**The firstIzmit International Short Film Festival (IISFF).**

**August 15th - 18th, 2018 Izmit, Turkey.**

We take great pleasure in inviting you to take part in the **firstIzmit International Short Film Festival (IISFF)** which will be held from **August 15th to 18th, 2018** in Izmit, Turkey. The festival will be organised by the Izmit Municipality and Art Nicomedia Culture and Art Association.

**There are NO ENTRY FEES for films, which will be accepted into one of 3 CATEGORIES:**

* • **Young Filmmakers** (age limits 14-24; filming & editing on smartphones, tablets, Go-Pro etc; up to 10mins in length).

Subject (mandatory): EARTHQUAKES.

03:02am, 17th August is the anniversary of the 1999 Izmit earthquake and the First IISFF will commemorate this dramatic event with this dedicated category. Young people have become expert in the use of smartphones, Go-Pro and Tablets etc and these would seem to be perfect equipment for our Young Filmmaker Category, although they are, of course, also welcome to enter more conventional films in the other 2 categories:

* • **Documentaries** (no age limit, no equipment limit, any subject, max 26mins in length).
* • **Fiction and/or Animation** (no age limit, no equipment limit, any subject, max 15mins in length)

**Documentary, Fiction & Animation filmmakers are also encouraged to approach the Earthquake subject and we offer a few suggestions of possible approaches to young and old alike:**

* o How do your local Rescue Services deal with catastrophes?
* o She saved my life.
* o This animation will help small children understand what happens.
* o A docudrama, with actors or animation.
* o What do you remember? What happened to your family and you as a 4/5yr-old girl?
* o This is how a Tsunami occurs.
* o How do earthquakes warn of volcanic eruptions?
* o My grandmother survived.
* o Rescue dogs.
* o What major changes have you filmed underwater since the last earthquake?
* o I remember…

**Deadline**

The deadline for films to be uploaded to the IISFF website in Izmit is 23:59, 1stJune, 2018. You can upload via cloud services e.g. WeTransfer, Google Disk, Vimeo, etc. All films must be dubbed, narrated or subtitled in English. A completed, separate entry form is required for each individual production. You can download entry forms from the official festival website [www.](http://www.festival.sk/)izmitisff.org Be sure to include a short English synopsis (max. 150 words) on the entry form and complete the other relevant sections.

Completed forms must be sent by e-mail to: info@ izmitisff.org

**All films must be encoded in .flv (Flash Video Format). No other video format will be accepted.**

Young Filmmakers must state their age on 17th August 2018, otherwise their entry will not be accepted. If you are a minor (different laws & age limits apply in different countries), written parental and/or school/education authority permission may be required. The organisers decline any responsibility if the under-age participant does not respect these arrangements.

Do not forget! Even though your programme is dubbed or subtitled, you must also attach an English transcription!

**RECAPITULATION: You are requested to send/upload the following materials:**

* ⎫ The completed Entry Form including a synopsis in English
* ⎫ English transcription
* ⎫ stills from the film (print quality 300 dpi)
* ⎫ your .flv-encoded film

**Awards**

 All films will be available to the jury and potential prizewinners in each category will be invited to Izmit from 15th-18th August 2018. Invitations will be made individually by the Municipality.

 There will be 3 cash prizes in each category and the Municipality will offer a separate prize for the best Earthquake film from any category. The 7-member International Jury will decide the winners and runners-up in each category and may also award other prizes and honourable mentions that may not be financially remunerated.  Winners and runners-up of each competition category will be finalised on 16th August 2018 and announced at the gala Award Ceremony in The Earthquake Museum, Izmit, on **August 17th 2018.**

**Promotion of the programmes**

The organisers reserve the right to use 1-minute film excerpts of selected films for festival promotional purposes, which can be screened at 41 Burda AVM, used on TV promotions, on the festival’s official website, on printed promotional materials or during any multimedia presentation before or during the Festival. The Festival reserves the right to use programme segments of up to 10 seconds in length in the festival’s official trailer. The Festival reserves the right to use programme stills in the Festival’s promotional materials, the festival catalogue, promotional flyers, posters, billboards, the festival website, multimedia presentations.

**Responsibility**

Participants must declare that their work is original and that there is no third party that holds the rights of the work submitted. Participation in the competition implies the unconditional acceptance of all rules and regulations.

**If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us:**

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