



Call for Entries 2027 – XVII Edition MEDITERRANEO FESTIVAL CORTO™ (International Short Film Festival)

The CineCircolo Maurizio Grande, based in Diamante (CS) at Via Cavour N° 4, in collaboration with the online magazine MATCHNEWS, Radio DIGIESSE, FEDIC (Italian Federation of Film Clubs) and in partnership with AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL ITALY for the "Human Rights" section, announces the seventeenth edition of the MEDITERRANEO FESTIVAL CORTO™, an international competition for short films, which will take place on 30 June - 1/2/3/4 July 2027 in Diamante (CS), Italy. The Festival will be structured over five evenings, during which only the winning films from each section of the Competition will be screened and awarded, in the presence of qualified guests from the film industry, as well as featuring discussions, conferences, introspectives, and/or retrospectives on nationally and/or internationally significant figures.

Art. 1) – The aim of the Festival is to promote the expressive and artistic form of short films by independent authors and production companies.

Art. 2) – Works produced in Italy and abroad may participate in the Competition, provided they fall within the criteria described in Art. 1 of this announcement.

Art. 3) – A fee of €10.00 (ten) is required for each short film submitted, as a contribution towards administrative expenses, to be paid via bank transfer to the following account:

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in the name of **CineCircolo Maurizio Grande, via Cavour, 4 - 87023 Diamante (CS)**, indicating in the payment reference the registration for the aforementioned competition, or via **PAYPAL** to the email **cinecircolomauriziogrande@gmail.com**. Proof of payment must be attached to the documentation sent with the work, or the submission will be excluded from the competition. It is possible to enter one or more sections with one or more works, paying the respective fees for each film submitted.

For “**Distribution Companies**” submitting **ten or more films**, the contribution can be agreed directly with the festival organisation based on the number of works to be registered.

Art. 4) – Five sections are planned:

Sec. A - SHORT FILMS: The theme will be free as will the genre (fiction, drama, horror, etc.). The duration of the works must not exceed 20 (twenty) minutes including titles (works with slight excess will be accepted);

Section B - HUMAN RIGHTS (in collaboration with Amnesty International Italy): The theme **must expressly concern human rights:**

The duration of the works must not exceed 20 (twenty) minutes, including titles (works with minor excess will be accepted);

Section C - DOCUMENTARIES: The duration of the works must not exceed 20 (twenty) minutes, including titles (works with minor excess will be accepted);

Section D - ANIMATED SHORT FILMS: The theme will be free as will the genre. The duration of the works must not exceed 20 (twenty) minutes, including titles (works with minor excess will be accepted);

Section E - SCHOOL SHORT FILMS: The award, with a free theme, includes two subsections:

- **E/1** – Film schools, reserved for institutions and/or film courses;
- **E/2** – Institutional schools, reserved for students of compulsory lower and upper schools.

The duration of the works for both subsections must not exceed 20 (twenty) minutes, including titles (works with minor excess will be accepted);

Article 5) – The prizes will be awarded as follows:

SECTION A - Short Films:

Jury President: Emanuele Vezzoli (Actor)

Best Short Film:	€ 500.00 + Mediterranean Festival Corto™ award, work by sculptor Franco Salemmè + certificate of motivation;
Best Cinematography:	Mediterranean Festival Corto™ award + certificate of motivation;
Best Actor/Actress:	Mediterranean Festival Corto™ award + certificate of motivation;
Press Award Matchnews:	Matchnews award + certificate of motivation;
Best Soundtrack:	Mediterranean Festival Corto™ award + certificate of motivation;
Extraordinary Mention:	Mediterranean Festival Corto™ award + certificate of motivation, presented at a special screening and award evening in December 2027.

