

WAMA Film Festival in Olsztyn (10th edition)**The Rules and Regulations****I. Date and place:****§1**

The tenth edition of the **WAMA Film Festival**, hereinafter called the **Festival**, will be held between **3 and 7 October 2023** in Olsztyn, Poland.

II. Mission of the Festival:**§2**

The objective of the **Festival** is to:

1. support the development of cinematography, in particular Polish and global film achievements created in the international co-production system;
2. promote the region of Warmia and Masuria by initiating innovative cultural activities;
3. art education of children, teenagers and adults, in particular, especially youth with low opportunities;
4. present film achievements of young filmmakers from all around the world;
5. popularise film education as a method of culture dissemination among the youth;
6. promote and award films of outstanding artistic value.

III. Organizers of the Festival:**§3**

All proprietary copyrights to the form and artistic concept of the **Festival** are reserved to the Institute KOSMOPOLIS Science, Culture and Education Foundation, hereinafter called the **Organizer**. The Producer of the **Festival** is FILMFORUM Association.

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To supervising activities connected with the organisation and content preparation for the **Festival**, the **Organizer** appoints the Organizing Committee which consists of persons and institutions who make important contribution to the preparation and realisation of the **Festival**. The members of the Committee are invited by the **Organizer**.

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The **Organizer** gives the official status of the "Co-Organizer of the **Festival**" to the Education and Cultural Initiative Centre in Olsztyn.

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The **Organizational Director** and **Artistic Director** of the **Festival** are in charge of all issues related to the preparation and proper conduct of the **Festival**, and have a casting vote in disputable issues not included herein, or requiring additional interpretation.

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The **Organizer** invites state, social and private organisations to participate in the organization of the **Festival** in form of organisational, substantive, material or financial support.

IV. Formula of the Festival**§8**

The programme of the **Festival** consists of:

1. The International Co-production Film Competition;
2. The Short Film Competition;
3. film workshops and trainings;

4. filmmakers meetings with the audience;
5. open film screenings.

V. The rules of the film submission:**§9**

1. The **Festival** participation rules are defined herein exclusively. Any promotional materials or advertisements are only informative.
2. Submitting a film to the **Festival** involves unconditional acceptance of hereof **Rules and Regulations**.

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1. The **International Co-production Film Competition** is reserved for full-length feature films produced in international co-production system.
2. The **Short Film Competition** is prepared for short films (maximum 40 minutes length) in all forms and genres.

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1. Subjects of a films entered in both of competitions are free to choose. The **Organizer** prefers films of broadly understood social matter.
2. Subjects preferred by the **Organizer** may be related to following matters:
 - a) the functioning of the individual in the modern world
 - b) social changes;
 - c) life quality;
 - d) globalisation;
 - e) spirituality and religion;
 - f) folklore and regionalism;
 - g) economy and politics.

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A film will be not qualified for the **Festival Competitions** if:

1. it has been presented in open distribution before 1 January 2022,
2. it has been realised in collaboration with members of the Pre-selection Committee, the Jury or representatives of the **Organizer**.

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1. The films may be submitted for participation in the **Festival** by legal or natural persons (hereinafter called the **Applicant**) who have full capacity to enter into legal transactions and the disposition right of the submitted film on the day of joining to the competition. The **Festival** is also open to groups of persons, entering as the collective **Applicant**. In such case they will be treated as co-authors of the submitted films.
2. Each **Applicant** may submit unlimited number of films.
3. The film submission is free of charge. The postage for sending the application is covered by the **Applicant**.

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The formal condition of submitting a film to the **Festival** is:

1. publishing the film on-line, on the VIMEO Internet service (access to the film shall be secured with a password) or on other service presenting video materials, and including a link to the film (with the password) in correct place in the **ENTRY FORM**;
2. delivering to the **Organizer** completed **ENTRY FORM** (at the pre-selection stage, it is enough to submit the FORM electronically) until **4 September 2023**.

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Submitting a film to the **Festival** takes place in the following manner:

1. **ENTRY FORM** must be carefully completed on the website:

https://wamafestival.pl/film-submission-2023

2. After completing and submitting the **ENTRY FORM** on the website, the generated PDF will be delivered to the email address given in the **ENTRY FORM**.

