

13th Nepal Human Rights International Film Festival 2024

Event Details:

- **Event Name:** Nepal Human Rights International Film Festival (NHRIFF)
- **Location:** Kathmandu, Nepal
- **Dates:** December 5-9, 2025
- **Theme:** Collective Rights
- **Since:** 2010

The 13th edition of the NHRFF will showcase over 40 selected films from around the globe, highlighting human rights issues. Screenings will be followed by discussions with filmmakers.

Film Sections:

1. **Competition Section:**
 - Open to both Nepali and International films produced during 2023-2024.
 - Films must focus on at least one aspect of human rights and meet eligibility criteria.
 - Accepts fiction, documentaries, shorts, features, and experimental films.
 2. **Special Screening:**
 - For films addressing human rights that do not meet all competition criteria.
 - Includes non-competitive films by festival partners.
 3. **Yesteryears Eyes:**
 - Classics dealing with human rights issues.
 4. **Partners' Panorama:**
 - Showcases works from partner organizations, not recognized as official entries.
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Awards & Prizes:

- **Best Documentary (Nepal):** Trophy, Certificate of Achievement, and cash prize.
 - **Best Documentary (International):** Trophy, Certificate of Achievement, and cash prize.
 - **Best Fiction (Nepal):** Trophy, Certificate of Achievement, and cash prize.
 - **Best Fiction (International):** Trophy and Certificate of Achievement and cash prize.
 - **Best Woman Filmmaker (Nepal):** Trophy, Certificate of Achievement, and cash prize.
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Festival Policies:

1. **Eligibility Criteria:**
 - **Themes:** Must address human rights, social justice, democracy, or related issues.

- **Formats:** Features, shorts, documentaries, and experimental films are accepted.
 - **Production Date:** Priority for films produced within the past three years.
 - **Language:** Non-Nepali/English films must include English subtitles.
 - 2. **Submission Guidelines:**
 - Complete the official submission form.
 - Provide a downloadable link or hard copy for screening.
 - Include synopsis, filmmaker biography, and promotional materials.
 - 3. **Selection Process:**
 - Evaluated on thematic relevance, storytelling, technical quality, and originality.
 - An independent jury oversees selection.
 - 4. **Screening Policy:**
 - Films screened in compliance with copyright/licensing agreements.
 - Non-commercial public screening rights required for the festival duration.
 - Q&A sessions with selected filmmakers.
 - 5. **Financial Provisions:**
 - Travel costs to be covered by filmmakers.
 - A 5-night stay provided for guests.
 - No screening fees for selected films.
 - 6. **Workshops and Panels:**
 - Parallel sessions on filmmaking, storytelling, and human rights advocacy.
 - 7. **Code of Conduct:**
 - Zero-tolerance for discrimination, harassment, or violence.
 - Promotes cultural diversity, gender inclusivity, and ethical representation.
 - 8. **Environmental Responsibility:**
 - Commitment to eco-friendly practices: reducing plastic use, paperless communication, and sustainable waste management.
 - 9. **Promotion and Publicity:**
 - Selected films/filmmakers may feature in promotional materials with credit.
 - Collaborates with media, NGOs, and international organizations.
 - 10. **Amendments:**
 - Policies updated annually based on feedback and evolving practices.
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Objectives of HRFC and NHRFF:

- Promote human rights, social justice, and equality through films.
 - Provide a platform to showcase stories of resilience, activism, and social change.
 - Encourage dialogue on human rights issues locally and globally.
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About Human Rights Film Center (HRFC):

- **Established:** 2009

- **Founders:** Media professionals, journalists, and human rights activists.
 - **Activities:**
 - Organizing film festivals, workshops, and screenings.
 - Managing film fellowship programs and grassroots filmmaking workshops.
 - Conducting video advocacy initiatives.
 - Producing cinematic fiction and non-fiction films.
 - **Mission:** Amplify voices advocating for social justice and human rights.
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Important Reminder:

- The festival will be conducted in person.
- No screening fees for selected films.