

Dardan Fest: Short Film & Documentary Section Regulations

1. Introduction

Dardan Fest invites filmmakers from around the world to submit their short films and documentaries for consideration in the Short Film & Documentary section. This section aims to showcase the creativity and storytelling prowess of filmmakers, focusing on the themes of urbanization, development, and civilization.

2. Eligibility

- **Genre:** Submissions must be short films or documentaries.
- **Themes:** Works should align with the festival's themes of urbanization, development, and civilization.
- **Duration:** Short films should not exceed 30 minutes, including credits. Documentaries should not exceed 60 minutes.
- **Completion Date:** Films must have been completed after January 1, 2021.
- **Language:** Non-English films must include English subtitles.

3. Submission Guidelines

- **Platform:** All submissions must be made through Short Film Depot, Festhome and Click for Festivals.
- **Format:** Films must be submitted in MP4 or MOV format, with H.264 codec, 1920x1080 resolution, 24/25/30 fps frame rate, and AAC audio codec.

4. Selection Process

- **Pre-Selection:** A pre-selection committee will review all submissions to ensure they meet the eligibility criteria.
- **Official Selection:** Selected films will be notified and announced on the Dardan Fest website.
- **Screening Formats:** Films selected for screening must provide a high-quality digital file in the specified format.

6. Jury

- The jury will consist of industry professionals, filmmakers, and critics. The jury's decisions are final.

7. Rights & Permissions

- **Screening Rights:** By submitting a film, the entrant grants Dardan Fest the right to screen the film at the festival and use excerpts (up to 3 minutes) for promotional purposes.
- **Liability:** The festival is not responsible for any unauthorized use of submitted films by third parties.

8. General Terms

- **Promotion:** Filmmakers agree to participate in promotional activities, including interviews and Q&A sessions.
- **Withdrawal:** Once a film is selected, it cannot be withdrawn from the festival.
- **Acceptance:** Submission of a film implies acceptance of these regulations.