



FESTIVAL REGULATIONS: VAFI

I. GENERAL TERMS

1. VAFI - International Children and Youth Animation Film Festival Varaždin is an independent film festival that promotes cultural creativity of children and youth specialized for animated films made by children or youth under 18 years.
2. Festival founder and organizer is the Creative Film Studio VANIMA from Varaždin, Croatia.
3. Festival co organizers are Croatian Film Association and Concert Agency Varaždin.
4. The basic VAFI program is competitive.
5. Every year VAFI will have a Partner - person, country or institution - with a long term merits in animation. A special festival program will be dedicated to the Partner.
6. VAFI 2011 will be held in Varaždin from 12th to 15th April 2012.
7. In order to participate on VAFI 3, films must be **produced after 1st January 2010**. Films already submitted for VAFI 2, won't be taken into consideration for VAFI 3.

II. CATEGORIES

8. VAFI has three competitive categories divided by the age of the author(s):
 - a) **MINI** (for children under 10 years)
 - b) **MIDI** (for children from 11 to 14 years)
 - c) **MAXI** (for youth from 15 to 18 years)
9. If authors belonging to two or three different categories of the Festival worked together on submitted film, the film is considered to fit the category of the oldest participant.

III. ENTRY SUBMISSION

10. VAFI has no entry fee.
11. In order for your submission to be valid:
 - Completed Entry Form and two snapshots from film (300 dpi) have to be send via e-mail vafi@vafi.hr no later than 20th January 2012.
 - Signed and completely filled Entry Form(s) with film(s) have to be send to Festival address by post no later than 20th January 2012.
 - Films that don't arrive on Festival address until 1st February 2012, no mater of the actual shipping date, won't be taken into the consideration for VAFI 3.
12. Festival address is: **VANIMA (for VAFI 3), P. P. 5, 42000 Varaždin, Croatia, Europe.**

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IV. TECHNICAL DETAILS

13. Films must be in DVD - PAL format, all regions.
14. The number of submitted films or their duration is not limited.
15. Each film has to be on a separate DVD with clearly marked film title on it.
16. Separate and completely filled out Entry Form is required for each film.
17. If there is a speech used in the film in a language other than English, subtitles in English must be made as the part of the film.

V. SHIPPING

18. DVDs won't be returned to the sender. DVDs will be kept as a part of the Festival archive.
19. All costs and the risks of shipping will be taken by the sender.
20. On shipping has to be written: "No commercial value - for cultural purposes only".

VI. SELECTION

21. The films for competition in all categories will be chosen by members of the Selection Committee.
22. The members of the Selection Committee are people dealing with animation in any way and are appointed by the Organizer.
23. The members of the Selection Committee are in no way connected with any of the submitted film.
24. The members of the Selection Committee have the exclusive right to choose films for the Festival competition categories.
25. The decision of the Selection Committee is final and doesn't require any explanation.
26. The Organizer will notify by e-mail all chosen entrants about the selection results no later than 5th March 2012.

VII. SCREENINGS

27. Festival won't pay fees for screening of the selected films.
28. Organizer has the right to screen the submitted films or any parts of the submitted films on any media in purpose of the presentation.

VIII. JURY & AWARDS

29. The official Festival Jury has three members – two international members and one from Croatia.
30. The members of the Jury are people dealing with animation in any way and are appointed by the Organizer.
31. The members of the Jury are in no way connected with any of the submitted film.
32. The Jury will award five films per category – one first prize and four equal second prizes.
33. The first prize is the Statue and Diploma and the second prize is Diploma.



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IX. ACCOMMODATION

34. After the selection, but no later than 5th March 2012, the Organizer will contact the responsible persons named in the Entry Forms of the films selected to discuss conditions of free accommodation during Festival.
35. Children or youth, guests of the Festival, have to be accompanied by adult.
36. One adult per school/club/workshop/individual creation gets hotel accommodation and food at Organizer's expense.
37. Three children or youth per school/club/workshop/individual creation are invited as guests in private homes of Varaždin families.
38. Organizer does not cover the travel expenses.

X. FINAL REGULATIONS

39. Submitting films is equivalent to the Participant's statement that he owns unrestricted personal and financial rights to the films and that he takes whole responsibility for breaking those rights.
40. Participants bear full responsibility for the authenticity of the information given in the Entry Form. False or incomplete information will result in rejection from the festival.
41. The Festival is responsible for the protocol and the programming of all Festival events.
42. Non-specified matters not covered by these Regulations will be considered directly by the Festival Organizers.
43. Signature of responsible person on Entry Form means approval of Festival Regulations.