

The Doc Screenings International Documentary Film Festival

Festival Rules

Event Descriptions

Our film festival is a part of an international project celebrating independent films and filmmakers at festivals, cinemas, and online streaming services.

Your film will be screened at popular local venues (cinemas, conference halls, parks, etc.) to get closer to its audience. And the audience not only watches the films but also evaluates them according to several parameters, such as directing, acting, camerawork, etc. As a result, you get a deep response from the audience regarding your film and its promoting opportunities.

We are constantly increasing our territory, coverage, and the number of venues widening the audience.

A professional jury panel that includes award-winning filmmakers, producers, as well as representatives of distributors, buyers, and online streaming services, also reviews selected works and gives their awards.

The selected and award-winning films can be moved forward, to theatrical or TV distribution or/and to online streaming services.

Awards & Prizes

WINNER

Best Feature Documentary (51min and longer)

Best Short Documentary (50 min and shorter)

Best Social Documentary

Best Health / Disability Documentary

Best Art /Experimental Documentary

Best Science / Educational Documentary

Best Music / Dance Documentary

Best Family / Teen / Children Documentary

Best Nature / Ecology / Environmental Documentary

Best Sports Documentary

Best Director

Fan Award Winner

Section Audience Award Winner

The event WINNER receives the Trophy.

All the Award Winners receive the Award sign, the certificate, and the laurels.

The selected films may receive offers for further distribution in theaters or/and TV or/and streaming services

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 not 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 might be shown online on the festival website in addition to the live screenings if the filmmaker gives permission for 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 Event Winner is determined by the voting during the live screening event audience voting results. The attendees fill out the event protocols rating the selected films by their estimates (from 1 to 9). After the event is concluded the estimates are counted. The Event Winner receives the most estimates among all the films. The Section Audience Award Winners receive the most estimates among the films included in the Section. If the Event Winner and the Section Audience Award Winner are the same films, the Section Audience Award goes to the next film after the Event Winner received fewer estimates. If there are films that receive equal estimates, the festival producer's protocol estimate is prevail to determine the winner.

The Event Winner receives the Trophy.

All the Winners receive the Award sign, the certificate, and the laurels by contact email. They may receive the awards directly at the event if they (or their confirmed representatives) are present at the event.

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.