

**BOGOTÁ SHORT FILM FESTIVAL /  
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# **REGULATIONS**



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## REGULATIONS

**1.** The goal of the **BOGOTÁ SHORT FILM FESTIVAL / FESTIVAL DE CORTOS DE BOGOTÁ - BOGOSHORTS** is to disseminate and promote short films whose aesthetic, technical and narrative quality sets them apart for greater distribution within the Colombian and international cultural and film sectors. The festival is conceived as a means to launch and promote the careers of directors seeking a greater impact for their audiovisual works in short format.

**2. THE EVENT.** The 18° **BOGOTÁ SHORT FILM FESTIVAL / FESTIVAL DE CORTOS DE BOGOTÁ - BOGOSHORTS**, will take place from **December 1 to 8, 2020**, in the city of Bogotá (Colombia).

### **3. COMPETITIVE SECTIONS.**

#### **- NATIONAL COMPETITION:**

Short films from Colombia, Colombian co-productions or short films directed by Colombian filmmakers, produced after January 1, 2019, with a maximum length of 30 minutes, are eligible to compete in the following categories: Fiction, Documentary, Animation, Experimental and Videoclip.

\* The winners of the Santa Lucía Award for Best Fiction, Best Documentary and Best Animation of the National Competition may be eligible for consideration for the Oscars® / Academy Awards®, in the corresponding season.

\* The winners of this competition will receive Santa Lucía statuettes and 1.000 USD will be distributed among the winners in the Best Fiction, Documentary, Animation, Experimental and Videoclip categories.

#### **- INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:**

Short films from all the countries in the world (excluding Colombia) produced after January 1, 2019, with a maximum length of 30 minutes, are eligible to compete in the following categories: Fiction, Documentary, Animation, Experimental and Videoclip.

\* The winners of this competition will receive Santa Lucía statuettes and 1.000 USD will be distributed among them.

#### **- F3 - FAN FREAK FANTASTIC COMPETITION:**

Horror, sci-fi, fantasy, or related genre short films (black comedy, crime, magic realism, action, suspense, superhero films, etc.) from all the countries in the world, produced after January 1, 2019, with a maximum length of 30 minutes, are eligible to this competition.

#### **- VR COMPETITION (Virtual Reality):**

Fiction, Documentary, Animation, Experimental short films and Videoclips produced in 360°, in 2D or 3D, produced after January 1, 2019, with a maximum length of 30 minutes, from all the countries in the world (including Colombia), are eligible to this competition.

**- COLLECTIONS COMPETITION - AUDIENCE AWARD:**

All submitted films are susceptible to be selected in the Collections Competition of the festival, having a chance to win the BOGOSHORTS Audience Award.

**- CONNECTION - SPECIAL AWARD:**

All submitted films are susceptible to be selected in the Connection section, specialized in short films from Ibero-American countries, having a chance to win a Special Award delivered by a jury of film students.

**Considerations.**

- **Premiere in Colombia is mandatory to participate in any of the competitions;** the short films must not have had any public exhibition in the Colombian territory. The premiere status will be verified during the selection process. The organization of the festival considers that this rule doesn't apply to the films screened in the activities of the BOGOSHORTS Movement. The organization reserves the right to consider specific cases.

- **About Colombian productions:** Colombian short films are defined as those with the required quota of national economic, technical and artistic participation established by Colombian film legislation. However, the festival will have the autonomy to include a short film in the National Competition that does not meet these requirements if the festival considers that the work of the director, other chiefs of department or actors, deserves to be in competition. **Every short film from Colombia, Colombian co-productions or short films directed by Colombian filmmakers must be submitted to the NATIONAL COMPETITION,** except Virtual Reality short films, which must be submitted to the VR Competition. The festival's Selection Committee can include horror, science fiction or fantasy Colombian short films in the F3 - Fan Freak Fantastic Competition.