3. **The Applicant** for the electronic version of the **ENTRY FORM** should attach:
 - a) frame illustrating the submitted film (minimum size: 1920x1080 px, resolution: 300 dpi),
 - b) director's photo (minimum size: 1500x1000 px, resolution: 300 dpi),
 - c) fragment of the film (approx. 30 seconds) or a trailer in the form of a ProRes file or H.264 file.
4. **The Applicant** agrees to the publication of the materials indicated in points 3a, 3b and 3c in the information materials about the **Festival** (eg the Festival catalog, the Festival website, promotional materials).
5. At the stage of selecting films for the **Competition**, no paper documents are required.

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1. The link to the film published on-line must be available until **Organizer** announces the list of films selected to participate in the **Festival**.
2. Technical quality of the film is one of the criteria of admission to participate in the **Festival**.
3. In exceptional cases, an **Applicant** may deliver workprint of the film upon previous consultation with the **Festival** office.

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1. The **Applicant** accepts full responsibility for the correctness and truthfulness of information provided in the **ENTRY FORM**.
2. Copyrights of film submitted to participate in the **Festival** must not be limited in any way. Additionally, they must not infringe third party copyrights or personal rights.
3. The **Organizer** acts in good faith and does not accept responsibility in case of concealment any information related to legal status of a film submitted to the **Festival**. Any consequences and legal costs arising from potential claims will be incurred by the **Applicant**.

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1. The films submitted to the **Festival** shall be pre-selected by the Pre-selecting Committee, appointed by the **Organizer**.
2. Committee decisions shall be published on the **Festival** website (www.wamafestival.pl) until **15 September 2023**.
3. The **Organizer** reserves the right to invite selected films to the **Festival** competitions. Films invited by the **Organizer** are not subject of the pre-selection procedure.

VI. Screening of competition films:

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1. If a film is qualified for the **Competition**, the **Applicant** must print and sign the **ENTRY FORM** and deliver it to the **Organizer** in paper form together with an **RELEASE PRINT** of a film qualified for the **Competition**.
2. The **RELEASE PRINT** and the **ENTRY FILM** should be delivered to the **Organizer** at the expense of the **Applicant**, no later than **25 September 2023** (the date of the postmark applies) to the following address:

FILMFORUM Association
ul. gen. Wladyslawa Andersa 35
00-159 Warsaw, Poland
with the postscript: "WAMA Film Festival 2023"

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1. Films qualified for the **International Film Co-production Competition** will be screened exclusively from a Digital Camera Package (DCP).
2. Films qualified for the **Short Film Competition** will be screened from the following media: DCP, Blu-Ray or from a ProRes file (MOV format, ProRes 422 or HQ encoding in Full HD 1920x1080 or SD resolutions, stereo sound).

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1. In the case of qualifying a film to participate in the **Festival**, the **Applicant** consents to two public screenings of the film within the competition or special screenings.

2. In the case of winning a financial prize, the **Applicant** consents to ten public presentations during the **Festival** retrospectives held between 14 October 2023 - 14 October 2024.
3. The **Organizer** does not receive financial benefits from the screenings of the competition films.

VII. Transport of film copies:

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The film copies for the **Festival Competitions** shall be transported in the following mode:

1. delivery of the film copies is covered by the **Applicant**,
2. films recorded on hard discs will be returned to the address entered in the **ENTRY FORM** within 30 days after the end of the **Festival**, at the cost of the **Festival**,
3. films recorded on DVD or Blu-ray will not be returned and will remain in the **Festival** archives,
4. the **Applicant** accepts that the **Organizer** will store DVD and Blu-ray copies for archiving purposes.

VIII. Awards:

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1. The winners have no right to convert material prizes into cash, share awards or change awards in any other way. The winners of the **Festival** must not transfer the right to accept the prize to third persons.
2. In case of financial awards, the Laureate must provide personal details, account number and name of the bank to the **Organizer** until **31 October 2023**.

