

#### **Call for Entries**

(Short films of 30 minutes or less)

# Short Films for the 69<sup>th</sup> Internationale Filmfestspiele Berlin 2019

February 7 to 17, 2019 Berlin, Germany <u>Website</u>

\*\*Please note that all films must be submitted directly to the festival\*\*

**Regulations and Entry Form** 

Deadline: November 15, 2018

**Entry Fees: 75 €** 

# BACKGROUND

The Berlin International Film Festival (Berlinale), along with Cannes and Venice, counts as one of the oldest and most important competitive festivals in the world. The Berlinale is also a public festival selling almost 300,000 tickets to the city's cinephiles.

Since 1955, the Berlinale has awarded a **Golden and Silver Bear to the Best Short Film**. Since 2003, short films have had their own international jury and since 2006 their own section. With the introduction of a dedicated section, the festival has expressed its commitment to raising the profile of short films.

**SECTIONS AT THE BERLINALE FOR SHORTS** 

**Berlinale Shorts** presents about 30 films which compete for the Golden Bear and the Silver Bear, the Audi Short Film Award (endowed with  $\in$  20,000). The programme shows all faces and genres of the short film format and has no formal limitations.

**Generation**, under the headings *Kplus* and *14plus*, presents about 20 films for children and young people. These short films compete for the Crystal Bear and the € 2,500 Generation Kplus or 14plus International Jury Awards.

**Forum Expanded** explores the boundaries between art and cinema presenting film and video art, installations, performances and discussions. Short, artistic or experimental films and video works can be found in *Forum Expanded*.

#### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

#### **Berlinale Shorts**

- Maximum running time: 30 minutes (including credits);
- All genres are eligible: fiction, documentary, experimental and animation;
- Films must have been completed in 2018;
- Screening formats: DCP, QuickTime ProRes 422 or 35mm (depending on theatre);
- Submission Formats: file upload or DCP;
- Films must be international premieres i.e. not have been screened at any festival or similar public event outside their country of origin prior to the Berlinale. Screening at a national festival or event with national focus in the country of origin does not preclude a film from selection;
- Films must not have been released commercially outside their country of origin. Films must not have been shown on television, on the Internet or on VOD;
- Priority will be given to world premieres;
- Selected films are presented in their original version with English subtitles.

#### Generation

- Maximum running time: 20 minutes (including credits);
- Films must have been completed in 2018;
- Films must not have been presented on the Internet, on television or on VOD outside their country of origin;
- World, international premieres are preferred but European premieres are accepted.

# **FESTIVAL CONTACTS**

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