

# 21<sup>st</sup> GRAN PARADISO FILM FESTIVAL

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### Art. 1

Fondation Grand Paradis organises the 21<sup>st</sup> edition of the Gran Paradiso Film Festival, whose aim is to showcase and promote national and international cinematography dedicated to nature.

### Art. 2

The event will take place from 23 to 28 July 2018 in Cogne and in the month of August in the Gran Paradiso valleys.

### Art. 3

The Festival comprises two sections:

- **International competition:** open to international feature films and medium-length films dedicated to nature.
- **CortoNatura:** open to international short fiction films, short animated films or short documentaries dedicated to nature, of a maximum duration of 25 minutes.

Works selected for previous editions of the Festival or completed before 1 January 2016 will not be considered for selection.

### Art. 4

#### International competition

Applicants are requested to submit their work in the original language (preferably with English, Italian or French subtitles) no later than **28<sup>th</sup> February 2018**, according to the following instructions:

- **uploading** a low resolution digital file to the dedicated section of the website [www.gpff.it](http://www.gpff.it) (<http://film.gpff.it/>), together with the completed on-line application form

or

- **sending** 2 copies of the work in DVD PAL format by ordinary mail, together with the completed and signed application form.

#### CortoNatura

Applicants are requested to submit their work in the original language (preferably with English, Italian or French subtitles) no later than **28<sup>th</sup> February 2018**, according to the following instructions:

- **uploading** the digital file to the dedicated section of the website [www.gpff.it](http://www.gpff.it) (<http://film.gpff.it/>), together with the completed on-line application form

or

- **sending** 2 copies of the work in DVD PAL format by ordinary mail, together with the completed and signed application form.

Postal submissions (the postmark serving as proof of dispatch):

*Direzione del Gran Paradiso Film Festival  
Fondation Grand Paradis  
Villaggio Cogne 81  
11012 Cogne (Ao) – Italy*

To complete the submission process, applicants of both sections are requested to send via email to [info@gpff.it](mailto:info@gpff.it) or to upload to the dedicated section of the website [www.gpff.it](http://www.gpff.it) (<http://film.gpff.it>) **3 high resolution set photographs (minimum 300 dpi)** with representative images of the film. Authorisation for promotional use across the Festival network is implied. **Failure to submit the photographs will result in the non-conclusion of the entry process.**

The organising body cannot be held responsible for wrong data submitted by the compiler in the entry forms.

#### Art. 5

Applicants might submit **up to two works per section**. Entry is free and does not imply any obligations or costs for the organising body other than those stated in the present rules and regulations. **The Gran Paradiso Film Festival does not pay fees or taxes whatsoever for the screening of selected films.**

#### Art. 6

The Festival Direction, in collaboration with the Selection Committee, select the works according to their relevance to the main theme and on the grounds of artistic and technical merit. The determination of the selected films is final. The Festival Direction reserves the right to include out of competition films on the grounds of their artistic merit, even if not strictly pertinent to the main theme. Authors and producers will be promptly informed on the outcome of the selection process, in order to allow them to be present at the Festival. The official selection will be published on the Festival website [www.gpff.it/en](http://www.gpff.it/en), following the presentation press conference.

#### Art. 7

Selected entrants for the *International competition* and *CortoNatura* will be requested to ship a copy of the submitted work in **digital format at maximum resolution, in its original language without subtitles**, to the submission address by immediate return of post and compulsorily in the digital format indicated in the selection letter. **Shipment costs must be paid by the entrant**. In case the organisation of the Gran Paradiso Film Festival will not receive, within the undelayable deadline indicated in the selection letter, the video of the film in the digital format indicated, **the Festival Direction reserves the right to rule out the selected work** from the competition (unless proven certification of the actual shipping of the material).

Failure to comply will result in the exclusion from the competition. Upon request, the organising body will return the copies after the conclusion of the event.

Short films selected for the *CortoNatura* section will be screened to the audience in their original language without subtitles. **Subtitled or dubbed films will be ruled out from the competition.**

The compiler of the entry form of every work must provide a **constantly reachable contact** qualified and informed about the technical and digital material that has to be sent to the Organisation in case of selection.

The authors of the selected works will be required to submit the following documents. Authorisation for promotional use of the latter across the Festival network is implied.

For the International competition section:

- High resolution **trailer** of a maximum duration of 5 minutes
- Film **synopsis** in Italian, English or French
- **Biography and filmography** of the author in Italian, English or French
- **Dialogue transcript and interviews** in the original language (subtitling is provided by the organising body) and a separate file with Italian subtitles, if already existing.