Section B - Human Rights (Amnesty International Italy):

Chair of the Jury: Anna Elena Viggiano (Coordinator, Women Amnesty International Italy)

Mediterranean Festival Short Film™ Award + Certificate of Motivation;

SECTION C - Documentaries:

Chair of the Jury: Valentina Bisti (RAI Journalist)

Mediterranean Festival Short Film™ Award + Certificate of Motivation;

SECTION D – Animation:

Chair of the Jury: Gianfranco Tartaglia “Passepartout” (Cartoonist)

Best Short Film: €300.00 + Mediterranean Festival Short Film™ Award +
Certificate of Motivation;

SECTION E – Film Schools:

➤ **E/1**

Chair of the Jury: Giorgio Fabiano (Director)

Best Short Film: Mediterranean Festival Short Film™ Award + Certificate of
Motivation;

➤ **E/2**

The jury will consist of students from a state school yet to be defined.

Best Short Film: Mediterranean Festival Short Film™ Award + Certificate of
Motivation;

FEDIC AWARD: At the indisputable decision of the juries, a **FEDIC** (Italian Federation of Film Clubs) award will be given to a deserving work among all those entered in the various sections of this call.

Art. 6) – Short films in foreign languages must be subtitled in Italian; failure to do so will result in disqualification of the submitted work.

Art. 7) – Works may be sent to the award secretariat, i won't, via electronic file shipment in .mp4, through we-transfer or similar services to the email address:

cinecircolomauriziogrande@gmail.com, or by providing access and the ability to download them on common video platforms (Vimeo, Dropbox, etc.), or by postal delivery to: CineCircolo Maurizio Grande – Via Cavour, 4 – 87023 Diamante (CS) by the deadline, beyond **31 March 2027** (the postmark will be authoritative), with the obligation to send all the documents required by Article 8 of this competition announcement by the above deadline. The works are considered registered for the competition only upon receipt of the documents required by Article 8 of this announcement. The submission of all requested materials is the responsibility of the participants.

Art. 8) – Each short film must be accompanied by the registration form, the release form, and the declaration for the MEDITERRANEO FESTIVAL CORTO™ 2027, fully completed, and by the receipt of the payment made (mandatory documents); by one or more digital still images, by the film poster, by the synopsis, and by a curriculum vitae of the director (mandatory documents). Each author is responsible for the content of the submitted work.

Art. 9) – The organisation is not responsible for any damage or loss of materials during the shipping process by post or during the online receipt of files.

Art. 10) – By registering for the Festival, authors fully accept the articles of this call for entries, as well as to fulfil all required obligations, under penalty of exclusion from the competition. The absence of even one of the mandatory items listed in Art. 8 will prevent access to the selection process and may result in the loss of any fees already paid.

Art. 11) – The results of the competition will be promptly communicated to all participants via email, published on the Facebook, Instagram pages “Mediterraneo Festival Corto™” and on the official website www.mediterraneofestivalcorto.it, along with information regarding the location, date, and times of the awards ceremony. The authors of the winning works and those mentioned will also be notified by phone. The jury's reasons, which are final, will be made public on the day of the awards ceremony. The final decision on controversial cases rests with the Festival's organisation.

Art. 12) – The presence of the Authors during the screening and awards evenings is encouraged, even by proxy. The jury will take into account any needs should the winners belong to other European countries or continents outside Europe. In any case, the Festival's organisation undertakes, at its own expense, to send the prizes to the winners, except for cash prizes, as **“the absence of a legal representative of the winning works, even by proxy, entitles the organisation to be exempt from the payment of the cash prize”**, remaining guaranteed is the sending of the “Mediterraneo Festival Corto™” prize, other prizes, and the motivation certificates. **Although no expense reimbursement is provided, for any reason, for the participation of authors and/or their delegates at the awards evenings, the organisation nevertheless reserves the right to provide hospitality only for the winners.** From now on, agreements for meals and accommodation in facilities close to the event venues are also planned to be particularly advantageous.

Art. 13) – A selection of the participating short films may be screened during other initiatives promoted and organised by the CineCircolo Maurizio Grande, used to disseminate, without profit, cinematic culture.

