



EXPOTOONS 2010 FESTIVAL REGULATIONS

Expotoons International Animation Festival will be held on days **November 30th to December 2nd** in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

1. Objectives

Expotoons 2010 aims to make a contribution to the development of the animation industry as well as to promote the interchange of knowledge and experiences among the different countries in order to establish international relationships between producers and creators.

Expotoons aims to become an international reference forum for the annual gathering of professionals, creators, students and public.

2. Competition Categories

The Festival's Official Competition includes the following categories:

- 1. Feature Film:** films with a running time of over 60 minutes.
- 2. Short Film:** films with a running time under 60 minutes, which are not part of a series.
- 3. Advertising Film (commercial)**
- 4. TV Series:** Trailer and 1 Chapter are required
- 5. Graduation Short Films:** film schools' final productions

Pieces made in any animation technique will be admitted.

3. How to participate

The Competition is open to animated feature films, short films, TV series, commercials and graduation shorts, finished by film or digital mediums. All works must have been finished after January 1st, 2008. The Festival Selection Committee reserves the right to accept, in any exceptional circumstances, a production finished before the stated date, due to special importance brought to the Festival.

All producers and makers who possess the rights on the presented works can participate in any Competition Section. They will be considered the only interlocutors able to discuss aspects related to the participation of the production in the Festival. They will also be held legally responsible before other companies or people who might have been involved in the production.

Each presented production must be sent with a printed copy of the corresponding registration form. The Selection Committee will automatically reject the works which do not fulfill the requirements of these regulations.

Every work, without exceptions, must be presented in their original language with Spanish subtitles if spoken in other language, or with Spanish audio or Spanish subtitle list. If necessary, the Organization will require the subtitle or dialogue list.

Once the film is selected and registered, it can't be taken out of the programs.

Registration is free of charge. The selected entries will appear in the Festival Official Catalogue, including: Still, Synopsis and Technical Specifications of the submitted film.



4. Registration and Documentation

In order to register, participants must send a copy of the film on DVD (according to the technical specifications of the **form**), and the registration form properly filled in before August 31st, 2010.

The registration form, once signed, will become a sworn statement and it will imply knowing and accepting the present regulations. Works will be received since May 3rd, 2010.

For TV Series category, contestants are required to send one chapter and a trailer.

All the parcels stamped before August 31st 2010 will be admitted as long as the shipment is notified, indicating the title of the film and name of director. These parcels should arrive within 7 days after deadline, at the following address:

Festival Internacional Expotoons
3 de febrero 2841 (1429)
Capital Federal, Buenos Aires – Argentina.
Tel: +5411 4785 9801/ 4782-3935
info@expotoons.com

Every piece must be sent as a document, with the following text:

“Sample with no commercial value and for cultural purposes only”

The following documents must be attached to the **registration form**, in Spanish or English:

- Film Synopsis.
- Technical Specifications.
- Director’s Bio-filmography.
- Two stills from the entry, and a recent photograph of the director or directors in 300 dpi and jpg format.
- Original subtitle list, with either Spanish or English translation.
- Any documents about the production if available (posters or press report).
- One copy of the film.

These documents are essential for participating in Expotoons. Productions that won’t fulfill these requirements will not be admitted in the selection. Selected productions will be included in the Festival Catalogue with their corresponding images and synopsis.

5. Selection

A Selection Committee, comprised of industry professionals and members of the Festival Organization Team, will select among the received productions those which will participate in the Festival.

The Selection Committee’s decisions are not open to appeal.

The Organization will establish the exhibition order and date of each production during the Festival, reserving the right of displaying them in future shows, in places they consider appropriate. By participating, authors and producers grant their authorization for such screenings.



The contestants authorize the Organization to use fragments of the productions in any media in order to promote the Festival. They also allow the use of pictures of the director or the film in press releases, as well as in the Official Catalogue.

Registered entries can be exhibited for their promotion without paying screening rights and for Expotoons' promotional purposes only.

Exhibitions rights run on behalf of the Festival and it is not necessary to pay screening rights.

6. Jury

The Festival Direction will select the members of the Official Jury, which will fulfill the following requirements:

- a) The Official Jury will be comprised of professional of the audiovisual, cultural and artistic fields.
- b) It will be comprised of at least five famous industry referents.
- c) Those jurors with any interests in producing and/or exploiting the productions in competition will not be allowed to vote in the respective category.
- d) The Jury's decisions will be secret and will be taken by simple majority.

The Festival Direction will be present at the deliberations but will not take part in the voting process.

- e) Members of the jury are committed not to make their opinions public before the Official Awards are granted.

Any possible unexpected conflict (regarding organization or development) not included in the regulations, will be dealt by the Festival Direction.

7. Awards

The Jury will grant the following awards, reserving the right not to award a category. A diploma and a statuette will be given in all cases to:

- **BEST FEATURE FILM AWARD**
- **BEST SHORT FILM AWARD**
- **BEST ADVERTISING FILM AWARD**
- **BEST TV SERIES AWARD**
- **BEST GRADUATION FILM AWARD**
- **EXPOTOONS SPECIAL AWARDS**

The Jury's decisions are not open to appeal. The awards must be collected by the producers of the entries or people representing them.

Participation in the Festival implies that the winners grant the Festival the material possession of the DVD containing the awarded piece, as well as the right to use it for cultural purposes. This does **not** imply transferring property rights.

All entries will become part of the animation video-library base of the Festival.

Expotoons will be responsible for its maintenance and specific promotional use.

The producers of awarded pieces are committed to mention this award in any commercial and press report, respecting the exact wording of the decision of the Jury and using the Festival logo. They must also send the Festival the mentioned promotional material.



8. Shipment and return of copies

Contestants are responsible for the shipment expenses of the DVD copy for the selection as well as for its insurance until they arrive to the Festival. The Festival will not take part in shipment or customs expenses.

Contestants are also responsible for the shipment of the selected productions. The Festival Organization will be responsible for the insurance of the pieces from the moment they arrive at the Festival Head Office until they are transported back (for 35 mm copies only).

In case of destruction, loss or breaking of a copy, any claim must reach the Festival within a month after its reception by the producer. The Festival will not be responsible for any copy deterioration at the screenings.

9. Acceptance of terms

Participating in Expotoons 2010 implies the acceptance of all the before mentioned rules and regulations.

The Organization Committee can modify these terms without previous notice in order to improve and complement them, and must publish and notify such changes on the official website www.expotoons.com.

Any issue not duly specified in these regulations will be analyzed by the Organization Committee during the regular weekly board meetings.

10. Data Protection

The information submitted, including photographs, will be used for publications or Internet broadcasts related to the celebration of Expotoons.