



**36<sup>e</sup> FESTIVAL**  
20/28 janv 2024

## COMPETITION & OFFICIAL SELECTION REGULATION

**Deadline for registration: September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

### 7 COMPETITIVE SECTIONS

- European First or Second Feature Films
- Diagonales<sup>1</sup> (films free in their form, format, narrative or length)
  - European First Short Films
  - French First Short Films
  - European Student Films
- European Animated Films (Student films and first animated short films)
- Short films for kids (Various programs of European short films to discover from 3 to 9 years old)

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<sup>1</sup> The Diagonales section is compiled by the programming team from feature film and short film entries

## SELECTION AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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Approximately fifteen first feature films, twenty first short films, twenty animated films and thirty student films are selected for the Competition by a Selection Committee.

The decision of the Premiers Plans Selection Committee is final. Each selected film will be screened no more than three times during the Festival.

The Premiers Plans Festival Competition is open to the films which have the followings characteristics (**all the films must have been completed after January, 1, 2022**):

### EUROPEAN FIRST OR SECOND FEATURE FILMS

- First or second feature films (previous feature films, either on video formats or made for television, are not considered)
- Produced or co-produced mainly in Europe<sup>2</sup>
- Running time of over 59 minutes
- Screening format digital: DCP<sup>3</sup> or HD video file<sup>4</sup>
- Commercially unreleased in France

### DIAGONALES

- First films (previous feature films, either on video formats or made for television, are not considered)
- Produced or co-produced mainly in Europe<sup>2</sup>
- Running time: all lengths
- Screening format digital: DCP<sup>3</sup> or HD video file<sup>4</sup>
- Commercially unreleased in France

### EUROPEAN FIRST SHORT FILMS

- Produced or co-produced in Europe<sup>2</sup> (not student films)
- Running time less than 59 minutes for fiction
- Running time less than 40 minutes for documentary
- Screening format digital: DCP<sup>3</sup> or HD video file<sup>4</sup>

### FRENCH FIRST SHORT FILMS

- Produced or co-produced in France (not student films)
- Running time less than 59 minutes for fiction
- Running time less than 40 minutes for documentary
- Screening format digital: DCP<sup>3</sup> or HD video file<sup>4</sup>

### EUROPEAN STUDENT FILMS

- Produced or co-produced in a European<sup>2</sup> film school or university
- Running time less than 59 minutes
- Screening format digital: DCP<sup>3</sup> or HD video file<sup>4</sup>

### EUROPEAN ANIMATED FILMS

- First short film or student film
- Produced or co-produced mainly in Europe<sup>2</sup>
- Running time less than 59 minutes
- Screening format digital: DCP<sup>3</sup> or HD video file<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> The Member States of the European Union or one of the following countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, North Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia, Tunisia, Ukraine, United Kingdom

<sup>3</sup> 2k resolution only. JPEG 2000 format only. Proper file naming must be observed per the Digital Naming Convention. DCPs must arrive unencrypted (without KDM key)

<sup>4</sup> Quicktime .mov 1080p (vidéo codec: ProRes 422 ou 422 HQ, audio codec: PCM)

## PRE-SELECTION

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The registration must be filled on line before **September, 29<sup>th</sup> 2023** on our website: <http://www.premiersplans.org/festival/en/index.php>.

## SELECTED FILMS AND SHIPMENTS OF THE SUPPORTS (Prints, DCP, files...)

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**The selection of films will be announced in mid December 2023.**

Photos from the film and the director must be supplied.

The Festival requires that the digital copy, if possible with French or English subtitles, should be sent no later than December, 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. If no French subtitles exist, electronic subtitles will be made at the expense of the Festival.

For short films in DCP, a backup copy in ProRes 422 HQ is required.

**The shipment of the support for screening to Paris or Angers will be at the expense of the sender**, and should be sent with pre-paid postage. Any print sent requiring payment upon reception will be refused. No screening fees will be paid by the Festival to the production, distribution or world sales companies for the films in Competition.

**The selected films will be sent back within the month following the end of the Festival**, at the expense of Premiers Plans. The Festival reserves the right to organize **special screenings of some of the awarded films**, two weeks after the end of the Festival, before returning the prints.

In case of damage or loss of material between reception and re-shipment of the prints, the liability of the Premiers Plans Festival will not exceed the replacement value of the print.

## AWARDS

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**Total amount of €170 000**

- 3 awards for feature films
- 1 award for Diagonales
- 6 awards for short films
- 4 awards for student films
- 3 award for animated films
- 3 awards for scripts
- 4 awards for performance
- 2 awards for Chenaplans

*The total amount and the number of the awards are only given on an indicative basis and may be subject to changes.*

*The award-winner will receive the amount of his price on mid-march*

The award-winner could use the benefits of his price within **18 months** as from the closing ceremony.

## COMMUNICATION

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The winners, their producers and distributors are obliged to include **the full name of the prize, together with the Festival logo**, on all publicity and promotional material (poster, credits, film announcement, press kit, website).

The Festival undertakes to supply the Festival laurels.

## PLEASE NOTE

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The present rules and regulations are drawn up in French and English. The French version will prevail in case of dispute concerning the interpretation of the text. The Festival reserves the right to make any decision concerning matters not covered by the present Rules and Regulations.

A request to participate in the Premiers Plans Festival (Angers) implies unconditional acceptance of the present Rules and Regulations.

Any dispute will be settled by the Angers Civil Court only.

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*The offices will be closed between 14 July and 15 August*