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OFFICIAL REGULATION ITALIAN SHORT FILM COMPETITION

Organizers

Corto Dorico is co-organized by Nie Wiem and the Ancona City Council, with the support of Marche Region and MiC – Italian Ministry of Culture.

Corto Dorico is a member of AFIC – Italian Association of Cinema Festivals.

The XXI Edition of the Corto Dorico Festival will be held in Ancona from November 30th to December 8th 2024.

ITALIAN SHORT FILM COMPETITION

The primary goal of the Corto Dorico Film Festival is to present an overview of the Italian short film world and its authors. The main mission of the festival is to scout, promote and support new points of views, poetics and film concepts. From classic narrative to experimental forms, from documentaries to animation and so forth, Corto Dorico is cinema without discrimination of genre and format.

The Stamira Prize for Best Short Film is purposely dedicated to a local woman who, in 1173, gave her own life to save Ancona's independence from the Emperor Barbarossa's besieging of the city. The prize will be awarded by a jury composed of distinguished individuals among the brightest and untamed souls of Italian Cinema.

The strong focus and founding work carried out by Nie Wiem with several local communities is also manifested by the annual *Nie Wiem Award* for *Best Short Film of Social Commitment*.

Film Registration rules and regulations.

- 1. Each participant is allowed to submit <u>up to two (2) works</u>.
- <u>The Italian Short Film Competition</u> is open to submissions of short films in Italian language directed by Italian citizens, residents, or individuals domiciled in Italy (Italian or non-Italian); Italian citizens, resident or domiciled abroad (submitting films in a different language other than Italian) may also apply. Non-Italian citizens (resident or domiciled outside of Italy) can also submit a film as long as it has been shot in Italian language.
- 3. <u>**To be considered for selection**</u> the submitted works must meet the following requirements:
- a) they must be no longer than 30' (*including* titles);
- b) they must have been completed after January 1st, 2023;
- c) they must not have been selected as <u>finalists or semi-finalist</u> in previous editions of Corto Dorico competitions;
- d) industrial or commercial films are not accepted.

Failure to comply with the requirements of the aforementioned a), b), c), and d) points will result in the exclusion from the competition and the non-reimbursement of the registration fee.

4. The payment of an **entry fee** is required to be allowed to participate.

- € 8,00 (eight euros/00) for the Earlybird Deadline

- € 10,00 (ten euros/00) for the Regular Deadline

- € 20,00 (twenty euro/00) for the Late Deadline

The payment of the fee entitles directors to submit up to 2 (two) short films and **does not change** if only one film is submitted.

If the submitter is a film producer and/or a distributor, they will be required to pay as many fees as the submitted works, if they are each by different directors. If the producer and/or distributor submits more works done by the same director (respecting the maximum limit of two works per author) they will be entitled to the payment of only one fee per pair of films.

Entries should be submitted starting from the 7^{th} of June 2024 and only through the following platform where submitters will be able to pay the entry fee.

https://filmfreeway.com/Corto_Dorico

Earlybird Deadline: no later than midnight, 5th of July 2024

Regular Deadline: no later than midnight, 13th of September 2024

Late Deadline: no later than midnight, 4th of October 2024

- 5. Upon registration, all of the fields which comprise the submission form must be filled in (personal data, contacts, bio, synopsis, film stills, director's portrait).
- 6. The works submitted for the **Italian Short Film Competition** in a foreign language must always be subtitled in Italian.
- 7. Accepted formats: mpg4 / Quicktime Apple ProRes HQ / H264. Resolution: 1920 x 1080 pixel or 2048x1080

General Rules.

a. Incomplete or illegible submitted copies will not be considered for selection.

b. Filmmakers and/or producers and/or distributors are responsible for the content of their works. By entering the competition they automatically acknowledge that they have fulfilled any obligations towards third parties, including royalties, copyright image rights, brands and patents for industrial inventions; they must ensure and declare that the work does not contain defamatory content. In any case the participant releases the organization from all liability, from any and all losses, damages, costs, charges and expenses whatsoever that may be incurred due to the content of the work and of its public screening.

c. These regulations have been formulated in Italian and English. In case of dispute, the Italian language version will be final.

d. The submitted works will not be returned and will become part of the archives of Nie Wiem. They will eventually be shown for non-profit cultural and educational purposes. The Organization reserves the right to show the submitted short films for future events with the obligation to cite the source and inform the authors or right holders.

e. The payment of the awards' prize money will be delivered around 120 days after the end of the event.

AWARDS FOR THE 2024 EDITION

Among the short films submitted, the Nie Wiem Artistic Committee will select the finalists short film programme which will be presented on the closing night of the festival (**December 7th, 2024**). The Committee will also select the semi- finalists short film programme which will be screened during two events called "Corto Slam". After each event, the audience will vote for their choice of best short film. The winners of each Corto Slam semi-final will join the finalist film programme on December 7th 2023. Among these, the 2024 Jury will select the winner of the *Stamira Award for the Best Short Film*. Other prizes will also be awarded, as selected by the partners of Corto Dorico, both long-standing and new.

The total prize money for the 2024 edition will be €6,000.

<u>The awards of the 21th edition of Corto Dorico will be announced and</u> <u>delivered during the Festival's final ceremony (December 7th, 2024)</u> <u>and they will be preceded by the screening of the finalist short films.</u>

As per tradition of the Corto Dorico Film Festival, since its inception, the event has been directed not only as a means for presenting the works of single authors but also as an opportunity that strives to support the discussion between authors, members of the jury and the public, providing a venue where all can meet and exchange and compare experiences. Thus, the finalists of the Italian Short Film Competition should be present during the screenings and awards ceremonies. The presence of the author (or, <u>in exceptional circumstances</u>, of a delegate member of the cast or crew) whose work is selected as a finalist is essential for the prize money to be assigned to its recipients, should their work win any of the awards in the competition (notwithstanding, the nominal title of winner of the prize will not be lost and remain valid). The Festival will provide to cover room and board expenses for each of the finalist short films' authors.