

Rules & Guidelines
2024
FiveFest

Overview

Hlabeard Productions, in collaboration with the SATO48 Film Challenge, presents “FiveFest”—a dynamic festival dedicated to celebrating the art of short films with a maximum length of five minutes.

Submission Guidelines

1. Film Duration and Content

- Films must be exactly 5 minutes or less in length including credits. You are not allowed to upload a file that is longer than 5 minutes in duration.
- Non-English dialogue films must include English subtitles or be dubbed in English.
- Do not upload works in progress. Uploaded films must be complete and theater-projection ready.
- The film’s genre must be one of the following five: Animation, Comedy, Drama, Horror, Musical.

2. Technical Requirements

- The minimum resolution is 720p.
- Submitted films must have clear audio quality.
- A film Poster and any other Promotional Materials are encouraged (though not required) to be uploaded.

3. Eligibility

- Open to all filmmakers, regardless of age, region, production date of film, or content within specified genres.

4. Submission Process

- Films, Posters (if available), and Promotional Materials (if available) are submitted digitally via SATO48 Festival Manager ([link](#)).
- Entry fee: US\$25 per film (subject to change).
- Submission opens January 17, 2024, and closes on a date to be announced.
- All fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.
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Judging and Awards

5. Judging Panel

- A select group of industry professionals and esteemed members of the filmmaking community will judge the entries.
- Registered team members from last year’s SATO48-Challenge are automatically opted IN and therefore may participate as Academy Judges if they so elect.

6. Prizes

Best Animation: \$100

Best Comedy: \$100

Best Drama: \$100

Best Horror: \$100

Best Musical: \$100

Venue and Event Details

7. Festival Locations (depending on needed capacity)

- Alamo Drafthouse Cinema
- Moxie Cinema
- Gillioz Arts & Entertainment Center
- Springfield Studio 1
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8. FiveFest Programming

- All films are accepted into FiveFest, as follows:
- Level 1 Acceptance: (a) All films will receive a FiveFest Scorecard detailing, in the aggregate, how the Academy Judges responded to their film and (b) an exclusive month-long online screening.
- Level 2 Acceptance: Some films will be selected for (a) an in-theater screening at a Festival Location, and (b) acknowledged as a Nominee at the Recognition & Awards Ceremony.
- Level 3 Acceptance: The winning film in each genre — for whom a representative of the film is present and checked in at the Awards Ceremony — receives the following:
- Prize money
- Statuette
- On-stage acceptance speech opportunity
- Backstage interview
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9. Notification of Your Acceptance Level

- You are notified via email of your film's Acceptance Level.

10. FiveFest Dates To Save

- January 17, 2024 — Submission opens. The submission closing date is on a date to be announced.
- Wednesday, May 29, to Sunday, June 2, 2024 — In-theater screening, if applicable to your film, takes place at a date/time to be determined by capacity of Festival Locations.
- Saturday, June 1, 2024 — Recognition & Awards Ceremony at the Gillioz Theater.
- June 3 to July 1, 2024 — Online viewing, applicable to all films, takes place.

Legal Terms and Conditions

11. Film Rights

- Entrant must own all rights to their film and its content.
- All Entrants grant Hlabeard Productions and SATO48:
- In-theater screening and paywall online usage rights for the duration of SATO48-2024 FiveFest (end date: July 2, 2024).
- Free online usage rights within Festival Manager and promotional usage rights in perpetuity.
- Entrant holds Hlabeard Productions, SATO48, and all other parties connected to SATO48, harmless in all respects.
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12. Endorsement

- Participation in FiveFest by Entrant is not an endorsement by Hlabeard Productions, nor SATO48, of the film's content.

13. Liability

- Hlabeard Productions and SATO48 are not liable for any losses or damages incurred for any reason by Entrant.

14. Cancellation & Delays

- In case of unavoidable cancellations or delays, efforts will be made to reschedule. No liability by Hlabeard Productions nor SATO48 is assumed for losses incurred due to such cancellations.
- Accessibility and Inclusion

15. Accessibility

- FiveFest venues are wheelchair accessible.

16. Inclusion

- FiveFest is committed to diversity and inclusion.

Contact Information

17. Inquiry Handling

- All inquiries should be sent to:

support@sato48.com

or at:

<https://help.sato48.com>

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