

## 23. INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL



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### OPEN CALL FOR FILM COMPETITION

on the topic of disability and films whose authors (actors, screenwriters, directors)  
are persons with disability-disabled persons

Film Festival "Seize the Film" is focus on projections of films related to the topic of disability/at least one actor is disabled person and it has editions\*\* in Novi Sad (Serbia), Rijeka (Croatia), and Kotor (Montenegro).

In addition to screenings of films on the topic of disability, the Festival also has accompanying programs and post-production - Film Caravan, which includes screenings in cultural spaces, schools, other festivals and „Seize the film Kids“ - screenings of films suitable for children aged 7-12 (in Serbia).

#### TERMS:

1. Topic: Disability\* - At least one actor is a person with a disability ( **IMPORTANT:** Films that promote disability as a disease, tragedy or God's punishment, ie if they promote stereotypes will not even be in the pre-selection).
2. up to 30 minutes
3. At least DVD quality
4. ENG or SR/HR subtitles; We especially appreciate it if your subtitles are SDH - descriptive (for deaf or hard of hearing audiences, other sound details are described as well as words to help the audience understand the action or mood of the scene. For example, an SDH subtitle might read "sad music is playing" or "slurred babbling.")
5. **Dialog list or srt file is required to be sent via email** to [uhvatifilm@gmail.com](mailto:uhvatifilm@gmail.com) if/when we ask for it.

#### **The call for films runs from February 15th to April 15th 2025.**

Films and copies remain with organizers. Organizers are obligated not to use films for any commercial purposes. For screenings of the chosen films for the competition and review part, organizers will not pay fees for the authors or producers. Organizers hold the right of using trailers or film clips up to 3 minutes, exclusively for the purpose of promotion for the Film festival „Seize the film!“.

The main program of the festival (Films selected and awarded by the jury, panel discussions with the authors/actors) will be held in in Novi Sad\* (Serbia) during 23.th Film festival „Seize the film!“. Film program will be held in October 2025.

Films that are selected and presented at the 23th Film Festival "Seize the film!" in Novi Sad (SR) enter the shortlist for presentation in Rijeka (Croatia), and Kotor\*\*\* (Montenegro) but also in our post-production programs.

Best films will be rewarded with a plaque. In addition to the plaque for the best film, the best screenplay, the best director and the film that changes the perspective, the expert jury will also award special prizes.

\*Some films may not be selected for the film program „Seize the film Novi Sad“, but they can be part of „Seize the film Kids“ that is also held in Novi Sad. Authors of films that are selected for Uhvati film Kids will be additionally informed.

\*\* Seize the film Banja Luka, will not be held in 2025

\*\*\* Seize the film Kotor, selected movies from the current year will be shown in the next year.

**If films are submitted via [Filmfreeway](#), [festhome](#), [clickforfestivals](#) an application form is not required.**

**If films are submitted directly via youtube, Wetransfer, or Vimeo, the [application form](#) is required.** Also, it is required on our email [uhvatifilm@gmail.com](mailto:uhvatifilm@gmail.com) to send:

- at least 2 film stills (max 5)
- dialog list/.srt
- trailer (promo clip) if any (or download link)

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**Festival organisers:**

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