



## 30<sup>th</sup> Cambridge Film Festival (16-26 September 2010)

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### ***Before submission***

**Q: Can I screen my film elsewhere in the UK before the Cambridge Film Festival?**

A: No, films must not have been released in the UK in any format, including online, or shown on UK television prior to 16 September 2010. Exceptions may, however, be made in the case of short films if they are of a particularly high quality.

**Q: How old can my film be?**

A: Your film should have been made in 2009-10.

**Q: I submitted last year. Can I submit the same film this year?**

A: We only accept previously submitted work if it has been substantially altered.

**Q: Does your deadline refer to arrival or postage dates?**

A: We will accept all submissions with a postmark dated on or before our deadline. Please refer to our detailed submission guidelines.

#### ***Submission***

**Q: I am having problems submitting via Withoutabox.com. Should I contact the Cambridge Film Festival or Withoutabox?**

A: Please contact Withoutabox on [support@withoutabox.com](mailto:support@withoutabox.com).

**Q: Do I still have to fill in a submission form if I have applied through Withoutabox.com?**

A: No, but please remember to include your Withoutabox tracking number when you send your submission to the Festival.

**Q: What screening formats does the Festival accept?**

A: Your submitted screener should be on DVD (PAL or NTSC). Where appropriate, screeners must have English subtitles. If your film is successful, please refer to the submission guidelines for details on the formats accepted by our projection team.

**Q: Can I send any press material for my film?**

A: Yes, we welcome press and publicity materials submitted digitally (CD or DVD). However, it is not compulsory to send a press kit.

**Q: How much are the Festival fees for short films (up to 30 mins)?**

A: £20 for earlybird submissions (postmarked before or on 1 May 2010) and £25 for regular submissions (postmarked between 2 and 31 May 2010).

**Q: How much are the Festival fees for features and documentaries (over 30 mins)?**

A: £30 for earlybird submissions (postmarked before or on 1 May 2010) and £40 for regular submissions (postmarked between 2 and 31 May 2010).

**Q: Is there a late submission deadline?**

A: There is an extended deadline running between 1 June 2010 to 15 June 2010 **only** if you submit online using Withoutabox. The fee is £30 for shorts and £45 for features and documentaries. Manual submissions using our submissions form will NOT be accepted during this extended period.

**Q: Do you grant fee waivers?**

A: Free entry will be granted **only** to filmmakers (directors, writers or producers) who are based in the Eastern region (Essex, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk). We will require a proof of address (such as a photocopy of full UK driving licence or a current utility bill). Applications should be sent directly to the Festival.

***Following submission***

**Q: How do I know if you have received my film?**

If you submit your film via Withoutabox, please check your online account to find out if your parcel has been received by the Festival. If you submit your film directly to the Festival and would like us to confirm by email, please remember to tick the relevant box on the submissions form. If you would prefer us to confirm by post, please enclose a self-addressed stamped postcard or envelope in your package.

**Q: What happens to my film once I have submitted?**

A: Your film will be viewed by a minimum of two Cambridge Film Festival programmers. If you have been successful we will aim to contact you by 15 August 2010.

**Q: Will my screener be returned to me?**

A: No, due to the large volume of titles received, we are unable to return your screeners.

**Q: If my film is selected, when will I hear from you?**

A: Successful filmmakers will be contacted by 15 August 2010.

**Q: Will I hear from you if my film has not been selected?**

A: We regret that due to the volume of submissions and our limited resources, we are only able to contact successful filmmakers and unfortunately cannot offer individual feedback.

*If you have any further questions regarding the submissions process, please email our Submissions Coordinator on [submissions@cambridgefilmfestival.org.uk](mailto:submissions@cambridgefilmfestival.org.uk) who will reply to you as soon as possible.*