



LA GUARIMBA CALL FOR ENTRIES 2024

La Guarimba is a film festival and a cultural organisation situated in the southern Italian region of Calabria with the aim of bringing the cinema back to the people and the people back to the cinema.

We work with cinema and illustration using culture as a vehicle to promote our values of participatory democracy, integration and accessibility.

Guarimba, in venezuelan indigenous language, means “safe place”.

1. WHEN AND WHERE

-The 12th edition of La Guarimba International Film Festival will be held from 7th to 12th August 2024 in Amantea, Calabria, the wildest region of Italy.

2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Call for entries for Fiction, Animation, Documentary, Music Videos, Experimental and La Grotta dei Piccoli Children's Animation is open.
- Short films of any nationality and language can participate.
- All themes are allowed.
- The maximum length will be 30 minutes (including credits).
- Only those films produced after January 1st of 2022 will be accepted.
- All formats will be accepted.
- There are no limits to the number of entries a filmmaker may enter, but these have to be submitted separately.

3. SUBMISSION FEES AND DATES

EARLY DEADLINE: September 30th of 2023

REGULAR DEADLINE: March 10th of 2024

LATE DEADLINE: March 31st of 2024

THE FEES:



FICTION

REGULAR FEE: €15

LATE FEE: €30

ANIMATION

REGULAR FEE: €15

LATE FEE: €30

DOCUMENTARY

REGULAR FEE: €15

LATE FEE: €30

MUSIC VIDEOS

REGULAR FEE: €10

LATE FEE: €30

INSOMNIA – EXPERIMENTAL

REGULAR FEE: €15

LATE FEE: €30

LA GROTTA DEI PICCOLI – Children's

Animation

REGULAR FEE: €10

LATE FEE: €30

-We are not accepting submissions by post or email.

-Any short films that do not meet the requirements will not be accepted.

-You are only considered for the category you submit your film to. If you submit your film in the wrong category, please contact us to make the change.

-You can submit your film to more than one category.

4. SELECTION PROCESS

-Around 100 films will be selected to be screened at the festival and will be part of the following competitions: Fiction, Animation, Documentary, Music Videos and INSOMNIA – Experimental.

-In partnership with UNICEF ITALIA we will create La Grotta dei Piccoli Children's Animation program.

-Selected filmmakers will be contacted via mail.



-Those short films that have been selected cannot leave the contest and they have to provide:

- Clean Screener (without subtitles burned-in) in Apple ProRes 422 (HQ recommend), 1920 x 1080, 48 kHz 24-bit audio, .mov wrapper. Image: Please make sure that your film does not open/finish with a colour bar or extended blackness.
- Subtitles file (.srt) or dialogue list in English and Italian (The festival will help with the Italian subtitles if the participants provide an English or Spanish subtitles file in .srt or a dialogue list).

-The festival will not accept PenDrives and will not return any screener.

-Selected shorts are committed to using the selection laurel logo from La Guarimba International Film Festival.

-The festival will notify if your film is not selected using the platforms Filmfreeway and/or Withoutabox. Participants will find a selected list on our website, in the Italian press, in social networks and we will send by email a newsletter with all the information. We recommend you to subscribe it.

-The festival will invite and provide hosting and food to all the directors in the official competition. The festival does not cover travel expenses.

5. THE JURY

-The jury will include professionals from the cinema world, television, media, teaching and there will be always be a filmmaker.

-The juries decision will be irrevocable.

-The jury is committed to giving away the following prizes:



€800 + Trophy



€300 + Trophy



Trophy



Trophy

*The programmers of the festival give away an award to the best film



Trophy



€800 + Trophy



€800 + Trophy



€300 + Trophy



Trophy

*An award given by Nonna Saveria, the grandma of the festival

*Not selected animation films are still eligible for La Grotta dei Piccoli program, a children's program in partnership with UNICEF ITALIA. But you can also participate in this category.

-The awards will be given away at La Guarimba International Film Festival's closure.

-Award winners that are NOT present will have their award(s) shipped to them at the festival's expense.

6. MATERIAL AND RIGHTS

-All copies presented in this contest will not be returned and will be part of the contest archive and private video library. Directors may request the removal of the film in our video library and in our tour. Every year we organize La Guarimba On Tour showcasing the films in competition in other cities. La Guarimba Film Festival is committed to exclusively use these copies for cultural purposes and never in a commercial way.

NOTE: If you don't want that your film take part in our tour, just tell at the moment you are selected and we will just take it off the tour. No biggies.

7. REGULATIONS ACCEPTANCE

-By submitting, the participants agree to all regulations set out in these guidelines. Producers, distributors and other people or organizations submitting a film must ensure that any third parties connected to the production agree to its participation in the festival.

8. INFORMATION

If you still have any doubts, please contact us at info@laguarimba.com