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1. Films qualified for the **Short Film Competition** will be judged by **Jury of the Short Film Competition** which consist of professional filmmakers, TV producers and specialists in culture dissemination and **Jury of Warmia and Masuria** which consist of people of culture and social activists operating in Warmia and Masuria region.
2. The audience of the **Festival** will select the winner of the **International Film Co-production Competition** by open voting.
3. The decisions of Pre-selection Committee and **Festival** verdicts are valid and indisputable.
4. The following statutory awards have been established:
 - a) **Grand Prix of the International Film Co-production Competition** - for the best film in the Competition - honorary prize for Polish distributor of the film awarded by the audience of the **Festival** by open voting,
 - b) **Grand Prix of the Short Film Competition** - for the best film in the Competition - financial prize for director of the film awarded by the **Short Film Competition Jury**,
 - c) **Special Award** in the **Short Film Competition** - financial prize for director of the film awarded by the **Short Film Competition Jury**,
 - d) **Anna Wasilewska Award** in the **Short Film Competition** - honorary prize awarded by the **Jury of Warmia and Masuria**.
5. Taking into account film subjects and categories diversity, **Jury of the Short Film Competition** may establish Special Awards and Prizes. The number and form of these additional awards must be consulted with the **Artistic Director** of the **Festival**.
6. Other awards funded by private persons, institutions or organisations may be awarded upon consultation with the **Organizational Director** of the **Festival**.

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1. Within the **Short Film Competition** will also be granted Nominations to the Jan Machulski Awards. These awards were created for filmmakers making their films outside of the commercial system and they are the most prestigious Polish film awards dedicated to the independent filmmakers.
2. Nominations to the Jan Machulski Awards are awarded during the **Festival** in the following categories:
 - a) "Best Director";
 - b) "Best Screenplay";
 - c) "Best Pictures";
 - d) "Best Editing";
 - e) "Best Actress";
 - f) "Best Actor";
 - g) "Best Documentary";

- h) "Best Animation".
3. The Jan Machulski Awards are awarded on a separate basis, regulated by regulations available on the website: www.janmachulski.pl.

IX. Participation in the Festival:

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1. Admission to the screenings and events of the **Festival** is free of charge.
2. The **Organizer** provides a free stay (overnight stay) for the duration of individual Competitions at the hotel) two people from the crew of each film qualified for participation in the **Festival**. The **Applicant** may, by **25 September 2023**, appoint two persons authorized to represent the film at the **Festival**.

X. Other Festival sections and competitions

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The following accompanying events shall be organized during the **Festival**:

1. workshops and film trainings;
2. film industry section INTERFILMLAB 7.0;
3. filmmakers meetings with the audience;
4. open screenings.

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The rules of recruitment and participation in points of the programme mentioned above will be published by the **Organizer** in a separate mode on the **Festival** website: www.wamafestival.pl.

XI. Additional information about the Festival:

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1. The **Applicant** consents to promoting the film submitted for participation in the **Festival** and its authors by publishing the logo, portfolio, jingle or other audio-visual composition on TV, radio or the Internet.
2. The **Organizer** reserves the right to publish parts of the competition films (up to 50 sec.) on TV, radio and the Internet as a promotional campaign of the **Festival**.
3. The **Applicant** consents to personal data processing and presentation for the purposes of promoting a film on TV, radio, the press, the Internet and other purposes during the **Festival**.
4. The administrator of personal data is the **Organizer** (Institute KOSMOPOLIS Science, Culture and Education Foundation).
5. Personal data processing will be conducted in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation).
6. The Administrator of personal data appointed the Data Protection Supervisor who inspect correctness of data processing and is available to contact via e-mail: instytut@kosmopolis.pl.
7. The **Applicant's** personal data will be processing for the purposes of organisation of the **Festival** and for marketing purposes. The data will be processed until the obligation to store them expires resulting from the provisions of law, in particular the obligation to store formal documents related to the organization of the **Festival** and in connection with the implementation of activities related to the operation, promotion and dissemination of the film submitted for participation in the **Festival**.
8. In connection with personal data processing by the **Organizer**, natural persons have the following rights: access to data, correction of data, deletion of data, limitation of data processing, lodging a complaint to the processing of personal data, transfer of personal data and lodging a complaint to the supervisory body.

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In matters not covered by these **Regulations**, the provisions of the Civil Code, the Act on Copyright and Related Rights and other generally applicable provisions of law shall apply.

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Detailed information about the **Festival** is provided by the Organisation Office:

1. Organisational office:
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These **Rules and Regulations** are available on the **Festival** website: **www.wamafestival.pl**.

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