

!F ISTANBUL INTERNATIONAL INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL PROGRAM REGULATION

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1. GENERAL

WHO IS !F?

Since 2002, !f Istanbul International Independent Film Festival believes that it is possible to bring together newborn perspectives from all over the world, and the possibility of producing and watching a new film as a result of the mutual learning process.

Bringing together 85,000 filmmakers every year in Istanbul, Ankara and Izmir, !f advocates the independence of the essence, the wisdom of the newborn, the unity of diversity, and combines independent cinema beyond cities and countries with its beyond-borders approach.

DATES

!f Istanbul International Independent Film Festival will be held from September 13, 2019 to September 22, 2019.

JURY

One jury committee will be formed for each competition section within the scope of the !f Istanbul International Independent Film Festival. Each committee will consist of five members. This committee will be composed of national and international film professionals. The members of the committee must not be involved in the team of the films in the sections where they perform their jury duties, or not engage in any promotional activities related to the film.

2. PROGRAM

!f Istanbul International Independent Film Festival program consists of Competition Sections and Non-Competitive Selections. The program is organized under the coordination of the programming team. Film admission is carried out by invitation and application.

Competition Section

!f Inspired International Competition

Inhouse National Competition

Shorts From Turkey National Competition

Non-Competitive Selections

!f Galas

!f Documentary

What !f

!f Rainbow

!f Generation

!f Kids

!f Dark & Edgy

!f Cult

!f Cholic

!f Legends

2.1. COMPETITION SELECTIONS

!f Inspired International Competition

- !f Inspired is the international competition section where the applications of directors who film their first or second feature-length fiction or animated films are accepted.
- Films with a minimum duration of 60 (sixty) minutes can participate in the competition.
- Applications will be accepted until June 25, 2019.
- For films to apply for the competition, no premiere requirement is sought. However, the films that commit to have their Istanbul premiere at the !f Istanbul International Independent Film Festival will be preferred.
- Films that have previously been shown on any national TV channel, or that have been sold through BluRay, DVD, VCD, Video on Demand (VOD) etc. that can be viewed on the internet cannot participate in the competition.
- Films completed after January 2018 and films that have not applied to the !f Istanbul International Independent Film Festival previously can participate in the competition.
- In the application, films in their original language must have English subtitles.
- The film link and password specified in the application form must be valid until August 20, 2019.
- Films that have not completed the application form will not be evaluated.
- “The Best Film” to be determined by the Jury of !f Inspired, consisting of international film professionals, will be awarded US \$10,000. (The financial award will be shared equally between the director and the producer of the winning film.)

Inhouse Competition

- If the films that apply to the national competition are produced in Turkey, or they are a co-production film, the main producer legal person must be subject to the laws of the Republic of Turkey and be resident in Turkey.
- Films with a minimum duration of 60 (sixty) minutes can participate in the competition.
- Fiction and animated films will be admitted.
- Applications will be accepted until June 25, 2019.
- For films to apply for the competition, no premiere requirement is sought. However, the films that commit to have their Istanbul premiere at the If Istanbul International Independent Film Festival will be preferred.
- Films that have previously been shown on any national TV channel, or that have been sold through BluRay, DVD, VCD, etc., that can be viewed on the internet, and whose Video on Demand (VOD) rights used cannot participate in the competition.
- Films completed after January 2018 and films that have not applied to the If Istanbul International Independent Film Festival previously can participate in the competition.
- In the application, films in their original language must have English subtitles.
- The film link and password specified in the application form must be valid until August 20, 2019.
- Films that have not completed the application form will not be evaluated.
- “The Best Inhouse Film” to be determined by the Inhouse Jury, consisting of international film professionals, will be awarded 100,000.

