



SHORTS MÉXICO - Mexico International Short Film Festival

19th Edition – Call for Entries

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CALL FOR ENTRIES – SUBMIT YOUR FILM

FILM SUBMISSION REGULATIONS

SHORTS MEXICO - Mexico International Short Film Festival call for entries begins March 1st through May 31st, 2024 at 23:59 (CST) Mexico City. We are open to receive Short Films from all over the world inviting all production genres.

GENERAL

SHORTS MEXICO has become the biggest International short film festival in Latin America. An exhibition platform specializing in short films. It promotes cinema creative expressions, diverse voices, distinctive and innovative visions, bold quality films from filmmakers from all over the world. At **SHORTS MEXICO** we encourage the growth and development of short films as well as the filmmakers.

The 19th Edition of **SHORTS MEXICO** will be held from September 1st through the 30th 2024 in Mexico City. The National Cinematheque of Mexico is the main venue of the festival, and it amounts other important venues as CINEMEX Theaters, one of the largest cinema chains in the world, world famous Vasconcelos Library, Centro Cultural Universitario de la UNAM, CDMX's Faros and Cultural Centers, etc. The festival amounts over 35 venues in Mexico City and holds exhibitions in every one of the 32 States of the Mexican Republic, so the event truly occurs throughout Mexico. Since the pandemic, **SHORTS MÉXICO** is presented in a hybrid format, holding virtual and televised exhibitions as well, having over 1 million spectators per edition.

Throughout the year the festival features previews, exhibitions, retrospectives and master classes. The **Shorts Mexico Tour** includes cities, towns and villages of Mexico, as well as exhibitions in various countries around the world. **Shorts Mexico Academy** conference cycle includes an academic offer aimed at developing professionalization in various specialized areas of filmmaking. The festival will also present **Shorts México Pitching Competition, Work In Progress Contest, and its Screenplay Short Film Competition**, with the goal of encouraging and promoting the creation, professionalization and production of quality films.

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FESTIVAL SECTIONS

COMPETITIVE SECTIONS

- **INTERNATIONAL** Competition (Live Action, Animation and Documentary)
- **IBEROAMERICAN** Competition (Live Action, Animation and Documentary)
- **MEXICAN** Competition (Live Action, Animation, Documentary, NeoMex)

SHORTS MEXICO'S SHOWCASE / FESTIVAL'S FAVORITES - OUT OF COMPETITION

International - Iberoamerican

- World Cinema
- Queer Shorts (LGBTTTQ+)
- Fantascorto (Fantasy, Sci-Fi and Horror)
- Ecoshorts (Environmental Conservation)
- Kids
- Indigenous Peoples
- Fun Shorts (Comedy)
- Experimental
- International (Live Action, Animation, Documentary, Experimental)

Mexican

- Pueblos Indígenas y Originarios
- Mujeres Mexicanas en el Cine
- Mexican (Live Action, Documentary)
- Experimental
- Queer Shorts (LGBTTTQ+)
- Fantascorto (Fantasy, Sci-Fi and Horror)
- Infantil – Kids
- Ecoshorts (conservación ambiental)
- Funshorts (Cine de Comedia)

REGISTRATION

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- Registrations to **SHORTS MEXICO 2023** will be held through the following online platforms:

FILMFREEWAY

www.filmfreeway.com/shortsmexico

FESTHOME

<https://festhome.com/es/festival/shorts-mexico-festival-internacional-de-cortometrajes-de-mexico>

MOVIBETA

<https://festival.movibeta.com/festivals/909>

- All registered short films have the exact same process, regardless of the stage of registration that is chosen, late registrations are processed and watched exactly the same way as the early and intermediate ones, the only difference is the fee.

We suggest you register your short film as soon as possible to take advantage of the most affordable fees.

- EARLY REGISTRATION

Mexican short films - March 1st to March 10th, €15

Foreign short films - International, Iberoamerican - March 1st to March 10th, €20

- REGULAR - INTERMEDIATE REGISTRATION:

Mexican short films - March 10th to April 10th, €20

Foreign short films - International, Iberoamerican - March 10th to April 10th, €25

- LATE REGISTRATION:

Mexican short films - April 11th to May 31st, €24

Foreign short films - International, Iberoamerican - April 11th to May 31st, €30

ELIGIBILITY

- Short films produced between 2022 and 2024 may participate. The programming committee may make exceptions in the year of production.
- For all sections, short films digitally recorded or filmed in 35mm, 16mm, 8mm, or short films recorded in mobile devices will be accepted, the exhibition format is DCP, HD Video File, with on-screen **spanish subtitles embedded**.

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- Eligible short films must have a maximum duration of 30 minutes (The selection committee may make exceptions).
- It is not required for shorts films that are not Mexican to have been premiered in Mexico. Short films that have been screened at any other international festival can participate.
- The publication of **SHORTS MEXICO 2024** Official Selection will be held August 10th 2024, on social networks, fan pages of **SHORTS MEXICO** and the official website of the festival www.shortsmexico.com
- All information required for selected participants, as for the catalog, press kits, and promotional material of selected short films, must be sent to programacionshortsmexico@gmail.com
- Participants can register an unlimited number of works. Short films may not be withdrawn from competition under any circumstances, once their participation is accepted.
- It is mandatory to sign the authorization letter for exhibitions and approval of the festival's rules, by the legal representative of the audiovisual production, the failure to do so implies immediate disqualification.
- The festival does not return copies of the films submitted. (Digital copies)
- The selection committee's decision is final.

