

Stoke Your Fires 2011 Submission Guidelines

Deadline for submissions is 10th December 2010

Competition Categories and Definitions

- Best Short Animation
- Best Professional Animation
- Best Fine Art/Experimental Animation
- Best Student Animation
- Best Short Film – Drama
- Best Short Film – Documentary
- Best Short Film – Student
- Best 'Made in the Midlands' – film or animation

'Short' means less than 30 minutes.

Eligibility

All work must have been completed on or after 1st January 2010.

All animation techniques are eligible for submission.

You must be over 16 years old to enter your film.

The person completing the submission form must be authorised to submit the film for consideration.

To be eligible for the Student category you must have been a student at the time of making the film.

All categories are open to U.K. and international animators/film makers with the exception of "Made in the Midlands".

A film can be submitted into more than one category. Select all of the appropriate categories on your application form.

Copyright Issues

You must have obtained permission to use any copyrighted music or images within your film. The festival is not liable for any lawsuit arising as the result of a breach of copyright through public exhibition of films containing copyrighted material.

Foreign language films

If your film contains non-English dialogue which is essential to the understanding of the film, it must be subtitled in English.

Multiple Entries

Any number of films can be entered, provided all other conditions are met. Multiple entries must be accompanied by one submission form per film.

Preview Copies

We can only accept DVD copies for the selection process. If shortlisted, your submitted material will be used to create the festival showreels for screenings. If you wish to submit a higher quality format for screenings please let us know on notification of short listing. Please ensure that the title of the film is printed clearly on the front of the disc. If you require your submission to be returned, please provide a SAE.

If sending your disc to the UK from outside of the EU, please enclose customs invoices and mark your package 'For cultural purposes only - no commercial value', stating a value of no

more than 5 EUR for customs purposes. Please ensure that you pay for any export and import charges associated with the carriage of your film.

The festival is not liable for films damaged or lost in transit to the festival. You are advised to ensure that your DVD is insured by your carrier.

Convention

The four-day Stoke Your Fires convention will take place from 1-4 March 2011. See www.stokeyourfires.com for further details.

Selection Process

Shortlisted entrants will be notified by 20th December 2010.

If your film is shortlisted, you will be entitled to two free passes to the convention (excluding any separately ticketed events). If you are shortlisted and have already purchased tickets, please inform us on notification of shortlisting and we will refund these tickets.