

REGULATIONS – INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

The 40th Uppsala Short Film Festival, 25-31 October 2021

1. The deadline for entry is May 31, 2021. Entries that arrive later than deadline will not be considered.
2. Short films of all genres with a running time of no more than 40 minutes are accepted for consideration.
3. Entries must have production year 2021 or 2020.
4. A film can be submitted only once, including if it's submitted as a work in progress. A work in progress should have an introductory still frame detailing the work still to be done.
5. Preview copies with other than English or Swedish dialogue/commentary must come with embedded subtitles in English, or they will not be considered.
6. Entry must be made via Shortfilmdepot or FilmFreeway. Entry of a film on either platform is binding and implies acceptance of these regulations.
7. The entry fee for the International Competition fluctuates according to the below levels. These fees do not include possible administrative fees charged by the submission platform.
 - Early bird fee (January, February): 9 euros
 - Regular fee (March, April): 11 euros
 - Late fee (May): 14 euros
8. All entries for the International Competition may be considered for the Children's Film Competition.
9. All preview copies and submitted entry information may be available for viewing in a video library by accredited industry guests.
10. All preview copies may be stored in the festival archive and used for research purposes.
11. Decisions regarding the selection of films will be reached by September 15, at which time a full list of the selected films will be published on the website.
12. The festival office do not have the possibility to answer questions about status of entries or progress of selection.
13. In case of selection, the festival reserves the right to use stills and excerpts from the films for promotional purposes, not exceeding 10 % of the running time, or a maximum of 3 minutes.
14. Entrants are not entitled to claim screening or rental fees for the screenings of their films in competition.
15. Eligible formats for screening copies of selected films to be screened during the festival is MP4 or .MOV file, h264 or ProRes 422 codec. It's important that the bitrate does not exceed 150 Mbit/s.
16. Screening copies with language/commentary other than English should have English subtitles. The subtitles must be embedded in the screening file. Separate .srt files are not permitted.
17. Screening copies of selected films must arrive at the festival office in Uppsala no later than October 9.
18. The awards for the International Competition are the following. The festival is recognised by

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences, BAFTA and The European Film Academy. All awards are subject to change without prior notice.

- The Uppsala Grand Prix (Uppsala Film Jackdaw and 50 000 SEK) The award goes to the director of the best film in the International Competition. The festival is recognised by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences and the winner of the Uppsala Grand Prix may qualify for the short films' Oscar®.
- The Uppsala Award in Memory of Ingmar Bergman, 50 000 SEK awarded by the Cultural Affairs Board in Uppsala. The award goes to a young and promising director who pushes the boundaries of film art.
- The Uppsala Short Film Candidate for the European Film Awards.
- The Audience Award.

19. The jury for the International Competition is appointed by the Uppsala Short Film Festival and is comprised of representatives from various fields of film industry.

20. In the event of the live festival being unable to go ahead due to extreme circumstances such as the COVID-19 crisis, the festival will take place online. Films will be screened on a password-protected VoD hub, geo-blocked to Sweden for public access, but available for all accredited international industry attendees. Selected filmmakers will be informed in advance of this change, and will have the opportunity to withdraw their film from selection if they so wish. In the event of withdrawal, submission fees will not be refunded.