

Regulations
of the 1st Voronezh International Animation Festival
May 19-21, Voronezh

General information

The First Voronezh International Animation Festival is to be held as an exhibition of contemporary professional national and global animated movies for the children's, teenagers' and adult audience. Movies about friendship, family values, moral guidelines, upbringing, growing up, culture, nature and learning will be selected to be included in the Festival program.

A feature of the Festival will be its format of a workshop, which will have not only screenings and discussions of animated movies but also workshops, discussions and creative meetings for the wide audience by the leading experts of Voronezh Animation Studio (ex. Wizart Animation) and acknowledged professionals of the international animation industry. The program of the workshop will present animation as one of the most rapidly developing kinds of arts and creative industries.

The Festival is held with the support of the Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation and the Voronezh Oblast Government.

Dates of the Festival: May 19-21, 2023

Venue: Russia, Voronezh

Festival's official website: animfestvrn.ru

Format: offline, annual

Festival's goals and objectives

- acquainting the audiences of children, teenagers and adults with outstanding examples of the Russian and international animation;
- popularization of animation as one of the most rapidly growing kinds of arts, popularization of the cultural code and interpretation of the local identity for the younger generation;
- popularization of creative industries as a rapidly developing sector of the economy, increase in the number of children and young people interested in animation through workshops, labs, round tables and creative meetings with the domestic and foreign animators;
- development of international cooperation and cultural exchange between talented animation artists, screenwriters, directors;
- identification of new talents among the domestic and international creators, creation of a unified creative environment for exchange of experience and ideas as well as for an effective dialogue about the modern developments of modern animation drama and technologies;
- popularization of the Voronezh Oblast as a modern and dynamically developing territory, which is the location of the Voronezh Animation Studio (former Wizart Animation), one of the most successful animation studios in Russia, producing high-quality animated family movies and TV shows during 12 years. The studio's projects had a theatrical release in over 150 countries, were screened on the world's leading online platforms and became winners in contests of international

festivals. The studio's portfolio includes 8 animated features, 2 animated shorts and 2 animated TV shows.

The Festival Program

The formation of the Festival program takes place in the period from April 1 to April 30, 2023 by the Festival Management. The publication of the full program of the Festival on the official website of the Festival takes place no later than 3 weeks before the start of the Festival. The Festival consists of competitive and non-competitive programs.

The **competitive program** includes:

- International Contest of Animation Feature Films
- International Contest of Animation Short Films
- International Contest of Animation Series

The **non-competitive** program includes:

- Non-competitive screenings of movies of the following genres:
 1. Animated Feature Films
 2. Animated Short Films
 3. Animated Series
- Creative meetings, workshops, lectures, educational labs, round tables / discussion platforms
- The opening and closing Festival ceremonies, awarding of the competitive program winners

Conditions of participation in the Festival

Movies submitted for the competition should be created no earlier than January 1, 2021. The movies submission for the participation in the Festival is conducted through the form on the Festival's official website www.animfestvrn.ru.

The Festival does not consider unfinished works. The movies, not selected for the competition program, can be demonstrated in the non-competitive program upon prior agreement with the copyright holders.

The participation in both the competitive and non-competitive programs of the Festival is free of charge. The applicant can submit several movies for the competitive and non-competitive programs of the Festival. Each movie selected for the Festival can be included in the program of only one contest. The final decision on the inclusion of the movie in a particular contest is reserved by the Program Management.

Russian movies are accepted in the original language. The presence of English subtitles is desirable, but not necessary. Foreign movies are accepted in English, and/or with English subtitles.

The submission period: March 10 – March 31, 2023, after which the work on selection of international competitions is organized. The Festival's program is formed within a month after the movie submission is finished. The Festival's full program is published no later than 3 weeks before the Festival's launch.

The screenings of the movies that participate in the competitive and non-competitive programs are held in the theaters of Voronezh and the Voronezh Oblast on a free basis.

The Organizing Committee of the Festival is created to prepare and hold the Festival. The Organizing Committee approves the Festival program, organizational plans of the Festival's events, the members of the selection committee and the Festival's jury.

The members of the selection committee and jury are selected out of well-known Russian and foreign cinematographers, whose professional field of work is animation. Those who participated in the creation of the movies, exhibited in the Festival's competitive program, cannot be members of the jury.

Applicants for the Festival guarantee that their work does not contain copyrighted material, the rights to use which they do not own.

All the movies, selected for the participation in the Festival, upon the Agreement of their copyright holders, can be included in the organizer's library and demonstrated in cultural and educational purposes within the special events of the Festival's organizer indefinitely.

If the movie is selected for the Festival Program, for its Festival screening, the following package of materials is to be provided no later than May 10, 2023:

- A Full HD copy of the movie without English subtitles via a download link;
- A Full HD copy of the movie with English subtitles via a download link;
- A Full HD copy of the movie trailer with English subtitles via a download link;
- 3 movie stills in HQ;
- a poster of the film in HQ (if available);
- a photo of the director in HQ;
- a dialogue list or an srt. file of subtitles.

The full HD copy must be of 1920×1080 resolution, without black bars and/or cropping, encoded using the H264 video codec, with the extension *.mp4.

If the required copy of the movie is not provided to the Festival before the stated deadline, the selected work is excluded from the Festival's competitive program.

Confirmation of participation in the Festival program implies the consent of the Festival participant with these Regulations.

For partners and sponsors

There is an opportunity to offer a collaboration by the email address partner@animfestvrn.ru stated on the page Partnerships on the Festival's website, choosing a direction of the partnership support. The Management offers the informational support to the partners and sponsors in advertising, online and printed materials. For more detailed information on partnership, contact us by the e-mail.

Contacts

The Founder of the Festival: Voronezh Animation Studio. The Director of the Festival is Vladimir Nikolaev, the General Producer of Voronezh Animation Studio. The Program Director is Alyona Sycheva, a film expert and a producer of animated movies.

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The Festival Management reserves the right to make changes in the Regulations.