Art. 14) – The submitted works will not be returned and will become part of the Festival's archive.



Art. 15) – Participation in the **MEDITERRANEO FESTIVAL CORTO™** implies acceptance of the conditions set out in all articles of this regulation.

Art. 16) – Pursuant to Art. 13 of EU Regulation 2016/679 (GDPR) and Legislative Decree 196/2003 (as amended), the data will be processed solely for the purpose of organizing the **MEDITERRANEO FESTIVAL CORTO™**.

For any information, you can contact the following number:

+39 331 5794601 (Francesco Presta, Artistic Director) and possibly send a preliminary message.

e-mail: cinecircolomauriziogrande@gmail.com

Pec: cinercircolo@pec.it

Facebook Page: Mediterraneo Festival Corto

Instagram Page: Mediterraneo Festival Corto

Website: www.mediterraneofestivalcorto.it



The following declarations are essential for admission to the competition

DISCLAIMER

For the MEDITERRANEO FESTIVAL CORTO™ Competition

17th EDITION 2027

The author authorises **Cinecircolo Maurizio Grande**, in its capacity as organiser of the **Mediterraneo Festival Corto™ Competition**, to use the submitted work for the purposes of the event; and therefore authorises its public screening, archiving, and the publication of the title and key details of the short film on websites and in print media, all on a not-for-profit basis and in compliance with tax, civil and criminal regulations, for which the author is solely responsible.

The works may be used, including in the future, to promote film culture on a non-profit basis, at film forums, in schools and at themed evenings.

The author therefore declares that they assume all liability for the content of the work, releasing the **CineCircolo Maurizio Grande** from any liability.

Place and date:

(Legible signature)

DECLARATION
For the MEDITERRANEO FESTIVAL CORTO™ Competition
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The undersigned (First name and Surname): _____

Declares that I am the Director, Producer or Distributor of the short film entitled:

And that I hold the full and exclusive rights to it;

Declares that I do not infringe the rights of third parties as set out in Law 633/1941 on copyright;

Declares that I have read and fully accept the Competition Rules;

Agrees that the material submitted may be retained by the organisers and stored for educational, cultural and promotional purposes.

Declares that they have no claims whatsoever in relation to the above;

Declares that they are aware of the criminal penalties applicable in the event of false declarations;

Furthermore, pursuant **to Article 13 of EU Regulation 2016/679 (GDPR) and Legislative Decree 196/2003 (as amended)**, the undersigned hereby consents to the processing of their personal data—including by electronic means—within the scope of the administrative procedure initiated by registration for this Competition and the inclusion of their work in the Competition organization's archive.

I declare that I have read the Competition Rules for the competition in question and accept the terms and conditions.

Place and date: _____ Signature: _____

Regarding consent for data processing pursuant to Art. 13 of the GDPR (EU Regulation 2016/679) and Legislative Decree 196/2003

Place and date: _____ Signature: _____

(Legible signature)

SHORT FILM DETAILS

[Please complete on a computer or in block capitals]

Sections A: Open category - B: Human Rights - C: Documentaries D: Animation - E/1: Film schools - E/2: Institutional schools		
Please specify the section:		
Titolo		
Director		
Story		
Screenplay		
Cinematography		
Editing		
Production design		
Music		
Cast		
Production		
Distribution		
Year	Format	Running time
Synopsis		

AUTHOR'S DETAILS

First name
Surname
Address
Postcode
Town (County)
Town (County)
E-mail
Biography and filmography

"The undersigned, having read the information provided by the Data Controller pursuant to Article 13 of EU Regulation 2016/679 (GDPR) and Legislative Decree 196/2003 and subsequent amendments, consents to the processing of his/her personal data for purposes related to the management and conduct of the film competition, including the publication of his/her name, surname, and finalist works on the event's official communication channels."

Date _____

Signature _____