



18 SOFIA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

6-16-23 MARCH 2014

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Regulations

1. Sofia International Film Festival (Sofia IFF) is the biggest competitive festival in Bulgaria, accredited by FIAPF. The festival is presenting the cream of the world contemporary cinema, works of masters, discoveries, regional films and retrospectives.

The **18th Sofia IFF** will be held **from 6 to 16 March 2014** (main programme) with an additional week (17-23 March).

2. The programme of the 18th Sofia IFF includes the following sections:

- International Feature Film Competition (Grand Prix for First or Second Film)
- The Grand Prizes
- Cinema Today – Masters
- Cinema Tomorrow – Discoveries
- Kaleidoscope
- Special Screenings
- New Bulgarian Cinema
- Bulgarian Short Films Competition
- Balkan Competition
- International Documentary Competition
- Documentary Programme – out of competition
- Short Films Programme - out of competition
- Tributes and Retrospectives
- Special Events
- Operation Kino
- Sofia Short Challenge

3. Film Submissions are accepted for the following sections:

Competitive programme:

• **International Competition** – only first or second feature fiction films of the directors, produced after January 1st 2013, worldwide.

• **Balkan Competition** – only regional and Balkan feature fiction films are eligible for the section (Albania, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cyprus, Greece, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Turkey), produced after January 1st 2012.

• **International Documentary competition** – feature documentaries, worldwide, produced after 1st January 2012.

• **Competition for Best Bulgarian Short Film** – Bulgarian short films produced after March 2013 with length no longer than 30 minutes.



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Non-competitive programme:

- Feature fiction films, documentaries and shorts from all over the world produced after 1st January 2013.

4. Deadline for submissions

Deadline for foreign entries: December 1st, 2013

Deadline for Bulgarian feature films: December 31st, 2013

Deadline for Bulgarian Short Films Competition: January 15th, 2014

The festival director will select the films with the support of programme advisors/selection committee. The final programme is to be announced at the beginning of February. Each film may be screened up to 4 times.

5. Film Formats

- For selection purposes: DVD Pal with English subtitles.

• **Accepted screening formats for the selected films: 35 mm, DCP, Digital Betacam, Blu-ray.** DVD screenings are exceptional only for international short programmes.

• DVD screeners of the selected films for translation should be sent to the festival until February 15th. The screening formats should reach the Festival before March 1st, 2014.

6. Sofia IFF will cover all costs connected with the **transportation of prints** of the films selected for the International Competition to Sofia and back to the address given by the producer (airport) in case the film does not have another destination. Sofia IFF will cover one way of the costs connected with the transportation of the film prints of the other Festival programmes. Sofia IFF will cover all the expenses connected with the storage and insurance of the films during the Festival.

7. Sofia IFF invites representative of the films in the International Competition, Documentary Competition and Balkan Competition. All conditions for the festival guests are included in their personal invitations.

8. Accreditation request will be open from December 1st until February 15th 2014

9. Festival Juries And Awards

- **International Jury** of five members will judge 12 films in the International Competition and 12 films in the Bulgarian Short Competition and award the following prizes:
 - Grand Prix for Best Film in the International Competition (goes to the director and producer of the film)



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- Special Jury Award for film in the International Competition (goes to the director of the film)
- Award for Best Director (goes to the director of the chosen film)
- Award for Best Bulgarian Short Film

- **Balkan Jury** of three members will give the Award for Best Balkan Film (goes to the director of the film)
- **Jury of invited representatives of international film festivals** will give the Award for Best Bulgarian Feature Film (goes to the director and the producer of the film)
- **International Documentary Jury** of three members will give the Award for Best Documentary Film
 - **FIPRESCI** will appoint a jury of 3 members to give award for a film, selected from a special list of films published in the festival catalogue and on the festival website (goes to the director of the film)
 - **The Audience** will vote for its preferable film from the International and Balkan competitions (the award goes to the Bulgarian distribution company of the film)
 - **Young Jury** will present an award to a film from a selection of films, published before the festival on the website.

10. Participation in the Sofia IFF shall presume observation of all articles of the present Regulations. The festival director has the right to settle all cases and issues not covered by this Regulations.

11. Online submission and accreditation forms are available on the festival's Eventual visitors page <http://vp.eventival.eu/siff/2014/films>

11. DVD screeners for submission should be sent to the following address:

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The screeners should be labeled with film name, director/s, running time, contact. Applications must be sent with the following statement inscribed on the envelope: "No commercial value. For cultural purposes only."