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## RULES FICBUEU 2023

The 16th Bueu's International Film Festival will take place **from September 9th – September 23th, 2023**. Festival will aim to promote the best short films made in the last two years in the international scene.

The festival is organized by the Association FICBUEU.

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## ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION

Only films **completed after 1st January 2022** are eligible for entry into the 2023 Festival competitions. Any producer or filmmaker of any nationality who owns the rights to the films being submitted are eligible for the Official Short Film Competition on the condition that they are over 18 years.

The festival is open to all genre's short films up to thirty (30) minutes in length, credits included. Each participant may submit as many films as desired.

Films previously submitted to the Bueu's International Film Festival are not eligible.

Short Films must be presented in their original language. If the language is not Spanish or Galician, it must have English subtitles (and optional in Spanish if possible) or the original script and a translation to Spanish or English must be included attached to your online form.

The short film can be shot in any format, but it is necessary to have a digital copy to screen the film in the Festival.

The organization reserves the right to refuse a work by poor picture or sound quality.

Entrant confirms and warrants required legal authority to submit the entry into the Festival and to use all music, images, and content in the entry. Under no circumstances shall the organization accept any responsibility that might arise due to the infraction of this clause.

Works that do not meet any of these requirements will be rejected. Unless Festival requires, short films will be only received in [www.shortfilmdepot.com](http://www.shortfilmdepot.com).

Once presented the film and accepted the rules, cannot be removed it from the program or to demand money for its display.

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## SUBMISSION

Submission will be in Shortfilmdepot platform where conditions are specified. The submission supposes the payment of the platform's management fees and a little fee of two euros.

Deadline for submitting short films: **15th April 2023 – 14:00** (local time – UTC/GMT +1h). Late applications will not be accepted.

FICBUEU guarantees that your film will never be used in any way other than preview mode for the selection process and will not be available offline or online to the public.

Short films will be selected from among all the films received will conform the next sections:

- Official Section
- Galician Section\*
- Spanish Section
- Discoveries Section
- Juniors Section
- Children Section
- Family Section
- International Schools Section

*\* In order to be considered as a "Galician short film", entries must be in Galician or have Galician Subtitles and meet one of the following conditions:*

- a) The short film has been produced or co-produced by a Galician entity.*
- b) Short films who's technical and art department are composed by, at least, 70% Galician people.*
- c) If the filmmakers are in training stage, the work of anyone born or resident in Galicia who has directed a work in a Galician academic or training institution will be accepted.*
- d) Eventually, the festival can admit a short-film because of his special relationship or them author's one with galician culture.*

All submitted works will compete for entering the Official Section. Once that section is completed, the remaining sections will be configured. Each of the sessions will last approximately 80 minutes.

Selected works will be screened up to 4 times during the festival.

The selection will be announced by e-mail on June.

Selected works will send by e-mail the next documentation:

- Screening copy of the film
- Spanish, Galician or English subtitles
- Teaser of the selected work for promotional purposes.
- Promotional poster and one representative still of the film (300ppi).
- Synopsis of the short film in Spanish (Castilian) and English.
- Photography of the director. With the same characteristics described above.
- Track record
- Director's Filmography
- If the short film was released in Spain and Galicia.
- Web page and Facebook.
- Film rating age.

Selected films must send all the documentation before July 15st, 2023 at 14:00h (local time – GMT +1).

The organization reserves the right to refuse a film due to lack of required materials or documentation.

By signing the entry form, the filmmakers give to Bueu's International Film Festival permission to use all submitted promotional materials, including but not limited to film stills, descriptions, director's biography and film screening history in any and all forms of media for the express purpose of festival promotion and publicity.

For promotional reasons, the materials about the film (including stills), the film trailer or clips sent by the producer may be made available to the media, television stations or partner Internet portals on the conditions defined in the online entry form.

The shipping of this materials supposes the full acceptance of these rules and participants are not entitled to claim rental or other fees for the screenings of their films at the festival.

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## JURY

FICBUEU Association shall appoint the members of the Selection Committee, selected among specialists linked to the Festival as well as the members of the different Juries.

**Official Jury:** With an international nature this jury will be composed of a minimum of three members involved in the world of cinema and culture. Besides it will have parity of composition. This jury will decide the First and Second Award and the technical awards.

**National Jury:** With an international nature this jury will be composed of a minimum of three members involved in the world of cinema and culture. Besides it will have parity of composition. This jury will decide the Best Galician Short Film, and Best Spanish Short Film.

**Discoveries Jury:** With an international nature this jury will be composed of a minimum of three members involved in the world of cinema and culture. Besides it will have parity of composition. This jury will decide the Best Discoveries Short Film.

**Schools Jury\*:** With an international nature this jury will be composed of a minimum of three members involved in the world of cinema and culture. Besides it will have parity of composition. This jury will decide the Best Educational Centre Short Film, Best High School Short Film, Best School Short Film and Best International Cinema School Film.

The judges reserve the right to declare void any of the awards. They can also decide to award a prize ex aequo, this shall be divided in equal parts.

*\*The Galician Schools Section has its own rules that will be published in FICBUEU'S web in May 2023.*

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## AWARDS

Films selected will be eligible for the following awards:

- First Award: 2.000 € and Trophy.
- Second Award: 1.000 € and Trophy.
- Audience Award: 500 € and Trophy.
- Best Galician Short Film: 500 € and Trophy.
- Best Spanish Short Film: 500 € and Trophy.
- Best Discoveries Short Film: 500€ and Trophy.
- Best Universities and Colleges Short Film: 250 € and Trophy.
- Best High School Short Film: 150 € and Trophy.
- Best School Short Film: 150 € and Trophy.
- Best International School Short Film: Official Diploma.

Prizes shall be paid out to the person or production company whose name appears on the registered Entry Form.

The production and distribution companies also give permission for Bueu's International Film Festival to use the selected films in the next 12 months after the festival in social, educational and free activities performed by FICBUEU Association.

All prizes shall be subject to the taxes stipulated by law. The final amount of the awards will be determined once all taxes and other transfer costs to the winner are deducted.

The cash prizes awarded by the festival are financially supported, directly, in aid received from different public and/or private administrations, so the payment could delay up to 3 months. If the awarded don't answer after two months after the festival contacts to pay the economic prize, this will be automatically cancelled.

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## VISITORS

The representatives of the short films selected in the Official Section and Galicia Section will be invited to attend the festival.

When the days of permanence in the festival have been determined, with the consequent booking of a flight and accommodation, it cannot be modified under any circumstances. In the event that for reasons of force you cannot attend, you must justify it.

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## ACCEPTANCE

The submission and participation of a film in the Festival imply acceptance of the Rules and Regulations for participation. Besides, the Jury decisions are not subject to appeal.

These regulations are subject to change without prior notice.

These rules are available in Galician, Spanish and English. For any difficulty regarding its interpretation the reference text is Galician.

For any questions or information: +34 604 08 69 74 (10am to 1pm) or [mariafalcon@ficbueu.com](mailto:mariafalcon@ficbueu.com)

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## DATA PROTECTION

The organization guarantees that all personal data in the entrants' file shall be dealt with according to article 12 of the Organic Law, 13 September 1999, regarding Personal Data Protection (LOPD).

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