



NAZRA Palestine Short Film Festival

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Festival guidelines

The associations and the organizing groups of the Festival present the 4th edition of *NAZRA Palestine Short Film Festival*, an itinerant film festival that stems from the desire to:

- promote to a wider public the Palestinian film production, as an important artistic and cultural expression and as a message of resistance and self-determination of a country under civil and military occupation
- show the highlights of a worthwhile artistic production, little known by the public and not widely distributed
- spread the knowledge of the social and political situation in Palestine and Israel, through the works/sights of Palestinian and non-Palestinian authors.

NAZRA promotes respect for human rights, women's empowerment, freedom of expression in a multiethnic and multi-confessional culture, through the collection and screening of films about Palestine.

NAZRA specifically fosters workshops and international exchanges, aimed to encourage young Palestinian and international authors to produce new films on Palestine.

The *NAZRA Palestine Short Film Festival* is itinerant, as it takes place in different Italian and European cities as well as Gaza and the West Bank, in an effort to break the barriers that separate Palestine from the rest of the world, and to shed a light on the lack of respect for human rights of Palestinian people.

COMPETITION CATEGORIES:

1. **Fiction**
2. **Documentary**
3. **Experimental** (video art, animation, video clip, etc.)

Please note, that experimental works realized with mobile devices (such as tablets, smartphone, etc.) are also accepted.

SUBMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS & ELIGIBILITY

- under 20 minutes in length
- produced in 2017 or after

► The submission period is February 1st, 2020 extended to January 31st, 2021.

The competition is open to Palestinian and non-Palestinian authors whose works deal with political, historical or cultural themes related to Palestine.

Each author is allowed to submit a maximum of 2 works in 2 different categories.

The participation is free of charge.

PRIZES

The prizes will be awarded for the best film in each category. Each winner will receive a cash prize.

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| 1. Best fiction | 500,00 euro |
| 2. Best documentary | 500,00 euro |
| 3. Best experimental work | 500,00 euro |

In addition to the main prizes, two short films will also be selected for the following honourable mentions:

- **Nazrat al-Shabāb - *Through youth's eyes*** - short film by a young filmmaker
- **“Vittorio Arrigoni Prize”** - short film on solidarity projects.

SELECTION PROCESS

NAZRA committee narrows the submissions down to a shortlist of films.

The shortlisted works will be judged by an international jury that will decree the winners -one film per category and mention. The members of the international jury, prominent figures of Italian and Palestinian artistic, cultural and film field, will be appointed yearly.

The winning short films will be awarded in Venice during the closing evening of the first part of the Festival. One of NAZRA's main purposes is to disseminate the Festival's winning short films, when possible with the filmmakers, so following events will be held in several Italian and European cities, in Gaza and in the West Bank.

Please note that winners and shortlisted films will be the only films screened in NAZRA Palestine Short Film Festival.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

By February 1st, 2020 participants must submit the following files to nazrafilmfestival@gmail.com:

1. the [entry form](#), signed and completed in all its entirety and in a Windows compatible text format (preferably Word or PDF).
2. a **Vimeo, YouTube, Dropbox** (or any another cloud) link to the film with English subtitles
3. one (1) picture of the director
4. three (3) stills of the film

Please note that in order to be evaluated by the jury, **all films must be subtitled in English.**

Technical Requirements

The shortlisted filmmakers will be asked to send a download link to the film with the following features:

- in HD
- Windows compatible (mp4, Avi, mov, etc) and suitable for screening
- no advertising
- provided with English subtitles (or with a srt file containing the English subtitles) and, when possible, with Italian subtitles.

PROMOTION & COPYRIGHT

Entrants take full responsibility of the submitted contents and guarantee the respect of copyright on sounds and images by third parties (if any).

Entrants grant the Festival the right to use images taken from their film and/or to screen their film for educational/cultural purposes and in non-profit events organized by NAZRA for promotional purposes.

NAZRA Palestine Short Film Festival reserves the right to publish images or short excerpts (no longer than 3 minutes) from the films in order to promote the Festival.

By accepting the above conditions, participants ensure the accuracy and veracity of all the information provided and authorize the use of their personal data for promotional purposes regarding the Festival (flyers, websites, press release, etc.).

Producers and directors of the awarded films are required to display the logo of NAZRA Palestine Short Film Festival in any promotional event they may attend and specify the year and the name of the prize received.

The Festival Management may decide to invite the winners and directors or producers of the most interesting and deserving shortlisted works, covering part of the expenses.

NAZRA will inform the finalists by **May 31st, 2021** and the list of their works will be published on the Festival website.

All the selected works will, in any case, be added to the Festival archive.

By submitting the entry form, applicants accept all the terms and conditions above. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions will result in exclusion from the competition.

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