International Competition

- Short films made in any video format are accepted and can be produced anywhere in the world.

Iberoamerican Competition

- Short films made in any video format are accepted. The production must be Iberoamerican, regardless of the nationality of the director and the place or country of filming.
- Short films must have English subtitles, with the exception of the films coming from Portugal and Brasil that must have Spanish subtitles. Short film productions from Spain, Portugal and any Latin American country are part of the Iberoamerican category.

Mexican competition

- Short films made in any video format are accepted. The production must be Mexican, regardless of the nationality of the director and the place or country of filming. Short films must be subtitled in English, at the exception of the productions whose original language is not Spanish, they must be subtitled in Spanish.

SELECTED FILMS

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- Selected works will be required to sent in, a HD video file, both with on-screen english subtitles embedded, a .srt file and the list of dialogues of the production in spanish or english.
- By submitting a short film to the festival, the people owning the rights of the film accept the rules and regulations thoroughly expressed in this document, consequently, authorize them to exhibit the film during the dates and venues determined by **SHORTS MEXICO**.
- People owning the rights of the film, must assure having the rights to exhibit the film.
- People owning the rights of the film, release **SHORTS MEXICO**, and any of their representatives, affiliates, coordinators, operators, programmers, directors, clerks, from any claim or legal issue that arises from the exhibition of the film at **SHORTS MEXICO** film festival's venues and *Tour*.
- If the owner of the short film does not deliver the material required by the **SHORTS MEXICO'S** committee, in the dates and deadlines provided, they will be disqualified.

JURY

- Competitive sections of the festival will be awarded by a jury chosen by the festival's committee that will be composed of renowned personalities and professionals of the film industry and juries from different artistic disciplines.
- Jury's decisions are final.

AWARDS

World Award - Shorts Mexico

Best short film in all categories for International and Ibero-American sections.

- Cash Prize 200.00 €
- Statuette and Diploma.

Best International Live Action Short Film

- Trophy and Diploma.

Best International Animation Short Film

- Trophy and Diploma.

Best International Documentary Short Film

- Trophy and Diploma.

Best Ibero American Live Action Short Film

- Trophy and Diploma.

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Best Ibero American Animation Short Film

- Trophy and Diploma.

Best Ibero American Documentary Short Film

- Trophy and Diploma.

MEXICAN COMPETITIONS

Best Live Action Mexican Short Film.

- Best Live Action Mexican Short Film, the awards consists in the production of the next shorts film for the winning director. A new short film will be carried out, with an approximate value of \$800,000.00 MXN. The prize includes: 3 days of filming package, Mini Mobile, power plan, camera and high speed lenses - optics set, awarded by **CTT Exp & Rentals**; image post-production - color correction and DCP by **Cinecolor México**, 100% discount on the cost of acquiring filming insurance by **LCI Seguros**. **ESTUDIOS CHURUBUSCO** grants the equivalent of \$250,000.00 (Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pesos 00/100 M.N.) in production, audio post-production and THX sound services. **SHALALA Studios** awards audio post-production - sound design, **LA FACULTAD DE CINE** \$15,000.00 (Fifteen thousand pesos 00/100 MXN) in cash, **MAXY'S Catering** 3 days of catering for 20 people, **RETROBYTE** and **DINAMITA POST** provide Trailer and Poster, **IP9 STUDIOS** rewards 2 days use of studios and **Alonso Alaman** original music.
- The produced short film must be showcased in the next edition of **SHORTS MEXICO**.

SHORTS MEXICO awards the following ten categories in the **Live Action Mexican Competition**:

- *Best Director - Best Actress - Best Actor - Best Cinematography - Best Screenplay - Best Editing - Best Art Direction - Best Sound Design - Best Original Music - Best Costume Design*

Best Mexican Animated Short Film

- Trophy and Diploma.

Best NeoMex Short Film

- Trophy and Diploma.

Best Mexican Documentary Short Film

- Trophy and Diploma.



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Jury Mentions

- The jury will be free to grant mentions deemed appropriate.

Certificates

All the selected films will be given a certificate of participation in **México International Short Film Festival - Shorts México**. The Mexican short films selected in any competition of the festival will be able to submit their short film to the Ariel prize of the **AMACC** (Mexican Academy of Cinematographic Arts and Sciences).

Shorts México Tour

The festival carries out the **Shorts Mexico Tour** throughout the year, which takes place in Mexico City, in cities and towns of Mexico, as well as in various countries. Through an authorization letter, the legal representative accepts their short film to be shown in the different venues of the tour. The festival will notify the producer of the participation of the work in the various exhibitions.

About the regulation

All participants in **SHORTS MEXICO** fully accept the aforementioned regulations that apply to all sections. Any situation not foreseen regarding the present regulations, will be resolved by the festival committee. Issues not covered in these regulations, will be solved and decided by the **SHORTS MEXICO** Committee.

Questions, concerns and comments, please contact:

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