

CONTEST REGULATIONS

DEADLINE JUNE 10th, 2020

- **ORGANIZATION AND OBJECTIVES**

For the year 2020, in the month of July 2019 and for three days, the Association for Cinematographic Culture "MOONWATCHERS" of Statte (Taranto, Italy) organizes the "Moonwatchers Film Festival" contest, which rewards the best short films. This contest is for Directors and Film-makers from all the world, who produced their works from January 1st, 2018 onwards. The deadline to send the movies is set to June 10th, 2020.

THEMES

1- **Free theme "Moonwatchers" of visionary genre:** in this section, we seek an original point of view, an innovative idea, a story told in an unusual and pushing way: visionary, in one word. There are no limitations of filmic genre, but we will award a prize to those stories, which will be astonishing for their originality.

2- **Theme "integr-ACTIONS":** what is the "other"? How does it relate with the "same" and the "equal"? In this section, we will select movies that consider this theme, in any shade and perspective, focusing on those elements which create contact and sharing between different worlds, experiences, cultures.

- each work must have a duration of 15 minutes at most, including main titles and credits. We will accept works a very little longer, if they are valid;

- all the works received will be pre-selected from an internal commission, which will appoint those for the final selection;

- the finalist movies will be judged by a Jury composed of professionals in the field of Cinema and cinematographic critics, who will decide the winners;

- authors from other countries who present movies in foreign languages must provide subtitles in a comprehensible Italian language;

- the Jury attributes the following prizes in the last day of the Festival, possibly in presence of the author or its delegate:

- **"MOONWATCHERS" AWARD** to the first movie of the relative section;

- **"integr-ACTIONS" AWARD** to the first movie of the relative section;
- **"GREAT PRIZE MOONWATCHERS FILM FESTIVAL"** to the most voted work, chosen by the audience during the festival itself.

- **SELECTION AND REWARDING**

The Jury will assign prizes at its unchallengeable judgment. The "Great Prize" could not be assigned "ex-aequo". Days and place of projections of the finalist works will be communicated on our web site after the deadline and before July.

- **HOW TO SUBSCRIBE THROUGH OUR SITE**

- The archive sent by e-mail must contain the movie itself and all the documentation required, downloadable from our website: www.moonwatchersassociazione.it ;
- Each contestant can participate with only a short movie. In case of producers, distributors or associations, multiple movies can be presented, designating the director as participant;
- Are admitted to the contest also movies, which have already been rewarded or presented to other contests;
- The application form must be compiled in all of its parts and signed in original. In case of a underage author, it must be signed by a parent or a legal tutor;
- The participation to our Contest is bounded to a contribution of 10,00 euros which can be payed via PayPal to our email address: moonwatchers@libero.it .

- **HOW TO SUBSCRIBE THROUGH ONLINE PLATFORMS**

- It is possible to participate to our Contest by subscribing to the following sites

- FestHome

- FilmFreeway

- CinemaBreve

- ClickForFestivals

- CinemaItaliano

On these platforms, you will find the methods of payment to participate to our Contest. If payments options are not available, it is possible to pay the contribution via PayPal to our email address: moonwatchers@libero.it .

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- **HOW TO SEND THE MOVIE**

The digital archive with all the required material must be send before June 10th, 2020 to our e-mail: moonwatchers@libero.it . We recommend to use services like WeTransfer, FileMail, Dropbox or similar. In every case, wait for the confirmation of download, which will be provided by the Association after the download. If you didn't received the confirmation before the link expiration date (if you used WeTransfer), please send again your work or contact us.

In case of participation via online platforms, after the payment of the required contribution, the acceptance of your movie to our pre-selection is implicit, but always bounded to the correct compilation of all the data.

- The author, sending his/her work, declares to be in possess of all the copyrights for the use of the movie itself, no one excluded, that the contents of the work does not break any law and that the work does not have a slanderous intent. In every case, the author relieves the organizers from any responsibility for the content projected.

- By subscribing, participants authorize the Association, the non-profit cultural association Moonwatchers, which organizes the Contest, according to Law n. 196/2003 and n. 13 GPR 679/13, to the treatment of my personal informations and to their usage for all the uses connected to the contest and the events connected to it.

- The digital copies of the works sent will not be deleted after the Festival, but will be part of our archive, in order to be used for cultural or didactic purposes.

- All copyrights and intellectual properties belong to their authors and will be properly quoted.

- By sending their works, authors integrally and unconditionally accept these regulations.

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