- All the submitted films, not selected in the previous competitions, are susceptible to be selected in other informative - noncompetitive sections in the festival, like the Colombian Panorama, International Animation Panorama, Specials, chiquISHORTS, among others.

- The Official Selection for the competitions will be revealed at the **NIGHT OF THE REVELATION**, which will take place on **Tuesday October 27, 2020**.

- All Fiction, Documentary, Animation and Experimental short films produced in Ibero-American countries (excluding Portugal), by filmmakers from Ibero- American countries or in co-production with these countries, submitted to the different Official Competitions of the 18° Bogotá Short Film Festival - BOGOSHORTS, that fully comply with the Regulations of the call for entries, will be included in the **BFM - BOGOSHORTS Film Market Videolibrary 2020** (see number 6 for more information).

**4. REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMISSION.**

a. All entries must be made through the ShortFilmDepot platform ([www.shortfilmdepot.com](http://www.shortfilmdepot.com)) between **April 9 and August 6, 2020**. These are the established dates for every year, giving their historical importance for the city that hosts the festival: April 9 is a date known as the Bogotazo, due to the events that transformed Colombia since that day in 1948; and on August 6, the city celebrates the date of its foundation in 1538.

b. Deadlines and fees (fees):

**Early deadline**, from April 9 to June 7, 2019:

- **Free** for the National Competition, F3 - Fan Freak Fantastic Competition and VR Competition.
- **5 USD** for the International Competition.

**Final deadline**, from June 8 to August 6, 2020:

- **Free** for the National Competition and VR Competition.
- **5 USD** for the F3 - Fan Freak Fantastic Competition.
- **10 USD** for the International Competition.

All films must pay the service fee (stamp) of the ShortFilmDepot platform.

c. The festival will **NOT** receive submissions out of the ShortFilmDepot platform, or exhibition copies for the pre-selection process on DVD, Blu-ray and other physical media, without exceptions.

d. Short films that have been published on the Internet will **NOT** be accepted (there will be a verification in the selection process). Videoclips should not meet this requirement.

e. The festival will **NOT** receive films submitted to previous editions of the Bogotá Short Film Festival - BOGOSHORTS.

f. A director, producer or distribution company **can submit** more than one (1) short film.

g. For the pre-selection process, the short films should have subtitles in Spanish or English in the case of not being spoken in one of these languages. For the festival's screenings, selected short films spoken in Spanish must have English subtitles; those spoken in English must have Spanish subtitles; and short films not spoken in Spanish or English, must be subtitled in both languages. The producers are committed to deliver the subtitled screening copy as necessary.

**h. Exclusive requirements for the VR Competition (Virtual Reality):**

These are the technical details of the pre-selection screening copies to upload to the ShortFilmDepot platform:

**2D VR short films - 360°**

- File format: H264 Codec - .MP4
- Image size: Full HD (1920x1080)
- Bitrate: 5 Mbps to 10 Mbps
- Maximum file size: 2GB
- Subtitles in Spanish or English burned in the image, if not spoken in those languages.

**3D VR short films - 360°**

- File format: H264 Codec - .MP4
- Image format:
  - \*Full top and bottom - Image size: 2880x2880
  - \*Half side by side - Image size: 3840x1920
- Bitrate: 5 Mbps to 10 Mbps
- Maximum file size: 2GB
- Subtitles in Spanish or English burned in the image, if not spoken in those languages.

i. **Exclusive requirement for Colombian short films:** It is required for the submission to any of the Official Competitions of Colombian short films, co-produced with Colombia or directed by Colombians filmmakers, besides making the submission on the platform, to send the following materials to the e-mail [bogoshorts@lbv.co](mailto:bogoshorts@lbv.co) through WeTransfer, Drive, or other storage platforms:

1. At least 5 pictures (Stills / Photographs) of the short film with a minimum resolution of 300 DPI, TIFF or JPG format.
2. 1 photograph of the director with a minimum resolution of 300 DPI, TIFF or JPG format.
3. Poster for the film with a minimum resolution of 300 DPI, TIFF or JPG format.
4. Trailer for the film (best quality available).
5. Text document (Word - **NOT PDF**) with:
  - Short synopsis (Spanish and English).
  - Technical and artistic information (Country and year of production, length, color or B/W, original language, cast and crew).
  - Profile of the director, one (1) page max. (Spanish and English).
  - Name of the photographer of the short film's photo or still, director's photo, and the name of the poster's designer.
  - Link to the film's trailer (if available).
  - Link to website or accounts in social networks for the short film (if available).
  - Contact info (name and e-mail).
6. Optional materials: Press book, score, making of (photographs or video), among others (if available).

j. Selected short films must send their final screening copies for the festival in DCP (preferred), Apple ProRes 444, Apple ProRes 422 (HQ) or Apple ProRes 422 formats. More information on the technical needs of the exhibition copies, and the characteristics of the copies of the short films of the VR Competition, will be communicated with the selection.

**5. AWARDS.** The festival's official statuette will be awarded to the winners of the COMPETITIVE SECTIONS in the following categories:

#### NATIONAL COMPETITION

- SANTA LUCÍA FOR **BEST FICTION SHORT FILM**
- SANTA LUCÍA FOR **BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT FILM**
- SANTA LUCÍA FOR **BEST ANIMATION SHORT FILM**
- SANTA LUCÍA FOR **BEST EXPERIMENTAL SHORT FILM**
- SANTA LUCÍA FOR **BEST VIDEOCLIP**
- SANTA LUCÍA FOR **BEST DIRECTION**
- SANTA LUCÍA FOR **BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY**
- SANTA LUCÍA FOR **BEST SCREENPLAY**
- SANTA LUCÍA FOR **BEST FILM EDITING**
- SANTA LUCÍA FOR **BEST ART DIRECTION**
- SANTA LUCÍA FOR **BEST SOUND DESIGN**
- SANTA LUCÍA FOR **BEST ORIGINAL MUSIC**
- SANTA LUCÍA FOR **BEST LEADING ACTOR**
- SANTA LUCÍA FOR **BEST LEADING ACTRESS**
- SANTA LUCÍA FOR **BEST POSTER**

The winners of the Santa Lucía Award for Best Fiction, Best Documentary and Best Animation of the National Competition may be eligible for consideration for the Oscars® / Academy Awards®, in the corresponding season.

1.000 USD will be distributed among the winners of the Best Fiction, Documentary, Animation, Experimental and Videoclip categories.

#### INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

- SANTA LUCÍA FOR **BEST FICTION SHORT FILM**
- SANTA LUCÍA FOR **BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT FILM**
- SANTA LUCÍA FOR **BEST ANIMATION SHORT FILM**
- SANTA LUCÍA FOR **BEST EXPERIMENTAL SHORT FILM**
- SANTA LUCÍA FOR **BEST VIDEOCLIP**

1.000 USD will be distributed among the winners of this competition.

#### F3 - FAN FREAK FANTASTIC COMPETITION

- SANTA LUCÍA FOR **BEST F3 SHORT FILM**

#### VR COMPETITION (Virtual Reality)

- SANTA LUCÍA FOR **BEST VR SHORT FILM**

The jury will be able to deliver additional awards.

#### COLLECTIONS COMPETITION - AUDIENCE AWARD

The public will be able to vote for their favorite short film on each of the programs in the Collections Competition. The short film with the most votes will receive the **BOGOSHORTS AUDIENCE AWARD**.

#### CONNECTION - SPECIAL AWARD

The Connection section highlights short films made by filmmakers from Ibero-American countries with the aim of generating creative and co-production connections with the Colombian film industry. A jury made up of film students will deliver the **CONNECTION SPECIAL AWARD** to one of the selected works.

