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THESAN
International Short Film Festival
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6th edition 2026

The call for applications for the 6th edition of the short film festival "Thesan International Short Film Festival" is now open. The festival, organized by the Real Dreams cultural association of Tuscania (VT), in collaboration this year with the Assotuscania association and Essential, is free of charge. A unique showcase dedicated to cinema, the festival is organized under the artistic direction of Ludmilla Filippova and the organizational direction of Davide Boninsegna. This year, there has been a prestigious logistical breakthrough: the splendid Teatro Comunale "Lea Padovani" in Montalto di Castro (VT) will host the crucial phases of the event. Thesan Film Festival, wants

be a sign that cinema continues to exist and live, especially that of many small independent authors.

Participation fee: Free

Deadline: Festival days: September 20, 2026

November 6 - 7, 2026

Sections to join

- Free Theme Section
- Social Section,***
- Environment Section,***
- Women's Section,***
- Schools Section,***
- Animation Section,***
- Video Clip Section***

Voting methods:

All submitted short films will be reviewed by the festival management, which will select the finalist short films for each section. They will be viewed and voted on by the juries; the films will be screened and the winners announced on November 6 and 7, 2026.

Juries:

- Technical jury composed of professional directors and actors
- Special jury composed of journalists (for the critics' award)
- Audience jury in the theatre
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How to register:

Registration is free, the call is open to works that do not exceed the 20 minutes of duration including titles, each author can present a single work. If the short film is in a foreign language, Italian subtitles are mandatory and subtitles are also mandatory

for Italian operas. The deadline for registration to the Festival is September 20, 2026.

The duly completed registration form and release form must be sent to the Festival management at the email address:

thesanfilmfestival@gmail.com

To submit your short film, go to the FILMFREEWAY platform at the following link:

<https://filmfreeway.com/ThesanShortFilmFestival2026>

The organization will communicate the selection committee's decisions to the finalist participants via an official email. Anyone who does not receive any communication by the expected date of October 15, 2026 will be considered not selected.

Short films made from 2018 onwards and with a maximum length of 20 minutes are eligible.

Short films with music subject to SIAE protection are not permitted (the music must be original).

ATTENTION:

The author/producer declares, under his/her own responsibility, that he/she owns all copyrights (video and music) of the submitted work and provides free release for screening at the Festival. In the case of works protected by management companies (SIAE or similar), the author must explicitly indicate this during registration.

and the promoters of the Thesan Film Festival are released from any responsibility.

The decision of the selection committee and the jury is final. Participation in the festival implies full acceptance of these regulations. The festival management will decide on controversial cases and any matters not expressly provided for. By participating in the festival, the author authorizes the Real Dreams cultural association, pursuant to Law 196/2003, to use his/her personal data for the purposes of the festival and related events.

Awards and special mentions:

Best short film in the Free Theme section
Best short film in the Social section
Best short film in the Environment section
Best short film in the Women's section
Best short film in the Animation section
Best short film in the Videoclip section
Best short film in the Schools section
Critics' Award (awarded by journalists)
FEDIC Award
Women in Cinema Award
Silver Jury Award
“Public's Choice” Jury Award
Special mentions

The link from which to download the documentation for the registration is:

<https://www.thesanfilmfestival.it/iscrizione-2026>

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ATTACHMENT: Release for the use of original music and screening rights

The undersigned

_____ Born in _____
_____ on _____
Resident in _____ Province _____ Street _____
_____ Tax Code _____ Identity document _____
_____ as Author/Director/Producer and owner of the rights to the short film entitled:
" _____
_____ "

DECLARES UNDER HIS OWN RESPONSIBILITY

1. Originality of the Music: That the musical compositions, the soundtrack and the songs
The contents of the above-mentioned work are original works and that the undersigned holds all the rights to the economic exploitation of the pieces themselves.
2. Absence of SIAE (or other collective management bodies) constraints: That the author/author(s) of the music is/are registered with SIAE (Italian Society of Authors and Publishers) or other collective management societies for copyright (e.g. Soundreef, BMI, ASCAP, etc.), or that the specific songs used have not been registered and are free from restrictions on public performance.
3. Screening Authorization: To grant the organizers of the Thesan Film Festival free authorization for the public screening of the work during the event, including any promotional events, streaming on the official website, or reruns related to the festival, without any claim for compensation or royalties.
4. Indemnity: To release the Festival Organization from any liability, claim economic or legal claims made by third parties regarding the authorship and use of the music and audiovisual content of the work itself.

PERSONAL DATA PROCESSING

The undersigned consents to the processing of his/her personal data pursuant to EU Regulation 2016/679 (GDPR) for the purposes of organizing and promoting the Festival.

Place and Date

Signature of the Rights Holder