



Open Call
deadline 30 April 2020

4th
edition

Press release

NAZRA Palestine Short Film Festival 2020

A gaze at Palestine
4th edition

Open call for submissions

Venice, February 1st, 2020 – After the success of its first three editions, the transcultural itinerant festival **NAZRA Palestine Short Film Festival** opens the call for submissions of short films dealing with Palestine and the Palestinian culture, people and memory.

Promoted by *Restiamo Umani con Vik* (Venice), *École Cinéma* (Naples) and *Italian Center for Cultural exchange-VIK* (Gaza City - Palestine) in collaboration with *NUR Venice*, NAZRA (Arabic word for “look” or “gaze”) is a short film festival seeking to encourage the artistic and film-making skills of young authors, both Palestinian and non-Palestinian, who use the technique of **short film** to engage with topics such as freedom, justice, human rights, and self-determination in the sensitive context of the Israeli-Palestinian question. NAZRA is meant to raise awareness on the social and political situation in Palestine.

NAZRA Palestine Short Film Festival is an opportunity for Palestinian and non-Palestinian filmmakers with great artistic skills but lacking sufficient financial resources to promote their works; NAZRA also support the film production of young Palestinian filmmakers, showing the highlights of a worthwhile artistic production, still little known by the public and not widely distributed.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

All works dealing with political, historical, social and cultural themes related to Palestine are eligible for entry.

Deadline to submit the short films is **April 30th, 2020**.

The short films should be submitted to one of the **three competition categories**:

fiction

documentary

experimental works

Two short films will be also selected for the following honourable mentions:

Nazrat al-Shabāb “Through youth’s eyes” - a short film by a young filmmaker;

Vittorio Arrigoni Prize - a short film on a solidarity project.

Shortlisted films will be selected by a committee of experts within the festival's organization; the winners of each category and mentions will be chosen by an international jury composed by prominent figures of Italian and Palestinian culture and cinema.

The award ceremony will take place in Venice during the opening nights of the festival in **October 2020**. Screenings and cultural initiatives of **Nazra Palestine Short Film Festival** will continue in the other Italian, European and Palestinian cities involved in the project. Some of them will be hosted in high schools and universities, where a youth jury will also be appointed.

In the wake of last year's edition, the **4th NAZRA Palestine Short Film Festival** aims at collecting the highlights of a worthwhile artistic production of short films by Palestinian and non-Palestinian authors promoting their diffusion during its itinerant journey while carrying messages of transculturalism, peace and justice.

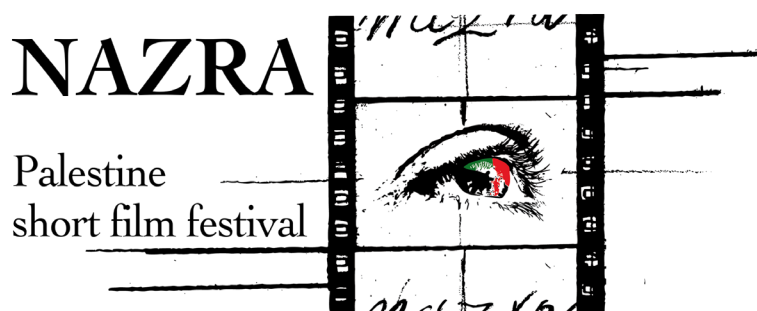
More details on the call at:

<https://nazrashortfilmfestival.com/nazra-2020/>

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