Administrative Procedure of Public Administrations.

Granting agreement shall be notified to award winners by publication in the BOP Almería (Almería Province Official Gazette) and on the Notice Board (Tablón de Anuncios) in the Transparency Section on the Provincial Council website.

Award winners may reject the awarded prize within three working days by sending a written waiver. It will be understood to have been accepted if no waiver is received.



### 13. CONSENT AND PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA

Participants in this contest agree that their personal data contained in their request for participation, are treated under the responsibility of DIPUTACIÓN DE ALMERÍA (ALMERIA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL) in order to manage **REGISTRATION FOR ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS ON THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL WEBSITE**, based on the legitimacy of CONSENT, LEGAL OBLIGATION, PUBLIC INTEREST. Further information about personal data protection is available via this [link](#) (by pressing CTRL+Click) alternatively you may request a hard copy in person from the information office responsible for processing your documentation.

You can exercise the rights of access, rectification, deletion, opposition, limitation and portability by proving your identity, as indicated in the information on the link.

Your refusal to supply them will determine the impossibility of participating in the contest.

### 14. ACCEPTANCE OF THE RULES / TERMS

Participation in the 19<sup>th</sup> Almería International Film Festival implies the acceptance of all the sections of these rules and terms, as well as the resolution by the organization of any problem not included in them.