**13TH BOSPHORUS FILM FESTIVAL**
**INTERNATIONAL FEATURE FILM COMPETITION RULES & TERMS**

**A) OBJECTIVE**

Organized by the Bosphorus Culture & Arts Foundation, the Bosphorus Film Festival aims to contribute to the development of motion pictures with ethical, aesthetic, and technical merit in Turkey and the world; support young producers and directors both financially and morally in creating new films; maintain a discourse around a distinct cinematic identity for Turkey; and promote Turkish cinema both nationally and internationally.

**B) FESTIVAL DATES**

The 13th Bosphorus Film Festival will take place from **November 7–14, 2025**, in Istanbul, Türkiye.

**Submission Deadline:** October 1, 2025

Only films completed after **January 1, 2024** are eligible for submission.

**C) RULES & TERMS**

* Only fiction and documentary feature films can participate in the competition. All films must have their **Turkish premiere** at the Bosphorus Film Festival.
* National and international films will be evaluated within a single category: **International Feature Film Competition**.
* Fiction films must have a **minimum runtime of 70 minutes** including credits. The pre-selection jury may allow flexibility if necessary.
* Applicants may submit more than one film.
* Films previously screened in national or international festivals or awarded are eligible.
* Once submitted, films **cannot be withdrawn**. Submission implies acceptance of this regulation.
* Applications are made through **FilmFreeway.com**.
* Selected films will be announced on the festival’s official website and via media channels. Filmmakers whose works are not selected will not be notified. Some unselected films may be included in **non-competitive screenings** with the consent of the producer and director.
* Creators of selected films will be **invited to attend** the festival. Attendance dates will be communicated by the festival team.
* All screenings will be scheduled at venues and times determined by the festival administration. No changes to screening time, date, or venue will be entertained.
* Films must be delivered in **DCP format**. All selected films are considered to have accepted this requirement.
* Screening and competition programming decisions are made by the **Artistic Director and programming advisors**.
* All selected films will be screened in their original language with **Turkish and English subtitles**.
* Films selected for screening (outside of competition) will receive **screening royalties**.

**D) FORMATION AND FUNCTIONING OF THE JURY**

* The jury will consist of **up to 7 members** selected by the festival administration. Jury members may include film critics, scholars, cinema professionals, artists, film festival managers, and cultural journalists.
* A **non-voting observer** may be appointed to assist with procedural matters.
* Jury names will be announced at the festival press conference.
* The jury may not split awards.
* Jury members must watch all competition films and attend all deliberations.
* Jury members may either watch films collectively or individually, based on the schedule provided.
* Jury may elect a chairperson among themselves.
* The jury must present at least one award and **cannot leave categories unawarded**.
* Jury discussions and decisions are confidential until formally submitted to the festival administration.

**E) SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

* Cash awards and screening fees will be paid by the Bosphorus Culture & Arts Foundation by **April 30, 2026**.
* All cash prizes are subject to **legal tax deductions** and will be paid via **bank transfer**.
* **Winners must attend the awards ceremony**; otherwise, their cash award will not be issued.
* The festival administration reserves the right to exclude films that do not meet technical standards.
* The festival is responsible for the **transportation and insurance** of selected films.
* Submission to the 13th Bosphorus Film Festival implies acceptance of these terms.
* Any matters not covered in this regulation will be resolved by the festival administration.

**F) AWARDS**

* **Best Film**: Golden Dolphin Statue
* **Best Director**: Golden Dolphin Statue
* **Best Actor**: Golden Dolphin Statue
* **Best Actress**: Golden Dolphin Statue
* **Special Mention**: Golden Dolphin Statue

(Note: Cash prize amounts will be announced later.)