



**Fantasiako eta Beldurrezko
Zinemaren Astea**
**Semana de Cine
Fantástico y de Terror**
**Horror and Fantasy
Film Festival**

SHORT FILM COMPETITION RULES

37th San Sebastian Horror and Fantasy Film Festival

October 30th – November 6th 2026

These terms & conditions govern the submission of short films and their participation in the International, Spanish and Animation competition categories at the 37th SAN SEBASTIAN HORROR AND FANTASY FILM FESTIVAL.

By submitting a short film to the FESTIVAL using any of the channels established for this purpose, the natural or legal person doing so (hereinafter the "PRESENTING PARTY") expressly and unreservedly accepts these TERMS & CONDITIONS.

Further, on submitting the short film to the FESTIVAL, the PRESENTING PARTY states that they hold sufficient rights of exploitation according to the stipulations of current Copyright law, and that they therefore have the authority to (I) submit the short film to the FESTIVAL; and (II) extend to third parties the necessary authorisation for its reproduction, public communication, transformation, dubbing and/or subtitling, and to exploit it in any other way.

The PRESENTING PARTY shall therefore be accountable for potential complaints made as regards Intellectual Property by third parties, and shall hold harmless the FESTIVAL against any such claims made for this reason.

ACCEPTANCE FOR THE COMPETITION

The short films in the competition will be decided by the Selection Committee. In order to be considered for the selection, the short films submitted must:

- 🕸 Have been made after January 1st 2025.
- 🕸 Have a runtime of no more than 20 min.
- 🕸 Have a fantasy or horror theme.

Categories: all submitted films will be considered for the International Competition. Spanish productions will also be considered for the Best Spanish Short Film competition. Basque productions will also be considered for the Best Basque Short Film competition. Animated films will also be considered for the Best Animated Film competition. The Selection Committee will take the final decision as to the category or categories in which the short films will compete.

The submission period is open from **June 15th** to **August 18th**.

Submission can only be made by means of this platform:

- **Short Film Depot (www.shortfilmdepot.com)**



AWARDS

- 🏆 *Audience Award for Best Short Film (€1,000)*
Decided by the votes cast by the audience. The points obtained by each short film will be the result of dividing the total points obtained by the number of voting spectators.
- 🏆 *International Jury Award for Best Short Film (€1,000)*
A specialised international jury composed for the occasion by the organisation will decide the Jury Award to the Best Short Film.
- 🏆 *Audience Award for Best Animated Short Film (€1,000)*
All selected animated short films will compete for this prize.
- 🏆 *Audience Award for Best Spanish Short Film (€1,000)*
All selected Spanish short films will compete for this prize, decided by the votes cast by the audience.
- 🏆 *Silver Méliès for Best European Short Film*
The international jury will also decide the winner of the Silver Méliès for the Best European Short Film.
- 🏆 *Youth Jury Award for Best Short Film*
All international competition selected short films will compete for this prize, decided by the votes cast by the youth jury.
- 🏆 *Syfy Award for Best Spanish Short Film (3.000 €)*
Selected Spanish short films will compete for this unique award. The winner will be chosen from the selected shorts by a specialised jury appointed by NBC Universal Global Networks España, SLU and the Festival.
All the selected finalists must grant the (non-exclusive) right to broadcast their work on the Syfy channel and website (for 3 months as from the date of its first broadcast on the channel).
- 🏆 *EITB Award for Best Basque Short Film (1.000 €)*
A jury chosen by EITB will decide the award. Short films with at least 20% Basque production will be eligible for this competition.

AUTHORISATIONS

On submitting to the FESTIVAL, the PRESENTING PARTY of any short film accepted for any of the competitions expressly authorises the FESTIVAL to:

- 🎧 Screen the short film in sessions open to the public as many times as is necessary during its participation in the FESTIVAL.
- 🎧 Adapt the short film to the necessary formats for its viewing and screening during the FESTIVAL.
- 🎧 Subtitle the short film in languages other than the original.



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- ☞ Use images and/or excerpts of the short film for their inclusion in press files, information posters and/or the official website of the FESTIVAL with a view to promoting the FESTIVAL itself.

Said authorisation is a necessary requirement for assured participation of the short film in the FESTIVAL; also, the PRESENTING PARTY will receive no economic payment whatsoever for said participation, unless otherwise priorly agreed.

DATA PROTECTION

In accordance with the stipulations of Organic Law 15/1999, dated 13 December, on the Protection of Personal Data (hereinafter, the “LOPD”), the PRESENTING PARTY is informed that all information provided when submitting the short film to the FESTIVAL, and all other information provided henceforth in relation to the participation of said short film in the FESTIVAL, will be incorporated to a file owned by the Public Body DONOSTIA KULTURA, duly registered with the Basque Data Protection Agency, for the purposes of managing and advertising participation of the short film in the FESTIVAL.

It is mandatory to provide said personal details and failure to do so or providing incorrect information will make it impossible to manage participation of the short film in the FESTIVAL.

Any changes to the personal data provided shall be communicated to the person responsible for the file by the owner of the information, who will be held responsible for the truthfulness and exactness of the information provided. In the event of providing data for third parties, the PRESENTING PARTY states that they have received consent from their owners to communicate said information.

In the event of wishing to exercise their right to access, rectify, cancel or oppose information, the PRESENTING PARTY and/or any other interested party can write, according to the terms & conditions of the LOPD, to the following address: DONOSTIA KULTURA, Victoria Eugenia Theater, Reina Regente, nº 4, 20003 – Donostia / San Sebastián (Gipuzkoa).

LANGUAGE, APPLICABLE LAW AND JURISDICTION

These TERMS & CONDITIONS are originally written in Spanish and may be translated into other languages. In the event of any contradiction in said translations, the Spanish language version shall prevail.

These TERMS & CONDITIONS will be governed and interpreted according to Spanish Law. Any controversies that may arise with regard to these TERMS & CONDITIONS, their interpretation and application will be exclusively settled by the Courts of San Sebastian (Gipuzkoa). The PRESENTING PARTY expressly accepts this condition.

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