Shorts from Turkey

- Shorts from Turkey section consists of two categories: the National Student Short Film Competition and the National Short Film Competition.
- Fiction, animation, experimental and documentary films that are not longer than 20 (twenty) minutes including generic can apply.
- Applications will be accepted until June 25, 2019..
- For films to apply for the competition, no premiere requirement is sought. However, the films that commit to have their Istanbul premiere at the If Istanbul International Independent Film Festival will be preferred.
- Films that have previously been shown on any national TV channel, or that have been sold through BluRay, DVD, VCD, etc., that can be viewed on the internet, that have come to theaters in Turkey, and whose Video on Demand (VOD) rights used cannot participate in the competition.
- Films completed after January 2018 and films that have not applied to the If Istanbul International Independent Film Festival previously can participate in the competition.

- Applicants of the National Student Short Film Competition Category are required to be associate or undergraduate students at the time of filming. This must be presented with a document to be taken from the related department secretary or school.
- Films applying to the National Short Film Competition cannot apply to the National Student Short Film Competition.
- In the application, films in their original language must have English subtitles.
- The film link and password specified in the application form must be valid until August 20, 2019.
- Films that have not completed the application form will not be evaluated.
- “The Best National Student Short Film” and “The Best National Short Film” to be determined by the Jury of Shorts from Turkey will be awarded 5,000 each.

2.2. NON-COMPETITIVE SELECTIONS

Sections where Films are Admitted with Invitation and Application

!f Galas

- !f Galas is the selection including international films whose Istanbul premiere is to be held at the !f Istanbul International Independent Film Festival.
- The films to take part in the !f Galas selection will be determined by the invitation of the Programming team and/or by application.
- Fiction, animation, experimental and documentary films can be included in the !f Galas section.
- Films that have previously been shown on any national TV channel, or that have been sold through BluRay, DVD, VCD, etc., that can be viewed on the internet, that have come to theaters in Turkey, and whose Video on Demand (VOD) rights used cannot participate in the !f Galas section.
- Films with a minimum duration of 60 (sixty) minutes can participate in the !f Galas section.
- Applications will be accepted until June 25, 2019.
- In the application, films in their original language must have English subtitles.
- The film link and password specified in the application form must be valid until August 20, 2019.
- Films that have not completed the application form will not be evaluated.

!f Documentary

- It is the selection of international films in the documentary genre.
- The films to take part in the !f Documentary selection will be determined by the invitation of the Programming team and/or by application.
- Films that have previously been shown on any national TV channel, or that have been sold through BluRay, DVD, VCD, etc., that can be viewed on the internet, that have

come to theaters in Turkey, and whose Video on Demand (VOD) rights used cannot participate in the !f Documentary section.

- Films with a minimum duration of 60 (sixty) minutes can participate in the !f Documentary section.
- Applications will be accepted until June 25, 2019.
- In the application, films in their original language must have English subtitles.
- The film link and password specified in the application form must be valid until August 20, 2019.
- Films that have not completed the application form will not be evaluated.

What !f

- It is the selection of international experimental and interactive films.
- The films to take part in the What !f selection will be determined by the invitation of the Programming team and/or by application.
- Films that have previously been shown on any national TV channel, or that have been sold through BluRay, DVD, VCD, etc., that can be viewed on the internet, that have come to theaters in Turkey, and whose Video on Demand (VOD) rights used cannot participate in the What !f section.
- Films with a minimum duration of 60 (sixty) minutes can participate in the What !f section.
- Applications will be accepted until June 25, 2019.
- In the application, films in their original language must have English subtitles.
- The film link and password specified in the application form must be valid until August 20, 2019.
- Films that have not completed the application form will not be evaluated.

!f Rainbow

- It is the selection of international films with LGBTQ+ themes.
- The films to take part in the !f Rainbow selection will be determined by the invitation of the Programming team and/or by application.
- Films that have previously been shown on any national TV channel, or that have been sold through BluRay, DVD, VCD, etc., that can be viewed on the internet, that have come to theaters in Turkey, and whose Video on Demand (VOD) rights used cannot participate in the !f Rainbow section.
- Films with a minimum duration of 60 (sixty) minutes can participate in the !f Rainbow section.
- Applications will be accepted until June 25, 2019.
- In the application, films in their original language must have English subtitles.

