

14th International Children and Youth Animation Film Festival



FESTIVAL REGULATIONS: 14th VAFI & RAFI FESTIVAL

I. GENERAL TERMS

1. VAFI & RAFI – International Children and Youth Animation Film Festival is an independent film festival which promotes cultural creativity of children and youth and cultural creativity for children and youth. Festival is specialized for animated films only.
2. Festival founder and organizer is the Creative Film Studio VANIMA from Varaždin, Croatia.
3. Festival organizers are Creative Film Studio VANIMA and Art-kino Rijeka, Croatia.
4. Festival co-organizers are Croatian Film Association, ASIFA Croatia, Concert Agency Varaždin and People's Open University Varaždin.
5. The basic VAFI & RAFI program is competitive.
6. The festival has two competitive sections: VAFI – animated films made by children or youth under 18 years and RAFI – animated films for children and youth.
7. Every year festival has a Partner – person, country or institution/festival – with a long term merits in animation. A special festival program will be dedicated to the Partner.
8. 14th VAFI & RAFI will be held in Rijeka from 25th till 27th of May and in Varaždin from 1st till 4th of July 2023.
9. In order to participate on 14th VAFI & RAFI, films must be produced after January 1st 2021. Films which were already submitted on VAFI & RAFI festival won't be taken into consideration for 14th VAFI & RAFI.

II. CATEGORIES

10. VAFI category entry form is for animated movies from children and youth, and RAFI categories are animated film for children and youth.
11. VAFI has three competitive categories divided by the age of the author(s):
 - a) VAFI MINI (authors - children under 10 years)
 - b) VAFI MIDI (authors - children from 11 to 14 years)
 - c) VAFI MAXI (authors - youth from 15 to 18 years)
12. If authors that belong to two or three different categories of the Festival worked together on the submitted film, the film is considered to fit the category of the oldest participant.
13. RAFI has four competitive categories divided by the age of the viewer:
 - a) RAFI 0-6 (animated films for children up to 6 years)
 - b) RAFI 7-10 (animated films for children from 7 to 10 years)

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- c) RAFI 11-14 (animated films for children from 11 to 14 years)
 - d) RAFI 15-18 (animated films for youth from 15 to 18 years)
14. The Organizer reserves the right to put movies in different categories than submitted, according to his own discretion.

III. ENTRY SUBMISSION

15. VAFI & RAFI has no entry fee.
16. In order for your submission to be valid:
- You must complete Entry via official web of Festival www.vafirafi.com by the entry form link or on platform FilmFreeway no later than 31th January 2023.
 - Films have to be sent to Festival online no later than 31th January 2023.
 - Submission to the Festival means approval of all Festival Regulations without acceptance or further notices and it is valid without signature or seal.

IV. TECHNICAL DETAILS

17. Films must be in DVD – PAL format, all regions, MPEG 2, MPEG 4 or AVI – via post or online.
18. The number of submitted films is not limited.
19. The duration of films for RAFI section is limited to 20 minutes and there is no time limit for VAFI (recommendation is up to 10 minutes).
20. Separate and completely filled out Entry is required for each film.
21. If there is a speech used in the film in a language other than English, subtitles in English must be made as the part of the film. In exceptional cases, it is allowed to send a dialog list in Word.

V. SELECTION

22. Members of the Selection Committee will choose films for competition in VAFI.
23. The members of the Selection Committee are people dealing with animation and are appointed by the Organizer.
24. The members of the Selection Committee are in no way connected with any of the submitted films.
25. The members of the Selection Committee have the exclusive right to choose films for the Festival competition categories.
26. The decision of the Selection Committee is final and doesn't require any explanation.
27. Organizer will choose films for competition in RAFI.
28. Organizer has exclusive right for RAFI competition.
29. The decision of the Organizer is final and doesn't require any explanation.
30. The Organizer will notify by e-mail chosen entrants about the results by the end of March 2023 and news will be on official web page of the Festival.

VI. SCREENINGS

31. Festival won't pay fees for screening of the selected films.
32. Organizer has the right to screen the submitted films or any parts of submitted films on any media in purpose of the festival's presentation and in educational purposes (noncommercial use only).
33. During the Festival, the Organizer has the right to show films in official competition online through the appropriate digital platforms.

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VII. JURY & AWARDS

34. The official Festival Jury for VAFI has three adult members – two international members and one from Croatia.
35. The members of the Jury are people dealing with and are appointed by the Organizer.
36. The members of the Jury are in no way connected with any of the submitted film.
37. The Jury will award five films per VAFI category – one first prize and four equal second prizes.
38. The first prize is the Statue and Diploma and the second prizes is Diploma.
39. The official Festival Jury for RAFI has twelve members – tree per category.
40. RAFI Jury members are children and youth, appointed by the organizers every member in their category.
41. RAFI Jury will award one film per category.
42. The RAFI prize is the Statue and Diploma.
43. Members of the RAFI Jury can choose special mention per category.

VIII. ACCOMMODATION

44. After the selection, by the end of April 2023, the Organizer will contact the responsible persons named in the Entry Forms of the films selected to discuss conditions of free accommodation during Festival for three nights on the VAFI section in Varaždin.
45. Children or youth, guests of the Festival, have to be accompanied by adult.
46. VAFI festival: one adult and two children or youth per school/club/workshop/individual creation gets hotel accommodation and food at Organizer's expense during the Festival in Varaždin.
47. Organizer does not cover the travel expenses.

IX. FINAL REGULATIONS

48. Submitting films is equivalent to the Participant's statement that he owns unrestricted personal and financial rights to the films and that he takes whole responsibility for breaking those rights.
49. Participants are required to indicate the author of the music and / or which music was used in the submitted animated film.
50. Participants bear full responsibility for the authenticity of the information given in the Entry Form. False or incomplete information will result in rejection from the festival.
51. The Festival is responsible for the protocol and the programming of all Festival events.
52. Non-specified matters not covered by these Regulations will be considered directly by the Festival Organizers.
53. Sending filled out Entry Form via official web platform on www.vafirafi.com or via e-mail info@vafirafi.com is considered as submitting on 14th VAFI & RAFI and means approval of Festival Regulations and confirmation of legal rights on films. Entry Form is considered valid without signature and seal.
54. For any additional questions or ambiguities you can contact the Director of the Festival via e-mail festival@vafirafi.com.