



## **REGULATORY BASES FOR THE COMPETITION OF INTERNATIONAL ASTRONOMICAL SHORT FILMS BY THE MICA POLARIS 2018 AWARD**

The International Exhibition of Astronomical Cinema (by its initials in Spanish MICA) and the Illustrious City Council of Fuencaliente of La Palma convene the Polaris competition of international astronomical short films 2018, according to the following bases:

**PARTICIPATION:** The festival is a unique competition area, the Polaris Contest of astronomical short films, and all the people and production companies that wish to participate.

### **PARTICIPATION IN POLARIS.**

The POLARIS audiovisual competition section is designed for short films with a maximum duration of 30 minutes and a minimum of 1 minute; may be fiction, documentary, experimental, animation or combine these formats

Directors must be over 18 years old at the time of submitting the short film. They can be done collectively, although the prize will fall on the person who appears as the director of the work that is awarded.

**The short films must tell stories, conflicts, that looked at in the cosmos and its laws, through the plot, the theme, its symbolism, aesthetics and its characters.**

As an international short film we will understand foreign, Spanish and Canarian productions. Shorts can be shot on the island of La Palma to present to this competition, but in that case the organization of the festival will not provide logistic coverage or production services to the participants; any management for the filming of parts will be the responsibility of those interested in competing.

The organizers of the exhibition and the people who are part of the jury are excluded from participating.

### **REGISTRATIONS, DEADLINES AND DELIVERY FORMATS.**



To participate in POLARIS it will be necessary to make this rules, free of charge for those interested, which can be downloaded from the webs: [www.clickforfestivals.com](http://www.clickforfestivals.com), [www.fuencalientedelapalma.es](http://www.fuencalientedelapalma.es), <http://www.lapalmafilmcommission.com/es/> from May 1, 2018 to July 31, 2018.

The works must be rolled, produced, edited and delivered between January 1, 2017 and July 31, 2018 until 00:00.

The delivery of the cinematographic works can be done in digital support through a download platform with link to the email [micafestival@gmail.com](mailto:micafestival@gmail.com).

It will be indicated in the subject: "short film for POLARIS Competition.

The format of the works must be AVI, MP4 or H264.

Each director may present more than one short film to this call.

In order not to exceed 500 minutes of projection in competition, the organization reserves the right to make a selection of all submitted works.

The selection of short films to contest will be published on Facebook International Astronomical Film Festival-MICA on August 2.

The selected short films will be screened within any of the 5 competitive blocks, of up to 7 short films each, on August 31 and September 1 in the projection room of the San Antonio Volcano Visitor Center. The short films of each block will be published on Thursday, August 23 at Facebook International Astronomical Film Exhibition-MICA

**AWARDS.** For the Polaris Competition of international astronomical short films of MICA 2018, the organization will award the following award:

**POLARIS AWARD:** consisting of 1000€. In addition, the corresponding award will be granted.

**AUDIENCE AWARD:** It will consist of an award and will be granted by popular vote of the spectators attending the screening. Without economic endowment.

The awards will be given during the closing ceremony of the International Astronomical Film Festival-MICA Fuencaliente 2018, to be held in the screening room of the San Antonio Volcano Visitor Center, Fuencaliente de La Palma, on Sunday, September 2 at 18:00.



**MEMBERS OF THE JURY:** This organization will appoint 3 to 5 members of the jury, men and women, and will be made up of professionals from the audiovisual, cultural and scientific sectors.

The jury's decision will be unappealable and the award can not be left without being granted.

The members of the jury will evaluate, from each short film in competition, the following aspects:

- Objective quality
- Originality
- Degree of representation of the postulates on astronomical cinema according to MICA, in terms of plot, theme, symbolism, aesthetics and characters.

**LEGAL ASPECTS:**

Each short film will be registered in the name of the person that appears in the data of the registration form, being this one the beneficiary of the prize that could be granted to him when being considered his director or director. The organization assumes that said person owns the rights over the submitted work, and therefore does not assume any responsibility derived in this respect from the contestants.

The director or producer of the short film, undertakes to obtain for himself all rights of exploitation of the work to contest, as well as the assignment of rights of the authors (writers and musicians if there were) and on the image of the interpreters if it is necessary. In this way, the possession of all the rights over this short film is guaranteed and the organization of the contest is exempt of responsibility.

The organization is not responsible for possible infractions in terms of copyright in which the submitted works could incur.

Contestants will be responsible for the fact that the submitted films are not subject to any legal claim.

The authors of the works assign to the contest the rights of exhibition and reproduction of the same, which will be exercised always with the recognition of their status as author.



After the participation in this film show, the winning film must mention in its advertising, in the initial credits and in the cover of subsequent copies for sale or rent, the award obtained, adding the reference "POLARIS DE MICA 2018 PRIZE"

Participation in the contest implies full acceptance of these rules.

The organization of the contest reserves the right to exclude all works whose content is obscene, violent, sexist, racist or violates any fundamental right in people or animals.

**DATA PROTECTION:**

In compliance with the Organic Law 15/1999 on the Protection of Personal Data, it is reported that the data of the participating persons will be included in an automated file that will only be used for the management and realization of this festival.

You have the right to access, cancel, oppose and rectify the data about yourself collected in the file by sending your request by email to [micafestival@gmail.com](mailto:micafestival@gmail.com)