**Announcement of the International Online Short Film Festival "Diogenes 2025" (Tbilisi – Odesa – Tallinn – Haifa)**

**Slogan:** "New Horizons, Creative Boldness, and Innovation"

The **International Online Short Film Festival "Diogenes 2025"** will unfold across four seasons:

1. **"Diogenes Odesa"**
2. **"Diogenes Tbilisi"**
3. **"Diogenes Tallinn"**
4. **"Diogenes Haifa"**

**Conditions:**

1. **"Diogenes Odesa," "Diogenes Tbilisi," "Diogenes Tallinn”, and “Diogenes Haifa”** will operate under a unified organizational platform spanning Ukraine, Georgia, Estonia, and Israel. Applications for film submissions will open on **January 15**.
2. Films submitted for the competition in "Diogenes 2025" will automatically be reviewed by independent selection committees for the festival's summer, autumn, and winter seasons.
3. The **International Online Short Film Festival "Diogenes 2025"** will conclude by **December 25, 2025**.
4. Each of the festivals ("Diogenes Odesa," "Diogenes Tbilisi," "Diogenes Tallinn," and "Diogenes Haifa") will have three independent juries:
   * Main jury
   * Student jury  
     Members of the juries will not overlap among the events.
5. **Submission Deadlines:**
   * **"Diogenes Odesa":** May 15, 2025
   * **"Diogenes Tbilisi":** August 15, 2025
   * **"Diogenes Tallinn":** October 15, 2025
   * **"Diogenes Haifa":** November 15, 2025 (TBC)
6. **Main Festival Dates:**
   * **"Diogenes Odesa":** June 15–30, 2025
   * **"Diogenes Tbilisi":** September 15 – October 15, 2025
   * **"Diogenes Tallinn":** November 1–30, 2025
   * **"Diogenes Haifa":** December 1–20, 2025
7. In the event of **force majeure**, festival dates may be adjusted by the organizers, with updates promptly communicated to participants.

**Festival Awards and Nominations:**

**A. Main Awards:**

* **Best Film Award** (Main Jury)
* **Best Film Award** (Student Jury)

**B. Honorable Mentions by the Main Jury:**

1. Best Fiction Film
2. Best Documentary Film
3. Best Animated Film
4. Best Experimental Film

**C. Honorable Mentions by the Student Jury:**

1. Best Fiction Film
2. Best Documentary Film
3. Best Animated/Musical Film
4. Best Experimental Film

**D. Certificates of Recognition:**

* Four certificates from the Main Jury (Fiction, Documentary, Animation/Musical, Experimental)
* Four certificates from the Student Jury (same categories)

**Note:** The jury reserves the right not to award in a category if no film meets the standards of excellence.

**Additional Activities:**

The festival will host **masterclasses** to promote creative learning and skill development.

**Film Submission Requirements:**

1. Eligible films must be produced in **2022** or later.
2. Film duration (including credits) must not exceed **25 minutes**.
3. Accepted genres: Fiction, Documentary, Animated, Musical (non-music videos), and Experimental films.
4. Innovative formats, such as **vertical cinema**, and films with bold, meaningful creativity are highly encouraged.
5. Each filmmaker can submit up to **two films**.
6. Registration fee per film: **$10 USD**.

**Ethical Stance:**

The festival opposes content promoting:

* Violence
* War propaganda
* Revenge or extremism
* Incitement of national or religious hatred
* Violations of human rights
* Social, ethnic, or gender inequality  
  Such films will **not** be considered.

**The festival stands for the immediate withdrawal of occupying forces from the territories of Ukraine and Georgia.**