



51ST CINEMATOGRAPHIC MEETING OF DIGNE-LES-BAINS

RULES OF THE INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM COMPETITION

Article 1: The international short film competition takes place during the festival entitled “51st Digne -les-Bains Film Festival”, which will take place from March 18 to April 1, 2025.

Article 2: The international short film competition concerns exclusively the **first fiction film** made *after* January 1, 2024 (except for exceptions). Documentaries and school films are not admitted. The duration of the film must not exceed 45 minutes. Foreign films must be subtitled in French.

Article 3: Registrations are made on the FilmFest platform at the following address: <http://www.filmfestplatform.com/>. The registration deadline is January 17, 2025.

Article 4: The selection of films will take place at the beginning of 2025. The list of selected films will be available on: <http://www.filmfestplatform.com/>, and on the website of the organizing association: www.rencontrescinedigne.com. The decisions of the Selection Committee are final and will not have to be justified.

Article 5: The festival will only cover the accommodation and transport tickets of the invited directors during the event according to the terms that will be communicated to them. The latter will intervene in schools in order to present their works and meet young audiences.

Article 6: Directors whose films are selected authorize, without compensation, the use of photographs or visual or sound extracts (3 minutes maximum) of their film for the purposes of promoting the work, the director or the festival, in all media: written press, radio, TV, internet.

Article 7: The short film competition will take place on **Tuesday, March 25, 2025** at the René Char Cultural Center in Digne-les-Bains, in the presence of four juries, and a jury from the “prevented” public. Five prizes will be awarded.

Article 8: The City of Digne-les-Bains Prize is set at 2,000 € (euros) for the director of the film designated by the jury of professionals, made up of at least five members. The Selection Committee may assist the jury without participating in the final vote. The Jury may refuse to award the prize if it considers by an absolute majority that none of the films presented deserves it.

Article 9: Four other prizes are awarded: the "Young Spectators' Prize", awarded by a jury of middle and high school students; the "Film Fans' Prize"; the "Audience Prize" as well as the "04/05 Prisons' Prize" awarded by a representative of the Penitentiary Integration and Probation Services. The PIPS vote is established as follows: the inmates of these penitentiary establishments watch the films on their internal broadcast channel, vote, then deliberate in order to elect the winning short film.

Article 10: The selected and awarded works will remain the property of the director or producer, as the case may be.

Article 11: The award-winning directors undertake to mention in their filmography the award received at the Digne-les-Bains Film Meeting.

Article 12: Registration for the festival implies acceptance of these regulations.

Article 13: In the event of a major problem beyond its control, the association organizing the Digne-les-Bains Cinematographic Meeting reserves the right to cancel the competition.

Organizing structure:

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