Directors and producers of the short films selected in the NATIONAL COMPETITION will vote to award the SANTA LUCÍA FOR **BEST COLOMBIAN FEATURE FILM OF THE YEAR** to a feature film released in Colombia in 2020.

The organization of the Bogotá Short Film Festival - BOGOSHORTS reserves the right to declare void or eliminate any category or include additional categories.

**6. BFM - BOGOSHORTS FILM MARKET VIDEOLIBRARY.** The BFM - BOGOSHORTS Film Market is a section created to strengthen and qualify the different actors of the audiovisual sector whose special interest is content in short formats, providing creation, training and networking strategies. Between 2013 and 2016 this section of the Bogotá Short Film Festival - BOGOSHORTS was called BOGOSHORTS work in progress, and in 2017 it was transformed into the BFM - BOGOSHORTS Film Market, with the purpose of becoming a window of greater scope for the positioning of the short film and other short formats in the local and regional industry. It seeks to encourage the construction of networks for the production, diffusion and commercial distribution of these contents in Colombia and Latin America, connecting new filmmakers with different actors of the industry. The 4th edition of the BFM - BOGOSHORTS Film Market will take place within the 18° Bogotá Short Film Festival - BOGOSHORTS.

The BFM - BOGOSHORTS Film Market will have a videolibrary that will provide exclusive access to buyers, distributors and other actors of the film industry participating and accredited in the BFM, to Ibero-American productions in short format, including short films and web series.

a. **Short films:** All Fiction, Documentary, Animation and Experimental short films produced in Ibero-American countries (excluding Portugal), by filmmakers from Ibero-American countries or in co-production with these countries, **submitted** to the different Official Competitions of the 18° Bogotá Short Film Festival - BOGOSHORTS, that fully comply with the Regulations of the call for entries, **will be included in the BFM Videolibrary 2020**. Additional registration or payment will not be necessary. **Filmmakers who do not want** their short film to be included in the videolibrary, will be able to check this option in the registration process on the ShortFilmDepot platform or request it by sending an email to [bogoshorts@lbv.co](mailto:bogoshorts@lbv.co) after submitting.

b. **Submission of web series (episodes):** Filmmakers interested in offering web series in the BFM - BOGOSHORTS Film Market Videolibrary, must submit their productions by episode in the 18° Bogotá Short Film Festival - BOGOSHORTS call for entries through the ShortFilmDepot platform, in the exclusive category **WEB SERIES EPISODES - BFM VIDEOLIBRARY (NON-COMPETITIVE SECTION)**.

The producers of the web series can submit as many episodes of the series as they wish, as long as they make an entry per episode and pay the ShortFilmDepot's service fee (stamp) to send the digital copy of the film to the festival through the platform. The festival suggests to submit the pilot episode of the series or the one that best represents the quality and characteristics of the series. Only works produced in Ibero-American countries (excluding Portugal), by filmmakers from Ibero-American countries or in co-production with these countries, after January 1, 2018, will be accepted, with a maximum duration of 30 minutes in the genres of Fiction, Documentary, Animation and Experimental. The same director, producer or distribution company can register more than one (1) episode of a web series, and episodes of more than one (1) web series.

- Only short films and web series (episodes) produced in Ibero-American countries (excluding Portugal), by filmmakers from Ibero-American countries or in co-production with these countries will be considered: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Spain, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Uruguay, Venezuela.

- The short films and episodes of web series will be shown in personal and private stations, never in public venues. Participation in the videolibrary does not grant any award or certification from the festival.

- Productions that include pornographic material, or contents that incite violence or discrimination based on origin, race, gender or religion will not be accepted. Neither will be accepted works of a promotional or institutional nature, made to promote a specific organization or its activities. The organization reserves the right to exclude from the videolibrary any content that it considers inappropriate to be on this platform.

