

The Institute of Theatre, Audiovisual and Cinematographic Studies of the Saint- Joseph's University (IESAV-USJ) Beirut - Lebanon is organizing the 6th edition of the International Student Short Film Festival (Festival International du Court-Métrage des Ecoles de Cinéma - FICMEC 2014).

The festival will take place starting **Monday December 8th till Thursday, December 11th, 2014** in the premises of IESAV-USJ in Beirut-Lebanon. The aim of the festival is to promote short films from film/cinema schools and present them to the Lebanese public and the Middle East. It is also an opportunity to offer a platform of meeting and exchange for young filmmakers from different cultures and backgrounds.

### **1. Conditions of Participation, Length & Genre of Films**

- Only the short films that are **created and produced in the context of film schools or universities teaching film-making, cinema and audiovisual arts** are eligible to participate in the 6th edition of FICMEC.
- Duration: limited to **20 minutes** per film **(excluding credits)**.
- Genres: fiction, documentary, animation.
- Year of production: films **completed after 01/01/2012**.
- Subtitles: subtitles in **French or English** are **mandatory**.
- Original shooting format: any format.
- Required pre-selection copies: DVD Pal
- Screening/projection format in case of selection in the final program of the festival: DVD Pal, Mini DV, DVcam, Beta SP Pal, HDV, BD (Bluray), digital upload – **only**.
- Submission/participation: free of charge.

### **2. Submission Procedures**

- Send a copy of the registration form duly completed and signed in a package enclosing:  
**Two** DVD Pal copies of the film for the pre-selection & projection, stating on the DVD box:
  - the film's title
  - the director's full name
  - the film's length
  - the language of the subtitles
  - the genre of the movie (fiction, documentary, animation)
  - the production year of the film
  - the school/university presenting the film
  - the country of production
  - the mail & telephone contacts of the director or producer, or holder of distribution rights
  - contacts, links & e-mail address of the director

### **3. Mailing Address**

- All documents mentioned here above must reach the festival's office **before** Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> 2014, addressed to:

FICMÉC 2014  
6th International Student Short Film Festival  
(Festival International du court-métrage des écoles de cinéma)  
SAINT JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY  
IESAV-USJ  
Human Sciences Campus- CSH- USJ  
Block "C"  
Damascus Road  
Beirut-Lebanon.  
Tel: + 961 1 421 000 ext : 5366  
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### **4. Screening, Final Selection & Programming**

- The pre-selection committee of the festival will inform the directors & heads of schools about the official selection of the 6th FICMEC before the **end of September 2014**.
- The festival's management will decide the order and schedule of screenings of the selected films.
- The right holders of selected films agree upon official notification of the decision of the festival, to reserve the rights of the film in Lebanon to the 6th International Student Short Film Festival.

### **5. Private Screening**

- No film selected will be promoted in any form whatsoever or presented outside the frame of the festival without prior agreement with the beneficiaries of the films.
- The festival reserves the right to use excerpts of less than 3 minutes of the selected films for promotional purposes of the festival.

### **6. Shipment of Selected Films**

- Official screening copies of the selected movies in DV, mini DV, HDV, BD or Beta SP formats (if you chose a projection format other than DVD or digital upload) must reach IESAV before **Friday October 17th, 2014** – deadline for receipt of screening copies of films programmed at the festival.
- The copies should be sent to the festival's offices (address mentioned here above).
- Expedition of the public screening copy is to be taken in charge by the participant.
- The festival could return the copies back to the country of origin at the expenses of the applicant.
- It is imperative to mention **"No commercial value - For cultural purposes only"** on the shipment's package.

## **7. Awards & Prizes**

- **3** prizes will be awarded by the international jury of the festival:

- \* Best Short Film
- \* Best Short Documentary
- \* Best Short Animation

- The festival will publish a **catalog** containing the presentation of the films selected for competition & their directors.

## **8. Accommodation of International Official Guests**

- The festival takes in charge the reservations and hotel/lodging expenses for the period of the stay of its international and official guests – an administrative representative or teacher from the school, and the student(s)/director(s) of the selected film(s).

- The festival provides all meals to its guests for the festival's period.

- The transport Airport-Hotel is also provided.

- The travel expenses and procedures are taken in charge and covered by the invited participants.

- Any person not officially invited & accompanying a participant to the festival will not be taken in charge, lodged or nourished by the festival's organization.

## **9. Litigation**

- Participation to the festival implies the unconditional acceptance of the above terms & conditions by the producer(s), director(s) or their representatives; the organizing committee is the sole authority to settle disputes not covered by this regulation.

## **10. Information**

- For further information and queries about the festival: [communications.iesav@usj.edu.lb](mailto:communications.iesav@usj.edu.lb)