

The MasterDoc International Documentary Film Festival

Festival Rules

Celebrating Mastery in All Forms

Welcome to the MasterDoc Documentary Film Festival, a unique event dedicated to showcasing the pinnacle of human achievement, skill, and knowledge across a multitude of disciplines. Hosted in the vibrant city of Tbilisi, Georgia, and streamed worldwide on our Festival Channel, MasterDoc Fest is your platform to explore and celebrate the excellence that defines our world.

Themes of MasterDoc Fest

1. Science & Technology

Dive into documentaries that unravel the latest scientific discoveries, technological innovations, and the boundless curiosity that drives progress. From environmental science to space exploration, witness the frontiers of human knowledge.

2. Education

Explore films that spotlight transformative educational systems, innovative teaching methods, and inspiring stories from students and educators. See how education shapes our future and empowers communities.

3. Mastery of Craft

Celebrate the artisans, musicians, chefs, and filmmakers who have honed their crafts to perfection. Discover the dedication and passion behind culinary masterpieces, musical compositions, and artistic creations.

4. Skilled Trades

Appreciate the expertise of architects, engineers, skilled laborers, and technicians. These films highlight the incredible feats of construction, design, and infrastructure that form the backbone of our societies.

5. Professional Excellence

Delve into the worlds of healthcare, law, business, and journalism. Learn about the groundbreaking work of doctors, lawyers, entrepreneurs, and journalists who shape and protect our world.

6. Cultural Mastery

Experience the richness of cultural heritage through documentaries on traditional and contemporary art, dance, language preservation, and cultural revival. Celebrate the custodians of our collective cultural legacy.

7. Sports and Physical Mastery

Follow the journeys of athletes, coaches, and extreme sports enthusiasts. These films capture the triumphs, struggles, and scientific advancements in sports and physical training.

8. Personal Mastery

Be inspired by stories of personal growth, mindfulness, overcoming adversity, and achieving work-life balance. These documentaries showcase the inner strength and resilience of individuals striving for excellence.

9. Historical Mastery

Travel back in time with documentaries that explore great leaders, historical events, architectural wonders, and archeological discoveries. Understand the impact of history on our present and future.

10. Environmental and Wildlife Mastery

Engage with documentaries focused on conservation, wildlife rehabilitation, sustainable practices, and eco-friendly innovations. Meet the naturalists and wildlife experts dedicated to preserving our planet.

11. Community and Social Mastery

Discover the power of community leaders, activists, social workers, and volunteers. These films highlight the impact of social justice, human rights, philanthropy, and community-building efforts.

12. Innovators and Inventors

Celebrate the visionaries behind groundbreaking inventions, startups, and technological advancements. Learn about the pioneers in renewable energy, robotics, and automation who are shaping our future.

13. Cultural Heritage and Traditions

Immerse yourself in the rich tapestries of cultural festivals, traditional crafts, folk music, and storytelling. These documentaries preserve and celebrate the diverse traditions that define us.

14. Health and Wellness

Explore the forefront of medicine, fitness, nutrition, mental health, and alternative therapies. These films provide insights into the practices and innovations promoting well-being.

15. Travel and Exploration

Embark on journeys with explorers and adventurers as they discover remote cultures, breathtaking landscapes, and untold stories. See the world through the lens of master travelers.

16. Creative Mastery

Celebrate creativity in filmmaking, animation, photography, digital art, and storytelling. These documentaries reveal the imaginative processes behind some of the most compelling works of art.

Why Attend MasterDoc Fest?

At MasterDoc Fest, we go beyond showcasing films; we celebrate the extraordinary achievements that define our world. Join us to:

Discover Excellence: Engage with documentaries that highlight the pinnacle of human skill and innovation.

Connect and Learn: Network with award-winning filmmakers, producers, and content buyers. Gain insights from industry professionals.

Be Inspired: Experience stories that inspire, educate, and motivate. Celebrate the dedication and passion behind every documentary.

Vote and Participate: Cast your vote for the Audience Choice Awards, both at the venue and on our Festival Channel. Support your favorite films and filmmakers.

Awards & Prizes

The event WINNER receives a hand-made, personalized physical trophy. All the Award Winners receive digital diplomas, certificates, and laurels.

Rules & Terms

The official festival language is English.

The festival accepts films in any language from around the world according to the terms mentioned in the rules of the category.

All films in the non-English language must have subtitles in English.

All films must be completed in production in 2019 or later.

The festival accepts web links or uploaded to the festival website materials only, DVDs are not accepted.

After a film has been officially selected, the filmmaker will be notified.

Official selection does not mean that the filmmaker's film will be screened or awarded at the festival.

All submissions must be completed by the date indicated on the festival's website.

All submissions to the festival are to be paid by credit card or PayPal via the platforms mentioned on the festival's website.

The submission fee is non-refundable.

The festival does not give any fee waivers.

The selected films are shown live at the venues determined by the festival producers for the current festival edition.

Films may be shown online on the festival website in addition to live screenings unless the director prohibits it.

Awards, Prizes, Winners Determination.

The Category Award Winners are determined by the Festival Jury.

The Fan Award Winners are determined according to the voting on social media.

The Festival Winner is determined by audience voting during the live event.

The Festival Winner receives the Trophy.

The festival's producer reserves the right to change prizes and awards without any notification to participants (or winners).

Winners are responsible for all applicable federal, state, province or territory and local taxes, if any, as well as any other costs and expenses associated with prize acceptance or use not specified herein as being provided.

The Festival Producer may set the additional awards, award signs, and prizes before the event.