



## PALENA FILM FESTIVAL - COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT 2023

The 14th edition 2023 of the Palena Film Festival invites you to submit your short film, animation or music video.

The Palena Film Festival is a four-day competition that will take place in Palena (CH) - Italy from 10th to 12th August 2023.

The prize-giving night will take place at the Aventino Theatre "Ettore Maria Margadonna" in Palena, on 12th August 2023 (21:30 local time).

Founded in 2008 by the cultural association of Palena (Associazione Culturale Palenese) and recognized as one of the most important short film festivals in the world, the Palena Film Festival (previously known as "Premio Cinematografico Palena" since its inception nine years ago) has received over 10500 short films, animations and music videos from more than 125 countries of all 5 continents through the years in the past 13 editions.

The Palena Film Festival is open to any director and/or screenwriter together with their own, recently made productions of all kind of styles and subjects. Each director can submit short films, animations or music videos (entry fee for each project).

The running time of the films must not exceed 20 minutes (opening and closing credits included).

The deadline for submitting entries is 30th June 2023 (23:59 local time).

The admission fee is fixed to € 20.00 (EUR) for each project.

The Palena Film Festival celebrates two eminent representatives of the community of Palena: the Italian screenwriter Ettore Maria Margadonna (received Academy nomination and Nastro d'Argento Italian Film Award; worked in "Bread, Love and Dreams" of Luigi Comencini with Vittorio De Sica and Gina Lollobrigida; "Bread, Love and Jealousy" of Luigi Comencini with

Vittorio De Sica and Gina Lollobrigida; “Scandal in Sorrento” of Dino Risi with Vittorio De Sica, Sophia Loren and Tina Pica; “Bread, Love and Andalusia” of Javier Setó with Vittorio De Sica, Carmen Sevilla and Vicente Parra; actor in “The White Sheik” of Federico Fellini with Alberto Sordi and Giulietta Masina) and the American singer and television personality Perry Como (Grammy Award, known for popular songs such as “Magic Moments”, “Papa loves mambo”, “Caterina”, “Here we come a-Caroling”, “It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas“; worked with Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin, also known for popular television shows such as “The Perry Como Show” and “The Perry Como’s Kraft Music Hall).

The Palena Film Festival enhances and promotes Palena, its territory and its cultural vocation which, during the years, has identified itself through this distinctive event.

Local history, heritage and artistic compositions all complement to make the right background to visual and musical means of expression.

The festival also presents a range of special events included film workshops, retrospectives and non-competitive feature films screening that are attended by the whole town, its city authorities, tourists and keen filmgoers.

The Palena Film Festival is promoted by the cultural association of Palena (Associazione Culturale Palenese), the Region of Abruzzo, the Municipality of Palena, Province of Chieti, Chamber of commerce of Chieti and Abruzzo Tourism Promotion.

## JURY

President the jury is Prof. Marta Fontana

The jury, nominated by the cultural association of Palena, consists of engineers, artists and representatives of the world of culture, film, performing arts and music.

## JURY

The Palena Film Festival offers trophies in the main competitive categories:

### BEST SHORT FILM

"Il corto.eu" Prize

### BEST DIRECTION

"Associazione Culturale Palenese" Prize

### BEST SCREENPLAY

"Regione Abruzzo - Ettore Maria Margadonna" Prize

### BEST SOUNDTRACK

"Comune di Palena - Perry Como" Prize

### BEST ANIMATION

"Abruzzo Tourism Promotion" Prize

### BEST MUSIC VIDEO

"Associazione Culturale Palenese - FlashSound" Prize

## REQUIREMENTS

### VIDEO RULES

Short Films, animations and music videos are accepted.

All genres are accepted.

The running time of the films must not exceed 20 minutes (opening and closing credits included).

### JURY

Short films, animations and music videos are selected by the Palena Film Festival jury.

The jury decides the number of short films, animations and music videos selected for the screening.

The decisions of the jury are final.

Admission to the competition is subject to the unconditional acceptance of the above rules.

## DEADLINES

The deadline for submitting entries is 30th June 2023 (23:59 local time).

## FEES

The admission fee is fixed to € 20.00 (EUR) for each project.

Entry fees are not refundable.

## HOW TO SUBMIT

Short films, animations and music videos can be submitted in several ways:

### ELECTRONICALLY IN ONE STEP

via filmfreeway – clickforfestivals - festhome:

<https://clickforfestivals.com>

[filmfreeway:](https://filmfreeway.com)

<https://filmfreeway.com/palenafilm>

[festhome:](https://festhome.com)

<https://festhome.com/palenafilm>

### MANUALLY IN TWO STEPS

#### 1. FEE PAYMENT

making a payment of the fee fixed to € 20.00 (EUR)

via PayPal:

[palenafilm@gmail.com](mailto:palenafilm@gmail.com)

or via Postal Account:

postal c/c n. 26469627

to: Associazione Culturale Palenese

or via Bank Transfer:

IBAN n. IT90G0760115500000026469627

BIC/SWIFT n. BPPIITRRXXX

to: Associazione Culturale Palenese

#### 2. SENDING THE VIDEO

sending a streaming link or download link of the video

via email:

[palenafilm@gmail.com](mailto:palenafilm@gmail.com)

or via facebook:

[facebook.com/palenafilmfestival](https://facebook.com/palenafilmfestival) (writing a private message or in the messenger chat)

## OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED

Each project must be accompanied by the following information:

title of the short film, animation or music video

year of production

full name of the director

date of birth of the director

place of birth of the director

address of the director

mobile number of the director

email of the director

video length

brief synopsis (synthetic description of the contents and aim of the video)

subject and screenplay of main characters

full name of the original music composer

full name of the screenwriter

Information required can be sent:

via email:

[palenafilm@gmail.com](mailto:palenafilm@gmail.com)

or via facebook:

[facebook.com/palenafilmfestival](https://facebook.com/palenafilmfestival) (writing a private message or in the messenger chat)

## GENERAL CONDITIONS

The Festival reserves the right to complete any information not supplied by the filmmaker from whatever source available and will not be responsible if incorrect information is entered.

The Palena Film Festival has the right to add, alter, change, or delete any portion of the guidelines at anytime without notice.

The Palena Film Festival will provide the best quality projection possible but will not be held liable for any failure in the technical quality of the projection, nor will fees be refunded in any such case.

If accepted directors grant without reservations, to the Palena Film Festival, the right to use footage, stills and/or titles, and information from the short film, animation or music video for promotional purposes.

The Palena Film Festival reserves the right to modify or suspend the event.

The Palena Film Festival participation implies understanding and acceptance of above regulations.

The Palena Film Festival declare that any personal data provided will be used in accordance with the Law No. 675/1996, the Legislative Decree No. 196/2003 as subsequently amended and will be processed exclusively for the purposes of the Festival.