

MEDFILM FESTIVAL 2021
THE MEDITERRANEAN CINEMA IN ROME
27th edition
5 - 14 NOVEMBER

The MedFilm Festival 2021 will take place in Rome from November 5 to 14. The only festival in Italy dedicated to promoting the circulation of Mediterranean, Middle Eastern and European Cinema, MEDFILMFestival was established in 1995 on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of Cinema and of the Barcelona Declaration. The Festival promotes the cultural dialogue and cooperation between Europe and the countries of the southern shore of the Mediterranean, through quality cinema and audio-visuals, windows open to the world to recognize and appreciate Diversity as a Value and Culture as the flywheel for the Economy.

MedFilm is honoured of the Endorsement of the President of the Italian Republic, the Patronage of the Presidents of the European Commission and Parliament, by the support of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers - Department of Equal Opportunities, Ministry of Cultural Heritage, Foreign Affairs, Economic Development, Justice, the Lazio Region and the Municipality of Rome. It is recognized and supported by the Diplomatic Offices in Italy of over 40 countries, it is considered as a Festival of National Interest by the Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities and it represents the Historical Event of the Municipality of Rome. It has also been recognized as a Festival of Cultural Interest by the Mediterranean Forum (9th Inter-Mediterranean Meeting of Algiers, 11-10 July 1997) and Euro-Mediterranean Partnership.

1. STRUCTURE OF THE FESTIVAL

COMPETITIONS

- Official Competition *Eros and Psyche Award*
- International Short Film Competition *Methexis Award*

HIGHLIGHTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

- The Pearls: New Italian Cinema
- Lux Film Days in Rome
- Glances From the Future
- Short Films From the Jails
- WIPS – MedFilm Works in Progress

SPECIAL AWARDS

- Valentina Pedicini Award - Best First Feature Film
- Lifetime Achievement Award
- Koiné Award
- Cervantes Award Rome

2. DATES AND VENUES

The **27th edition of the MedFilm Festival** will take place **from November 5 to 14, 2021**. Any changes in dates and/or places will be communicated no later than September 5, 2021.

3. AWARDS and JURIES

The awards are assigned by the International Juries appointed for each of the competitive sections. Jury decisions are unquestionable and incontrovertible.

OFFICIAL COMPETITION: *Eros and Psyche Award*

The Official section of the Festival is exclusively dedicated to fictional films and documentaries coming from Mediterranean and Middle Eastern countries. They must have been realised after January 1, 2020 and have a minimum length of 40 minutes.

The Jury of the official competition assigns the following prizes and awards:

- *Eros and Psyche Award* for the best film (2000,00 Euro)
- *Jury Special Award* (1000,00 Euro)
- *Artistic Expression Award*

Screening fees cannot be requested for the works selected in this section.

SHORT FILM COMPETITION: *Methexis Award*

Competition open to short films coming from Mediterranean and Middle Eastern countries, realised after January 1, 2020 and with a maximum length of 30 minutes.

The International Jury, made up of a selected group of graduating film students and a group of prisoners of an Italian Penalty Institute, assigns the following prizes and awards:

- *Methexis Award* (1000,00 Euro)
- *Cervantes Award Rome*

4. HIGHLIGHTS, SPECIAL EVENTS and SPECIAL AWARDS

THE PEARLS: The new Italian cinema

Non-competitive section dedicated to independent Italian productions: first and second fiction works, documentaries, short films.

LUX FILM DAYS IN ROME

Section dedicated to European cinema, in collaboration with the European Parliament Office in Italy.

GLANCES FROM THE FUTURE

Short films by the students of cinema that form part of the jury of the International Short Film Competition – Methexis Award.

SHORT FILMS FROM THE JAILS

Section dedicated to short and medium length films realized by prisoners from Italian Penitentiary Institutions.

MEDFILM WORKS IN PROGRESS

2nd edition of the WIPS, competition open for works in post-productions. The competition will open from the 4th of June to the 6th of September 2021.

VALENTINA PEDICINI AWARD - Best First Film

Award dedicated to the best first film selected in the Official Competition, Out of Competition and The Pearls: the New Italian Cinema.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Award dedicated to a protagonist of international cinema.

