

64. Internationales **Filmfestival**
Mannheim-Heidelberg

REGULATIONS

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DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: JUNE 8, 2015

Please submit a DVD for the selection process, together with the completed entry form and the necessary materials (see back).

SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

Please always note on packages:

"NO COMMERCIAL VALUE! - FOR CULTURAL PURPOSES ONLY!"

Address for shipping by mail or courier of DVDs:

International Filmfestival Mannheim-Heidelberg
Collini-Center, Galerie, Collinstr. 1
D-68161 MANNHEIM / GERMANY

If you want to send your packages any other way, please contact:
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- 4- An independent International Jury awards the following prizes:
 - »Grand Newcomer Award Mannheim-Heidelberg«
For the best fiction feature film with a minimum length of 70 minutes.
 - »Special Newcomer Award Mannheim-Heidelberg Award«
For the best unconventionally narrated feature film with a minimum length of 70 minutes.
 - »Special Achievement Award Mannheim-Heidelberg«
For an outstanding performance as actor, writer, director, d.o.p. etc.. Minimum length of the film is 70 minutes.
 - »Special Mentions of Mannheim-Heidelberg«
For a remarkable film or a special achievement like acting, photography, music, montage, etc..

The audience awards by a secret ballot:

 - The »Audience Award of Mannheim-Heidelberg« for the film most liked by the audience of the Festival.

Furthermore, the following juries award their prizes:

 - FIPRESCI-Jury: »The International Film Critics' Prize«
 - Ecumenical Jury: »The Ecumenical Film Prize«

A **Jury of Cinema Owners** will recommend films for theatrical release.
- 5- Submitted films must have been completed during the 18 months preceding the Festival. Under certain circumstances this rule can be waived by the Festival Management.
- 6- An independent International Jury, appointed by the Festival Management, decides on the allocation of the prizes.
The decisions are final, and the jury does not have to provide reasons for them.
- 7- No legal claim to participation in competition can be filed. Film selection is at the discretion of the Festival Management.
- 8- All non-English language films must be subtitled in English or German. A dialogue list in English or German must accompany DVD submitted for entry.
- 9- The signatory of the entry declares that she/he is the rightsholder of the film submitted, in as far as she/he is permitted to legally grant permission that up to 5 minutes of the film in question may be used, free of charge, for media coverage as well as for advertising purposes of the Festival. This includes use on the Festival's website.
The Festival is authorised to use excerpts provided by the signatory and/or to select excerpts of up to 5 minutes length.
The signatory also agrees that in case the submitted film will be screened at the festival the DVD copy submitted is to remain property of the festival and is to be filed in its archives.
- 10- We request to submit DVD for the selection process. These DVDs will be returned on request only. Freight costs must be covered by the person who submitted the film. DCP/screening copies are not to be sent for the selection procedure. If this happens nevertheless, the sender has to cover all transportation costs.
- 11- While the films are in the care of the festival, they are insured to the amount of their value of the print/video/DCP. This insurance coverage takes effect from the registration of arrival of the films in Mannheim until they are handed over to a forwarding agent for return dispatch.
- 12- The DVDs of the films for the selection process must be submitted with the attached entry form by **June 8, 2015** (Deadline for receipt in Mannheim). A brief synopsis, stills as well as reviews of the film and biographical information on the director **must be enclosed** with the entry.
- 13- The screening copies provided for screening during the festival must arrive at least 12 days before the start of the festival. Otherwise they cannot take part in the competition, in spite of official entry and acceptance. Exceptions only apply in agreement with the Festival Management.
- 14- Transport costs are assumed by the consignor (the sender).
- 15- The payment of screening fees by the festival must be agreed and confirmed in advance on both sides and excludes the film from participation in competition for the awards.
- 16- Entry for participation in the International Filmfestival Mannheim-Heidelberg is valid on acceptance of these regulations. All questions which are not resolved within these regulations will be decided by the Festival Management. Any legal proceedings will be dealt with by the Mannheim Court.
- 17- **Shipping instructions:** see front page