- The film link and password specified in the application form must be valid until August 20, 2019.
- Films that have not completed the application form will not be evaluated.

!f Dark & Edgy

- It is the selection of international films in horror and thriller genres.
- The films to take part in the !f Dark & Edgy selection will be determined by the invitation of the Programming team and/or by application.
- Films that have previously been shown on any national TV channel, or that have been sold through BluRay, DVD, VCD, etc., that can be viewed on the internet, that have come to theaters in Turkey, and whose Video on Demand (VOD) rights used cannot participate in the !f Dark & Edgy section.
- Films with a minimum duration of 60 (sixty) minutes can participate in the !f Dark & Edgy section.
- Applications will be accepted until June 25, 2019.
- In the application, films in their original language must have English subtitles.
- The film link and password specified in the application form must be valid until August 20, 2019.
- Films that have not completed the application form will not be evaluated.

Sections Admitting Films with Invitation

!f Cholic

- It is the selection of new films of the directors who have participated in !f Istanbul International Independent Film Festival in previous years.
- !f Cholic selection films are admitted by invitation only.

!f Cult

- It is the selection of newborn cult films and cult films that managed to remain new in the history of world cinema.
- !f Cult selection films are admitted by invitation only.

!f Legends

- It is a selection of legendary national films of the period.
- !f Legends selection films are admitted by invitation only.

!f Generation

- It is two distinct selections including international films for young audiences aged 13-15 and 15-18.

- If Generation selection films are admitted by invitation only.

!f Kids

- It is a selection of international films for children under 13 years of age.
- If Kids selection films are admitted by invitation only.

3. SELECTED AND INVITED FILMS

- The accepted display format is DCP.
- The invited films must complete the registration form, to be sent by the festival committee, and send it to the committee by June 25, 2019. By submitting this form completed in full, to the festival committee, the film owner declares that the invitation is officially accepted.
- Selected/Invited films cannot be withdrawn from the festival after they have been formally approved by the producer, the distribution company and the right holder.
- The invitation to the selected/invited films must remain confidential between the Festival management and the participant until the official announcement is made by the Festival management.
- Selected local films are obliged to present registration certificates to the festival management.
- Copies of the selected films to the competition sections or non-competitive selections must be submitted to the festival center in DCP format by August 29, 2019.
- DCP shipping address: !f İstanbul Uluslararası Bağımsız Filmler Festivali
Mars Sinema Turizm ve Sportif Tesisler İşletmeciliği A.Ş
Address: Dereboyu Cad. Ambarlıdere Yolu No:4/1 Beşiktaş/Ortaköy/İstanbul
Postal Code: 34347
Country: Turkey - TR
Contact Person: Berfin Demirat
Phone number: 0212 978 00 00 Extension: 12 43
- One-way shipping cost of the DCP copy will be paid by the festival organization. Other expenses will be covered by the owner of the film.
- DCP copies of the films will be sent to the producer company's address specified in the application form, unless otherwise stated, within four weeks after the end of the festival on September 22, 2019.
- In the event that the copy of the film to be shown is lost or damaged during the festival, a new copy will be produced by the festival organization based on the current price of standard laboratory cost.
- The films selected for the competition section are obliged to use the logo of !f Istanbul International Independent Film Festival in their promotional materials. No modifications can be made to this logo without the written consent of the festival management. The

use of the logo must be submitted to the festival management's approval before the promotional materials are published.

4. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Upon participation in the festival, all provisions mentioned in this regulation will be deemed to have been accepted. The authority to decide on all matters not covered by this regulation belongs to !f Istanbul International Independent Film Festival Directorate. Festival Management reserves the right to make changes in all matters indicated in this regulation.