

GULF FILM FESTIVAL
12-17 April 2008

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SCRIPT COMPETITION FOR EMIRATI SHORT FILMS

1. General:

The Gulf Film Festival (GFF) is an annual non-profit cultural event that takes place in April in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The GFF is organised by the Dubai Technology and Media Free Zone Authority (TECOM).

The Festival will feature two main competitions – the Film Competition and the Script Competition.

The Film Competition is open to films from the Gulf region - United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Kingdom of Bahrain, Sultanate of Oman, Qatar, Republic of Iraq and Republic of Yemen.

The Script Competition is open to Emirati short films.

As part of the Festival, a selection of international cinema will also be presented, but the GFF will focus on developing the local cinema industry and create greater opportunities for Emirati scriptwriters and filmmakers to produce their films and develop future projects.

2. Dates:

The 1st edition of GFF will be held from April 12 to 17, 2008.

3. Criteria and Eligibility: The 2008 GFF will introduce a competition for scriptwriters and filmmakers from the United Arab Emirates for short films. Scripts that meet the following criteria are eligible for entry In Competition:

- (i) The script must be submitted to GFF before February 28, 2008.
- (ii) The script must be written by a scriptwriter or filmmaker of UAE nationality.
- (iii) Entry scripts must be the original work of a sole author or collaboration between two writers and they must be submitted in Arabic.
- (iv) Scripts must be the original work of the applicant(s). If based upon another individual's life, the applicant(s) must attach a statement attesting the author(s)' rights to make such adaptations.
- (v) The script must be registered copyrighted material.
- (vi) The script must be the basis of a film that requires shooting or filming in the UAE.
- (vii) The script must not have been previously selected, purchased or produced.
- (viii) Entrants may submit a maximum of two scripts.
- (ix) An entrant will not win more than one prize.
- (x) Scripts and Submission Forms will be accepted only by E-MAIL sent to gffinfo@tecom.ae and must be in PDF or RTF format. Submitted scripts will not be returned.
- (xi) Scripts must be a narrative short length of approximately 30 pages and must be numbered.
- (xii) Scripts must be in 14-point Simplified Arabic font.
- (xiii) Make sure the script cover page is plain white and contains the title only (do not include the applicant's name, contact info and/or copyright registration number).
- (xiv) The winning scripts must be produced and submitted to the Gulf Film Festival 2009 before February 1, 2009.

4. Prize Money:

There will be three awards:

- First Prize 50,000 AED
- Second Prize 40,000 AED
- Third Prize 30,000 AED

Note: All prize money must be allocated for the production of the film in the UAE.

5. Submissions Materials:

A completed entry includes an original short film script, approximately 30 pages in length and a completed Submission Form (see below).

6. Script Jury:

The jury for the Script Competition for Emirati Short Films will be comprised of 3 members from the Arab film community to decide the winners.

Every script submitted to the competition will be provided with an indication of strengths and weaknesses.

7. Submission Form for GFF Script Competition for Emirati Short Films

In order to submit a script for consideration in the GFF 2008 Script Competition for Emirati Short Films, a submission form must be completed and sent to GFF, accompanied by the script.

These Regulations form a part of the GFF Submission Form and are incorporated by reference therein.

8. Deadline for Submission Form and Scripts:

The deadline for receipt of the completed and signed GFF Script Competition for Emirati Short Film Submission Form is February 28, 2008.

9. Acceptance of Regulations:

Participation in GFF Script Competition for Emirati Short Films and signature of the GFF Submission Form implies acceptance of these Regulations. It is the responsibility of the writers or other authorised representatives submitting a script to ensure that they are lawfully entitled to enter a script in the GFF. Submission of a script and signature by the writer's authorised representative of the GFF Submission Form signifies full agreement with, and consent to, these Regulations.

10. Anti-Piracy Precautions:

GFF endeavours to take all possible anti-piracy precautions. All scripts and associated copyrighted materials will be securely stored while on GFF premises. GFF is not responsible for scripts or coverage stolen or lost in transit.

11. Release of the Film:

All winning scripts at the Script Competition for Emirati Short Films must mention: "Supported by Gulf Film Festival" along with the GFF logo at the beginning or end credits.

12. Festival Management's Discretion:

The GFF Management will decide in its discretion on all issues and matters not foreseen by these Regulations. GFF Management further retains the right to permit exceptions to the application of these Regulations at any time in its discretion.

Should you need any clarifications regarding the GFF Script Competition for Emirati Short Films, please write to: gffinfo@tecom.ae

For the Script Competition for Emirati Short Films Submission Form, please click [here](#).