KOINÉ AWARD

The Koiné Award is assigned to a representative of the world of culture, politics and entrepreneurship, distinguished for having contributed to the exchange, knowledge and respect among peoples, supporting the importance of researching and bringing out contact points and shared languages among Euro-Mediterranean cultures and peoples.

CERVANTES AWARD ROME

The Award is an expression of the collaboration between the Instituto Cervantes of Rome and the MedFilm festival, and is assigned to the most innovative film of the Short Film Competition – Methexis Award.

5. REGISTRATIONS AND PRESELECTION

The registration to the 27th edition of MedFilm Festival is only available through FilmFreeway (<https://filmfreeway.com/MedFilmFestival-1>) **from the 7th of May to the 6th of September 2021**, with the following prices:

10,00 euro for submission to the Official Competition – Eros and Psyche Award

5,00 euro for submission to the Short Film Competition – Methexis Award

Film must be sent in their original version with subtitles in English, French or Italian.

6. SELECTED WORKS

Selected films will be communicated by the Direction of the MedFilm by **the 10th of October 2021**. The complete list of films will be published on the official MEDFILM Festival website, www.medfilmfestival.org, by **October 30, 2021**.

In case of selection of the film, the format for the screening must be: **DCP** format together with an **H264 (1080p)** file as backup copy.

Any other formats must be agreed with the Festival Direction.

6a. SHIPPING OF SCREENING COPY

By **the 21st of October 2021**, a screening copy of the **selected work with Italian and/or English subtitles**, must be received in **DCP format**, together with an **H264 (1080p)** file as backup copy, by the MedFilm Festival's offices. Any other formats must be agreed with the Festival Direction. **The shipping costs and custom clearance of the screening copy of the selected films are to be borne by the sender.**

The copy of each work must be accompanied by a document reporting the following data:

- title;
- length;
- size (if DCP);
- name of the owner and address for the pick up and return of the copy.

The copy of the film must be sent, door-to-door, to the MEDFILM Festival offices at the address that will be specified by the Shipping Coordinator, with the following indication:

“TEMPORARY IMPORT – FOR CULTURAL PURPOSE ONLY”
(symbolic declared economic value)

The Festival must be promptly informed about the shipping details.

To return the copy, the MedFilm Festival will be in charge of the shipping process from Rome to the place of destination. Whereas, after participation in the Festival, there is a request to send the copy of the film to another festival, **the shipping costs will be borne by the recipient.** In any case, **MedFilm Festival will cover the shipping costs of the screening copy only once (one way).**

The MedFilm Festival guarantees insurance coverage for the whole period of the event. In the case of damage or loss of a copy during the Festival, the insurance value of the film cannot in any case exceed the cost of a standard copy (€ 500.00).

6b. COMMUNICATION MATERIAL

For each selected work, the following advertising material must be sent:

- press kit (synopsis, bio-filmography, direction notes)
- three hi-res photos of the film and one of the director, posters and flyers (where available)
- trailer of the film (otherwise the Festival will edit some excerpts from the film)

7. GENERAL REMARKS

A co-production is considered has a contribution of the organization that submits it. The consent of the other co-producers is given as implied by the Festival.

The Direction of MedFilm Festival reserves the right to refuse to screen copies that, at its sole discretion, do not respect the Regulation and the basic screening conditions.

The winning works must use the MedFilm Festival' logo and the *name* of the Award assigned in their advertising. Award-winners must sign, within 30 days from the communication of the competition results, the Award Specifications (if it were in cash) prepared by the MedFilm Festival. The refusal to sign the specification will be considered as the non-acceptance of the award.

The Direction of the Festival will accept complaints about copies of films only within one month from the return date.

By participating in the selection of the MedFilm Festival, the Direction is authorized to start specific educational, information and education programs through the screening of the audio visual works received within its own institutional reference network.

Registration for the Festival implies the unconditional full acceptance of these Regulation.

The Direction, after appropriate legal counsel, will settle all questions relating to the MedFilm Festival by applying this General Regulations, also available in English and French. Should any dispute arise regarding the interpretation of these regulations, the original Italian version is to be considered binding. Any controversy that might arise with regards to the interpretation, execution or resolution of the present Regulations will be deferred exclusively to the court of Rome.