

Call for Submissions

Balticon Sunday Short Film Festival

Every year the Baltimore Science Fiction Society (BSFS), as part of the Balticon Science Fiction and Fantasy Convention, sponsors The Balticon Sunday Short Film Festival (BSSFF), held traditionally on (surprise!) Sunday evening. Award certificates are given for audience-selected best animated and live action films.

What is Balticon?

Balticon features authors, publishers, editors, artists, scientists, musicians and other creative SF and fantasy luminaries for a four-day convention in downtown Baltimore, Maryland during Memorial Day Weekend (Friday through Monday). In 2019 it will be the weekend of May 24-27, 2019. Join over sixteen hundred SF fans for the area's largest and longest running convention of its kind! Visit our huge art show, dealer's room, concerts, gaming room and video room. Everything Science Fiction and Fantasy in one huge package. Join members of the Baltimore Science Fiction Society as we embark on the second fifty years of Balticon, the premier non-profit, fan-run Science Fiction Convention in the Mid-Atlantic region.

The 2019 convention will be held at the Renaissance Harborplace Hotel in the Inner Harbor area of Baltimore. Further details are available on the Balticon website – www.balticon.org.

What is the BSFF?

In 2019, the BALTICON Short Film Festival (BSFF) will take place on Sunday evening at 8pm. We will thrill festival attendees with independently produced short films from around the region and across the globe. BSFF features live action and animated films in the science fiction, fantasy, and horror categories from some of the best independent filmmakers this side of the Crab Nebula.

Awards will be given in both the Live Action and Animation category based upon audience preferences. There is no cost to submit a film, and since the festival is open to any attendee at Balticon, there are no viewing fees paid to film producers.

If you would like to submit a film for 2019, complete the application form below. Films should be from 5 to 15 minutes long, although if truly warranted other lengths would be acceptable. Films will be due by March 31, 2019 either digitally by email or by flash drive, DVD or CD by postal mail.

For further information contact the film director at filmfestival@balticon.org.



Baltimore Science Fiction Society

The Balticon Short Film Festival

PO Box 686 Baltimore, MD 21203

Consolidated Application and Permission to Screen Form

(Corrected for B53 – 2019)

THE BALTICON SHORT FILM FEST IS NOW ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS!

The Balticon Short Film Festival is held annually at Balticon, one of the country's oldest fan-run science fiction conventions. There is no entry fee or screening payment to film producers. The convention is held annually on Memorial Day weekend in Baltimore, Maryland. You may submit your film on a Flash Drive, data DVD, playable DVD, or upload it digitally by March 31, 2019. Resolutions up to 1080p accepted. Please use stereo mix for best playback.

E-mail questions and submissions to Festival Director, filmfestival@balticon.org

Postal mail to: Balticon Short Film Festival, BSFS, PO Box 686, Baltimore, MD 21203-0686

Please read the following terms and conditions in connection with your film entry to the Balticon Short Film Festival. Enter your INITIALS or mark DECLINE where indicated and sign at the bottom.

APPLICATION [You can submit up to three films on this form]:

Your name							
Your address							
Contact email							
Your website (optional)							

Title 1							
Writer(s)				Director(s)			
Year completed	Runtime		First film?		Enter for competition?		
World Premiere?	USA Premiere?		Maryland Premiere?		Festival Premiere?		
List or attach info about previous festival screenings and/or awards:							
Description or synopsis of film (fill in here or attach publicity sheet):							

Title 2							
Writer(s)				Director(s)			
Year completed	Runtime		First film?		Enter for competition?		
World Premiere?	USA Premiere?		Maryland Premiere?		Festival Premiere?		
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PERMISSION TO SCREEN AND RELEASE

A. Regarding the film(s) ("the Work") I have submitted to the Balticon Short Film Festival ("BSFF"), sponsored by the Baltimore Science Fiction Society, Inc. (a U.S.A. §501(c)(3) not-for-profit literary organization) ("BSFS"), I warrant that I own and/or have obtained legal clearance or license to all contents of the below listed Festival entry (entries). My entry/entries are as follow(s):

My film is considered a:	Live Action Film		Animated Film		Hybrid Film	
	Other (i.e., VR):					

Entry genre – Please mark an X (or title number 1, 2 or 3 as indicated above):

Science fiction		Fantasy		Horror	
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B. I indemnify, release, and hold harmless BSFS, Balticon, their members, volunteers, sponsors, individual and institutional supporters from and against any and all liabilities, cost and expense including, but not limited to attorney’s fee and court costs occasioned by a) any claims made by anyone other than the undersigned of any right, title or interest in the Work or any part thereof; b) any claim involving copyright, trademark, credits, royalties, publicity, screening or any other matter relating to the Work or any part thereof, whether seen or unforeseen, and c) any other demands, damages, losses and/or expenses related to the use of the Work.

C. I give my permission to exhibit the Work at all selection pre-screenings and at festival event screenings.

D. Below, I i) Enter my INITIALS to **grant** permission; OR ii) Enter DECLINE to **decline** permission

for display of the Work(s) on the Balticon Podcast in the one year period following BSFF screening

for display of selected clips, trailers or stills of the Work on the BSFS and Balticon websites, the at-convention promo loop and/or the Balticon live Podcast for promotional purposes.

E- I certify and represent that I have read the above and fully understand the meaning and effect.

F- I understand that physical submissions, screeners and promotional materials submitted with or subsequent to submission of this application will remain property of BSFS.

Signature: Date:

Name/Position

Signature: Date:

Print Name/Position

Print, sign and send this "Consolidated Application/Permission to Screen Form" and Release Form with your submission(s) to the address on the right:

You may also submit a digital version of the signed paperwork with digital submissions of films. Mail to: filmfestival@balticon.org

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All submissions must be received at BSFS by March 31, 2019 for primary consideration. Late submittals may be accepted based upon the needs of the festival.