**7. SCREENING RIGHTS AND COPYRIGHTS.** The directors, producers and/or distributors of the short films selected accept the screening of their works during the festival, without incurring in the payment of a fee for the screening rights by the organization. All promotional materials (pictures and text) will be used in media campaigns without incurring in any kind of copyright infringement on behalf of the festival's organization. The producers and/or directors of the selected short films shall allow the organization to use up to 3 minutes of footage and audio from films to promote the event in audiovisual media and other promotional activities related to the promotion of the Bogotá Short Film Festival - BOGOSHORTS. The organization commits to using a maximum of 15%, of short films with a length of less than 5 minutes.

**8. BOGOSHORTS *ruta Colombia* and BOGOSHORTS *world tour*.** All of the Colombian films submitted to the festival may be included in **BOGOSHORTS *ruta Colombia*** and **BOGOSHORTS *world tour*** by the **BOGOSHORTS Movement**, programs designed to increase the recognition of Colombian short films in different regions of Colombia and around the world. These screenings may be included in special audiovisual events such as festivals or exhibition programs. Prior approval from the producers of the short films will be sought before any screening.

**9. BOGOSHORTS *sessions* and other activities of the BOGOSHORTS Movement.**

The producers and distributors of the short films **winners** in the different competitive sections agree to the inclusion of their works in the programming of a screening cycle of **Winners of the 18° Bogotá Short Film Festival - BOGOSHORTS** that will be made as part of **BOGOSHORTS *sessions*** at Cine Tonalá Bogotá and **BOGOSHORTS *especial Cinemateca*** at Cinemateca Distrital (Bogotá), nonprofit exhibition events, between January and March, 2021.

All submitted films will be eligible to be included in the continuous exhibition activities of the **BOGOSHORTS Movement**, a program that offers nonprofit screening events throughout the year in different venues in Bogotá, Colombia and around the world. Prior approval from producers will be sought before including their work in these programs.

**10. BOGOSHORTS *memoria*.** Unless prior agreement, all the copies of submitted short film and promotional materials provided, will enter the festival's program for the preservation and conservation of audiovisual heritage: **BOGOSHORTS *memoria***. Materials in this archive will not be in any case exhibited without previous knowledge and authorization of their producers. The goal of **BOGOSHORTS *memoria*** is to preserve all audiovisual and correlated content around short films.

**11. Privacy Policy.** The directors, producers and distributors of all the submitted short films, with the agreement to this regulations, authorize the organization of the Bogotá Short Film Festival - BOGOSHORTS, the treatment of their personal data according to the privacy policies established under the parameters of the Law 1581 of 2012 of Personal Data Protection in Colombia and in compliance of the provisions of the article 10 of the Decree 1377 of 2013, regulatory of the Law 1581 of 2012.

The personal information given to the Bogotá Short Film Festival - BOGOSHORTS as part of the submission to the call for entries, may be processed, recollected, storage, used, circulated, suppressed, shared, updated and/or transmitted, according to the terms and conditions of the privacy policies established by these societies, as applicable, mainly for promotional, commercial, administrative and contact purposes, and in general, for communication processes related to the promotion of the Bogotá Short Film Festival - BOGOSHORTS , the BOGOSHORTS Movement and the activities related to cinema organized by Laboratorios Black Velvet, the festival's production company.

In conformity to the procedures contained in the Law 1581 of 2012 and the Decree 1377 of 2013, individuals will be able to exercise their right to know, update, rectify and suppress their personal data sending their request to the e-mail: [bogoshorts@lbv.co](mailto:bogoshorts@lbv.co).



**12.** The organization may withdraw at any time a short film that fails to comply with these Regulations. In addition, any misrepresentation of information provided may end in the film's elimination from the Official Selection or any other section (if the film has been selected) and the producers and/or directors shall be responsible for any legal implications.

**13.** The submission to the call for entries of the 18° Bogotá Short Film Festival - BOGOSHORTS implies full acceptance of these Regulations. The festival's organization has the competence of the interpretation of these Regulations.

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