

Now entering its fourth year, the annual Berlin Short Film Festival aims to be one of Europe's leading film festivals for international film-makers. It is a unique platform for new talent and a celebration of cinematic creativity and innovation.

The Festival attracts a broad selection of shorts by film-makers working in every genre and format, and offers Berliners and visitors an extraordinary chance to glimpse the future of cinema. The festival prides itself upon providing opportunities for talented directors, producers, writers, actors and crew members from all over the world to learn together and exhibit their work in a stimulating international environment.

The 2017 Berlin Short Film Festival will show over 100 short films. Five days of premières and networking events provide ample opportunities for selected film-makers to showcase their achievements, learn from their fellows and build contacts for future collaborations. The Festival also benefits from the vibrant Berlin film-making community and the cinema's proximity to the media hub of the metropolis.

The festival is open to any film in any genre under 50 minutes in length, and especially prioritises low-budget films of independent spirit and exciting new talent.

Deadlines:

Opening date: August 15th, 2016

Early deadline: October 28th, 2016

Regular deadline: February 24th, 2017

Late deadline: May 5th, 2017

Notification date: May 22nd

Festival: 29th June - 3rd July

Fees for short films (between 5 and 50 minutes) are €40 early, €45 regular, €50 late. Fees for short short films (under 5 minutes) and Music Videos are €30 early, €35 regular, €40 late.

Awards

Awards will be available to international short films in the following categories:

- Best Short Film
- Best Short Documentary
- Best Short Short Film
- Best Sci-Fi Short Film

- Best Horror Short Film
- Best Experimental Short Film
- Best Comedy Short Film
- Best Music Video

Rules & Terms

- All entries must be submitted digitally. Send us a link to your film on an online platform like Vimeo. Be sure to give us the online location of your film, with any relevant passwords needed for viewing, as well as your submission tracking number.
 - If you are submitting more than one entry, a separate submission is required for each film.
 - If selected for screening, a Blu-Ray or DVD-R copy will be requested. Screener copies cannot be returned. Filmmakers are responsible for their own travel and accommodation at the festival.
 - Please send any related press materials, including electronic press kit, and photos to info@berlinshort.com, including your tracking number.