For the CortoNatura section:

- Film **synopsis** in Italian, English or French
- **Biography and filmography** of the author in Italian, English or French

#### Art. 8

Admission to the Festival implies the consent granted to Fondation Grand Paradis to use fragments of the work of a maximum duration of 3 minutes (10% of the total running time for short films) for web publishing or television broadcasting of promotional clips.

#### Art. 9

The authors, producers and distributors of works selected for the XX edition of the Gran Paradiso Film Festival are invited to show the Festival logo and to mention the awards received (if applicable) in their opening credits sequence, as well as on promotional material, either printed or published on the web. Applicants can request the Festival logo by writing to the organising body.

Compilers of the entry forms of the selected films are required to inform the organisation of the Gran Paradiso Film Festival about **contingent changes occurred** in the period of time between the submission and the selection on the subject of:

- **prizes** or awards received by the film
- in case the film was indicated as Italian, European or World premiere, the **occurred screening** of the film in other festivals or events.

#### Art. 10

Selected entrants for the *International Competition* section will compete for the following awards:

- ✓ STAMBECCO D'ORO TROPHY - 5,000 €: awarded by the jury of the audience.
- ✓ STAMBECCO D'ORO JUNIOR TROPHY: awarded by the children's jury.
- ✓ GRAN PARADISO NATIONAL PARK AWARD - 1,500 €: awarded by the technical jury.
- ✓ PROGETTO NATURA AWARD - 1,500 €: awarded by the technical jury.
- ✓ WWF ITALY AWARD: awarded by the technical jury.
- ✓ LIPU-MARIO PASTORE AWARD: awarded by the technical jury.

Selected works in the *CortoNatura* section will compete for the following award:

- ✓ CORTONATURA AWARD for best short film - 1,000 €: awarded by the jury of the audience.

Any other acknowledgements or special mentions will be awarded at the discretion of the technical jury.

The Festival organisation reserves the right to award non-established prizes. The technical jury shall exercise the right to withhold any or all the prizes. The jury's decisions are final.

Selected works for *the International Competition* will be presented to the technical jury in their original language. Public screenings will be subtitled in Italian (see art. 7). Selected shorts for the *CortoNatura* section will be screened in all venues in their original language without subtitles.

The proclamation of the winners and the award ceremony will take place during the closing evening of the Festival. The *Stambecco d'Oro Trophy* shall be conferred exclusively to the winner - the film director or anyone acting on his or her behalf - attending the award ceremony. Should the latter condition not be met and for any other award conferred by the Festival Juries, winners will be notified by email and will receive an award certificate in electronic format.

#### Art. 11

The screening schedule is determined by the Festival organisation.

#### Art. 12

Applicants relieve the organising body from any responsibility regarding a third party's claim on intellectual property rights or the violation of any other right. They grant to have permission to use images of people, natural or artificial elements which may require specific consent. Each applicant is responsible for the filmed subject and relieves the organising body from any responsibility regarding publicly screened content.

Furthermore, applicants authorise:

- a) Dubbing or subtitling of selected works in Italian for the purposes of the *International competition*;
- b) Duplication and storage of the copies for use during the Festival;
- c) Public screening of the works in all Festival venues as well as during related events, for promotional purposes;
- d) Free use of fragments of a maximum duration of 3 minutes (10% of the total running time for short films) for web publishing or television broadcasting of promotional clips.

The organising body guarantees that submitted works will not be used for commercial purposes, excepting the cases in which previous agreements have been established with the authors and producers.

#### **Art. 13**

Although due care will be exercised, the organising body cannot assume any liability for damage to entries during transport, screening or storage. Applicants must cover their own insurance fees.

The organising body cannot be held responsible for any failure of the Festival to take place for circumstances beyond its control, or for any modifications to its program. In the event of cancellation of the Festival the copies of submitted films will be returned as soon as possible. Applicants will not claim compensation to the Festival organisation.

#### **Art. 14**

Applicants authorise the use of personal data according to the Italian law - D.L. 196/03. Personal data will be used only for information releases related to the purposes of the Festival. The processing and handling of such data is regulated by the current privacy law.

#### **Art. 15**

Application for selection to the Gran Paradiso Film Festival implies the unconditional acceptance of the present rules and regulations.

#### **Art. 16**

The organising body reserves the right to modify the present rules and regulations to meet circumstances beyond its control, for technical, financial or organisational issues or for any other unforeseen reason. Any modifications will be published on the website [www.gpff.it/en](http://www.gpff.it/en).