



ART
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POP CORN SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

9th EDITION

24th-25th-26th JULY 2026

Piazzale dei Rioni
Porto Santo Stefano
Monte Argentario (GR) Italy

ORGANISED BY:

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CALL FOR ENTRY

POP CORN

SHORT FILM FESTIVAL 2026

GENERAL REGULATION

The Argentario Art Day Association, in collaboration with the Municipality of Monte Argentario, is promoting Pop Corn Short Film Festival, a short film competition open to all national and international video-makers. This year all works should be inspired by the theme: **“Light and shadow, reflections of the soul”**.

Deadline: 2nd February 2026 - 2nd June 2026

Submission fee:

Early Bird Deadline - Free Entry - 28th February

Regular Deadline - 10 € - 2nd June

Festival dates: 24th-25th-26th July 2026

Festival venue: Piazzale dei Rioni, Porto Santo Stefano, Monte Argentario (GR) Italy

THE FESTIVAL INCLUDES THREE CATEGORIES:

Corti Italiani

Corti Internazionali

Corti d'Animazione

ELIGIBILITY:

Length: not exceeding 20 minutes, including opening and closing credits.

Theme: all short films must follow the theme “Light and shadow, reflections of the soul”, suggested by the Festival.

Language: Italian and foreign language with Italian or English subtitles.

Format: all kinds of formats are accepted, extension MOV, AVI, MP4, BLURAY including short films shot with mobile phones, smart phones, go-pro and so on.

Short films that have already won or have been presented at other festivals are also eligible.

Each applicant may submit one or more works.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

NO LATER THAN 2nd JUNE 2026 submit your work via filmfreeway.com platform.

Selected works that will participate in the Pop Corn Short Film Festival will be evaluated by an Artistic Jury composed by industry professionals that will be announced at www.popcornfestivaldelcorto.it.

SELECTED SHORTS

Applicants whose work(s) will be selected to participate in the Pop Corn Short Film Festival on 24th-25th-26th July 2026 will be notified by e-mail by 10th June 2026 and must fill out and sign the participation form we will send them.

SELECTED SHORT FILM MUST:

- Be sent **NO LATER THAN 15th JUNE 2026**.
- Provide an English and/or Italian dialogue list if the short is in a non-italian language.
- Contain promotional material such as: photos of the director, scene photos, short film poster, synopsis, director's biography, trailer etc.

All material will be used for the Festival catalogue and the social media promotion.

The decisions of the Artistic Jury are final. The film shorts in competition could be screened according to the procedures and the schedule of the exclusive responsibility of the Festival Management.

AWARDS

Best short film category "Corti Italiani"

- Cash Prize € 1,000
- Pop Corn Festival Trophy

Best short film category "Corti Internazionali"

- Cash Prize € 1,000
- Pop Corn Festival Trophy

Best short film category "Corti d'Animazione"

- Cash Prize € 1,000
- Pop Corn Festival Trophy

Raffaella Carrà Award

- The short film with the best original idea will be awarded with a cash prize of € 4,000
The short film will be also screened at Sudestival, the Film Festival of the City of Monopoli twinned with the Pop Corn Festival.

Panalight Award

- Prize Voucher € 8,000 for film and television equipment rental

Inlusion Creative Hub Awards

- For the Best Italian Short and the Best International Short 3 days of color grading with a colorist (Commercial value of approximately € 3,600 per prize)
- For the Best Animated Short Film 3 days of mix room with sound engineer (Commercial value approximately €3,000)

Mujeres del Cinema Award

- To a short film made by a female author or to a story focused on a theme related to the female universe.

Audience Award

- Pop Corn Festival Trophy to the best short film voted by the Popular Jury

Moscerine Film Festival Special Mention

Vision 2030 Special Mention

Prizes will be awarded to authors or their representatives who guarantee their presence at the award ceremony.

By submitting a work to the Festival, the applicant assumes the responsibility for owning the rights to it and authorizes this Festival to register it in its archives and to submit it to technical and artistic collaborators.

The Festival disclaims any responsibility for the reproduction of audiovisuals containing copyrighted material for which the SIAE position has not been regularized. Joining the competition implies full acceptance of the regulations.

The Court of Grosseto has jurisdiction for any cases and/or disputes.

Finally, the Festival organization reserves the right, if necessary, to make any changes to these Regulations without prior notice.

Application to the 2026 Pop Corn Short Film Festival competition implies full acceptance by the author of this call for entry.

INFORMATION ABOUT TREATMENT OF PERSONAL DATA

Pursuant to Articles 13 and 14 of EU Regulation 2016/679 of 27/04/2016 (GRDP) all personal data that are provided for the competition or are related to it are processed by the organizers for the sole purpose of the conduct, management and control of the competition itself and the dissemination of its final outcomes.