

Black Oaks Pictures and Materiali Sonori Cinema present the second edition of Sentiero Film Factory, a Festival based in Tuscany for short films and short screenplays (May 23-29, 2022 - Florence, Italy). Sentiero Film Factory is open to Italian and foreign directors, filmmakers, producers, authors, writers and film school students. The Festival also offers a market and networking events designed for professionals of the film industry, such as panels, workshops and forums.

The competition of this edition is widened thanks to the collaboration with Do Ut Des Film Festival, opening two new sections, one dedicated to music and experimental videos and the other one to movies produced in the Baltic Area or directed by Baltic Filmmakers.

## **Awards & Prizes<sup>1</sup>**

### SHORT FILM COMPETITION aka SENTIERO FILM FESTIVAL

- Best Short Movie (trophy and 500 € artistic contribution)
- Best Director (trophy)
- Best Cinematography (trophy)
- Best Performance (trophy)
- Best Screenplay (trophy)
- “Luciano Del Sette Award” for Best Soundtrack (trophy)
- “Sentiero Award” honorable mention (trophy)

### STUDENTS SHORT FILM COMPETITION aka SENTIERO FILM SCHOOL

- Best Student Short Movie (trophy)

### SCRIPT COMPETITION aka SENTIERO FILM PITCH

- Best Screenplay (500 € artistic contribution and trophy)
- “Writing Monkeys Award” (trophy)

### MUSIC VIDEO COMPETITION aka MUSIC IN SHORT

- “DUDFF Award” for Best Experimental Music Video (trophy and artistic contribution)
- Best Music Video (trophy)

### BALTIC FILM COMPETITION aka REMIX CULTURE\_BALTIC'S WAY

- Best Baltic Short Movie (free participation to the next SENTIERO FILM REC, artistic residency in Florence<sup>2</sup>)

## **Rules & Terms**

### **1. ORGANIZATION AND PROMOTION**

SENTIERO FILM FACTORY is organized by Black Oaks Pictures and the Materiali Sonori Cinema. For its communication channels, the festival can use the images of the selected films

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<sup>1</sup> Cash prizes are given in the form of a contribution to the proposing artist. The prize, net of taxes, will be cleared within 60 days after the award ceremony.

<sup>2</sup> Artistic residency in Florence focused on the San Frediano area. The selected filmmaker will spend two weeks in Florence developing and filming an original short movie (fiction or documentary). The selected artist and Festival's Artistic Direction will agree upon the period of the residency which must be carried out before the end of 2022.

for: catalog of the festival, flyers, press review, website, social network, etc.

An extract of less than 30 seconds of the selected short films will be used in social networks, websites or video monitors for the promotion of the event.

The acceptance of the terms & rules of the festival implies the acceptance of these rules

## 2. DATE AND DURATION

The 2nd edition of SENTIERO FILM FACTORY will be in Florence, in the San Frediano area from **May 23 to 29, 2022**.

In the event of special regulations due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the festival will be held online.

## 3. SECTIONS OF THE FESTIVAL

The Festival has five sections:

- Sentiero Film Festival: international short films competition
- Sentiero Film School: short films competition for film school students
- Sentiero Film Pitch: Italian short movie scripts competition
- Music in Short: music and experimental videos competition
- Remix Culture\_Baltic's Way: short films competition for Baltic directors or productions

## 4. THE COMPETITIONS

SHORT MOVIES COMPETITIONS: SENTIERO FILM FESTIVAL, SCHOOL, MUSIC IN SHORT and REMIX CULTURE\_BALTIC'S WAY

These sections are open to short films of any genre, maximum running time 30 minutes (credits included), made after January 1, 2019.

The owners of the short movies must send the materials requested in article 5 by **April 10, 2022**. In case of selection, the file for the screening (not less than HD) must reach the Festival no later than May 13, 2022.

The selection is carried out by and at the sole discretion of the Festival's Artistic Direction, who is also in charge of the honorable mention "Sentiero Award".

The Festival Direction will nominate a Jury of qualified professionals - directors, actors, journalists, film critics, producers, distributors - for the awarding of the following prizes: Best Short Movie (artistic contribution), Best Director, Best Cinematography, Best Performance, Best Screenplay, "Luciano Del Sette Award" for Best Soundtrack, Best Student Short Film, Best Music Video, "DUDFF Award" for Best Experimental Music Video and Best Baltic Short Movie.

### SENTIERO FILM PITCH

This section is open to original Short scripts by Italian screenwriters still looking for a production. The authors must send the materials requested in article 5 by **April 10, 2022**.

The selection of the scripts is carried out by and at the discretion of the Festival's Artistic Direction. The authors of the selected screenplays will be invited to pitch their projects during the Festival. The authors cannot exempt themselves from this presentation under penalty of exclusion from the Festival.

The Festival Direction will nominate a Jury of qualified professionals - directors, journalists, film critics, producers, distributors - for the awarding of the following prizes: Best Screenplay (artistic contribution) and "Writing Monkeys Award".

## 5. APPLICATION MATERIALS

All submissions to the festival must be accompanied by the following materials:

SENTIERO FILM FESTIVAL, SENTIERO FILM SCHOOL, MUSIC IN SHORT, REMIX CULTURE\_BALTIC'S WAY:

- FilmFreeway entry form properly filled (under penalty of exclusion from the competition)
- Fill the credits related to Director, Producer, Screenwriter, DOP, Costume Designer, Set Designer, Editor, Composer and Sound Designer on FilmFreeway/Festhome
- Screener link - VIMEO is recommended - available on FilmFreeway/Festhome

SENTIERO FILM PITCH

- FilmFreeway/Festhome entry form properly filled (under penalty of exclusion from the competition), it is also possible submit the application using our Form <https://forms.gle/eAWykPKjTYTjdgnZ6>;
- Script (max 30 pages)
- Additional material (e.g. moodboard) *optional*

## 6. SELECTED FILMS/PROJECTS AND AWARD CEREMONIES

Selected SHORT FILMS from all the competition sections must send supplementary material when contacted by the festival management. All films will be screened during SENTIERO FILM FACTORY screening events in Florence.

The videos selected for MUSIC IN SHORT will be screened during the days of the Festival in a specific Music Corner as a video library.

For the competition SENTIERO FILM PITCH, 10 SCRIPTS will be selected. The authors will be invited to present their work during a live Pitch session of 10 minutes each. A jury of Screenwriters, Producers, Distributors, Directors will assign the award.

In order to access the award, participation at the Live Pitch is mandatory. The festival will offer each author a Pitch Training Session right before the Live Pitch event.

The Award Ceremony will take place in Florence on the final evening of the Festival, on **Saturday May 28th**; all prizes and trophies will be delivered on that date with the exception of "DUDFF Award" and "Best Baltic Shor Movie" that will be awarded in a dedicated event Wednesday, May 25.

## 7. FILM SCREENINGS

The calendar and times of the screenings are decided by the Festival Artistic Direction, which will publish a general catalog of the works presented once the selection and call are closed.

The selected works will be screened in a compatible format as per regulation.