

## MESTRE FILM FEST

Twentieth Edition

### INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILMS COMPETITION

The twentieth edition of the Mestre Film Fest will be held in Mestre (Venice)  
at the Candiani Cultural Centre from 16 to 18 November 2017

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS

Only films produced after 2015 are eligible to participate in the competition.

The films must fall into one of the following categories:

##### Short Stories Section

Short films **running no longer than 15' (including the titles and the acknowledgements)** are eligible, regardless of the topic (documentary, fiction, etc.) shot on any format.

##### Video-For-Kids Section

Videos for kids **made by under-18 filmmakers or by any grade level school are eligible. The film can be shot on any format, but it must not run more than 10' (including the titles and the acknowledgements).**

The criteria for evaluating the videos will consider the film's effectiveness in achieving educational and visual goals and conciseness.

The UNICEF - Veneto Regional Committee - will award a prize or honourable mention to works that best meet the inspirational principles of the International Convention on the Rights of the Child.

A special Committee will make a preliminary selection of the submitted works. The Selection Committee have the final discretion to disqualify from the competition works considered violent, racist, pornographic or otherwise objectionable.

#### TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMPETITION, SUBMIT:

- Application form (one for each short film submitted), **completely filled and clearly legible and signed**. A copy must be sent in digital format word or text file (no handwritten) and a scan of the signed entry form.
- **Two** publicity **stills** of the work in jpeg format (with the permission of the publication and promotion).
- Copy DVD (not CD-Rom) or digital file of the work, preferably with English subtitles.

**\* The participants in the Contest are invited to send the work preferably via file sharing (Dropbox, Vimeo, Wetransfer etc). By choosing this option you will have to send entry form in digital format word or text file plus scan of the signed entry form and stills by electronic mail at [videoteca.candiani@comune.venezia.it](mailto:videoteca.candiani@comune.venezia.it), indicating the link from where we can download the movie also highlighting the deadline.**

The entrant will be responsible for all shipping fees; all materials must be delivered no later than 31 July 2017. The postmark date will represent proof of date of submission.

Submitted materials cannot be returned and will be catalogued and stored at the Videoteca of Mestre. **Each posted short movie or DVD must contain only one film**; Short posted or DVD with more than one film will not be included in the competition.

The materials must be submitted to the following address:

Ordinary mail

**Mestre Film Fest**

**Videoteca of Mestre - Candiani Cultural Centre**

**Piazzale Candiani, 7 - 30174 Mestre (Venice)**

Electronic mail: [videoteca@comune.venezia.it](mailto:videoteca@comune.venezia.it)

With their participation in the competition, the rights holders to the works selected implicitly authorize their inclusion in the Videoteca di Mestre archives, without compensation. They understand that the films will only be screened for the purpose of promoting the festival, and no profit shall arise for any party.

The works admitted to the competition will be eligible to win the following prizes:

**SHORT STORIES SECTION\***

**SHORT STORIES IMG CINEMAS AWARD**

**Best International Short Film 2017: 2000 Euros**

**SHORT STORIES CREATIVAMENTE FOUNDATION AWARD**

**Best young Director under 30 2017: 2000 Euros**

**FRIENDS OF THE ARTS SPECIAL AWARD 2017**

**Best Documentary 2017: 500 Euros**

**LIONS CLUB MESTRE CASTELVECCHIO SPECIAL AWARD 2017**

**Best Short Film at the **Venetian theme** for filmmakers under 30 in 2017: 500 Euros**

**This edition's theme: Cultural creativity and Urban transformations in industrial and post-industrial Marghera ".**

**VIDEOFORKIDS SECTION\***

**VIDEO-FOR-KIDS CINIT AWARD 2016**

**For the best videos for kids: 400 Euros**

\* Before Taxes

The panel will also select works in the competition that hold a special value and which deserve honourable mention. The panel's decision will be final.

Festival organizers cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to materials submitted.

Personal information will be handled in accordance with the instructions under Law 196 of 06/03/2003 and successive modifications and integrations.

The prizes awarded must be picked up personally by the winner or by a representative of the work. Failure to attend will disqualify the winner from the prize awarded.

The announcement along with the application form are available at the websites:

[www.mestrefilmfest.it](http://www.mestrefilmfest.it)