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Trollywood Animation Festival 2026

Regulations for Participation in the Film Competition

About the Festival

Trollywood Animation Festival (TAF) is an international animation festival held in Trollhättan, Sweden. The festival is organized in collaboration with local and national stakeholders within film and animation and aims to highlight artistic quality, creativity, and innovation in the field of animation.

Eligibility Criteria

All types of animated films are eligible for submission, regardless of technique (2D, 3D, stop motion, mixed media, etc.). Only films that have had their official premiere after January 1, 2025 are eligible for selection. Only films with a maximum duration of 30 minutes are eligible for selection. Only films whose director or producer has a strong connection to Sweden are eligible for selection. Only films whose director or producer is 18 years or older are eligible for selection. The festival does not impose a premiere requirement; films previously screened at other festivals are welcome to apply.

Submission

Submissions are open until the deadline of February 15, 2026. Participation and submission are completed by filling out the application form available on the Trollywood Animation Festival website. The film must be accessible online via a screening link (e.g., Vimeo, YouTube, Google Drive, or equivalent). If the link is password-protected, the password must be provided in the application. The screening link must remain active and accessible until the end of the festival. Submission is free of charge.

Selection Process

The selection is made by the festival's artistic committee, consisting of active professionals in the animation and/or film industry. Applicants whose films are selected for screening and competition at the festival will be contacted in March. Other applicants will be notified shortly after the selected films have confirmed their participation. Decisions regarding selection are final, cannot be appealed, and will not be disclosed.

Accreditation and Invitation

Directors of selected films will be offered free festival accreditation and access to the entire festival program. The festival does not cover travel or accommodation costs.

Format Requirements

Films accepted for the festival must be delivered in high-resolution digital format. DCP is not accepted. Films with dialogue not in Swedish or English must include English subtitles.

Jury and Awards

The festival management appoints an independent jury to evaluate the selected films in competition and to designate a winning film. The jury's decision is final and cannot be appealed. The prize is awarded to the film's director. Additional special awards and respective jury groups may be introduced. Winners will be announced during the festival.

Screening Rights

The festival is entitled to screen the film according to its own programming schedule. The festival reserves the right to modify, postpone, or cancel the program in the event of unforeseen circumstances (e.g., technical issues, force majeure, etc.).

Marketing

Films selected for the festival may use the festival's laurel for promotional purposes. The festival has the right to use still images and short excerpts from the film for marketing purposes without financial compensation. Selected filmmakers must also provide press materials, such as still images, for use in the festival program and/or promotional activities.

Rights and Responsibilities

The person submitting the film guarantees that they hold all rights to the film, including music and visual material, and that the festival can screen the film without risk of third-party claims. By submitting, the festival (Trollywood Animation Festival) is indemnified against liability and any claims arising from disputes with third parties. The festival may remove a film from the program in cases of technical issues, rights disputes, or violations of the regulations.

GDPR Compliance

Trollywood Animation Festival (TAF) processes submitted data solely for the purpose of administering the competition and contacting relevant individuals. The data will be deleted within three months after the competition ends. You may request correction or deletion by contacting the festival.

Acceptance of Regulations

Submitting a film to Trollywood Animation Festival implies full acceptance of these regulations. Any questions or disputes not covered by these regulations will be resolved by the festival management.

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