

## **Brain Film Fest 2021 11th Solé Tura Award Call for Entries**

### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

#### **1. Brain Film Fest.**

The Brain Film Fest (BFF) is an international film festival dedicated to highlighting and promoting the creation and dissemination of short films about all aspects of the brain - from its amazing abilities and scope, to its diseases and mental disorders. BFF is organized by the Pasqual Maragall Foundation in conjunction with the Uszheimer Foundation and Minimal Films. BFF also programs activities, conferences, and panels about the brain.

The 2021 edition of BFF will take place March 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>.

#### **2. Brain Film Fest consists of 5 awards:**

- The **Premio Solé Tura Award**, consisting of three prizes judged by a jury
- An **Audience Favourite Award**, voted by the public
- A **Microcorto Award** (Mini-Short Award), maximum length 2 minutes, to be decided by online voting.

#### **3. Submission Fee.**

Submitting a work to the Premio Solé Tura Award and Microcorto Award is **free of charge**.

#### **4. Prerequisites for the Solé Tura Award:**

- The subject matter of the short films must address any aspect of the brain. This can take into account themes as wide-ranging as the brain's wonders, abilities, and various conditions, to its diseases and mental disorders, including the social consequences arising from them. In general, BFF takes into account all works regarding all fields and subjects related to the brain within contemporary society.
- The works must display creativity, an innovative approach, scientific rigor and/or a strong storyline. All genres are welcome.
- Due the impact of COVID-19 on the film industry during several months of 2020, this year BFF will exceptionally consider all productions made in 2019 and 2020, excluding works that have already been previously submitted for consideration.
- The film duration must not exceed 20 minutes. All works submitted must be subtitled in Spanish if their original language is not Spanish.
- All films presented must be original works, not subject to contracts, rights or licensing to third party authorship or intellectual property or other rights, other than the rights of the filmmaker submitting.
- The filmmakers are responsible for obtaining all pertinent rights to their film for exhibition in festivals, social media, and online.
- All films selected that exceed over 6 minutes must provide BFF with a trailer of a maximum 2 minutes in length.

## 5. Prerequisites for the Microcortos (Mini-shorts):

- The subject matter of the short films must address any aspect of the brain. This can take into account themes as wide-ranging as the brain's wonders, abilities, and various conditions, to its diseases and mental disorders, including the social consequences arising from them. In general, BFF takes into account all works regarding all fields and subjects related to the brain within contemporary society.
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## 6. Submission of films:

All participating films for either **Premio Solé Tura Award** or **Microcortos (mini-shorts)**, may submit in one of the following ways:

- a) Through the platform [www.clickforfestivals.com](http://www.clickforfestivals.com) or [www.festhome.com](http://www.festhome.com), following their instructions. In the event of applying through these digital platforms, the Terms and Conditions herein will automatically be accepted at the time of submission.



By accepting the Terms and Conditions of the Solé Tura Award and Microcortos online award, the person submitting the audio-visual work waives any legal, criminal or commercial responsibility of BFF with respect to copyright, which is assumed to pertain to the individual submitting the work to the competition.

- b) By sending the film to **films@brainfilmfest.com** with the following:
  - A VIMEO link, with password to access and permission to download. Or by using WeTransfer/Dropbox. Either way, the file must be Full HD (1920x1080).
  - Completing Form available for download on the BFF web ([www.brainfilmfest.com](http://www.brainfilmfest.com)). Click on icon BFF 2021. The submission form includes the director's name, film title, brief 300-character synopsis, duration, shooting format and email address, and it also must be personally signed by the individual participating in the competition. By accepting the Terms and Conditions of the Solé Tura Award and Microcortos (Mini-shorts) online award, the person submitting the audio-visual work waives any legal, criminal or commercial responsibility of BFF with respect to copyright, which is assumed to pertain to the individual submitting the work to the competition.

- Please indicate one of two below options in the SUBJECT line of email:
  - SUBMISSION FOR MICROCORTO 2021, if applying for participation Microcorto (Mini-short, under 2 minutes)
  - SUBMISSION FOR SHORT FILM 2021, if the short film exceeds 2 minutes

## 7. Registration period.

Call for entries begins on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 2020.

The deadline to receive short films (duration between 2-20min) is Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 11.59pm.

The deadline to receive mini-shorts (duration under 2min) is Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 11.59pm.

BFF will inform all shorts that they've been selected between January 15-30<sup>th</sup> 2021.

## 8. Solé Tura Award Jury

A selection committee will choose the finalists at the end of the call for entries.

The jury will comprise people from the field of science and film production professionals as chosen by the Brain Film Fest organizers. The jury's decision will be final.

Participants in the competition will renounce any challenge to or actions against these Terms and Conditions. The decision of the jury and public vote for the Audience Award and Mini-Short Award will be publicly announced at the award ceremony during the Brain Film Fest 2021, which is set to take place in Barcelona from March 18-21, 2021 at the Center for Contemporary Culture of Barcelona (CCCB).

The prizes must be accepted in person or by a duly nominated representative of the award-winner. Each prize will not be presented to the winner if he or she is unjustifiably absent from the ceremony and has not sent any representatives. In this event, the amount will be added to the following year's prize money, except in the case of the Audience Award, which is not associated with any prize money.

## 9. Awards.

The Solé Tura Award has **three prize categories**:

**First Place:** amount of **€1,500**

**Second Place:** amount of **€1,000**

**Third Place:** amount of **€500**

The 11th edition of the Solé Tura Award will also present two prizes as voted by the public

**Audience Award:** The audience award will be presented to one of the officially selected works whose duration is between 2 and 20 minutes, to be voted by the public in attendance at the film screenings. The award is an **AUDIENCE AWARD TROPHY**.

**Online Microcortos (Mini-Short) Award:** Shorts with a duration of less than 2 minutes will compete for the Microcortos (Mini-Short) Award. The shorts selected will be uploaded to be viewed and voted on at <https://brainfilmfest.com/en/mini-shorts-2021/>. The online voting will close at 12 noon on March 16<sup>th</sup> 2021. The Microcorto Award 2021 is a monetary prize of **€500**.

None of these aforementioned awards can be declared null and void.

The monetary prizes will be subject to current Spanish tax (IRPF) regulations.

## **10. Program and exhibition of BFF shorts**

The BFF 2021 program has no separate categories, and the selected shorts will be screened during the days of the Festival. BFF reserves the right to screen films on an online platform/VOD as well for the duration of the Festival. The Microcortos (Mini-Shorts) will only screen online and on BFFs social networks

The organizers of the BFF Solé Tura Award reserve the right to distribute or showcase the winning films in locations and venues they deem appropriate and for a period of one year from the close of the BFF, always for non-commercial purposes. Therefore, unless the person who submits the work explicitly state otherwise, the acceptance of the Solé Tura Awards implies the transfer of distribution rights of the work for a period of one year and includes the dissemination of the winning entries. After this time has elapsed, the person who submitted the work can personally distribute it, although it must always be stated that the short has won the 11th Solé Tura Award.

All winners must state that the short won the Solé Tura Award. BFF will provide the producer and/or directors with the appropriate laurels.

Fragments and images of the films selected may be used in promotional material and video for BFF, with or without the original audio.

All short films will form part of the BFF database, although they will not be disseminated without the agreement of the person who submitted the work.

## **11. Contact**

For questions regarding terms and conditions and the submission process please write to [films@brainfilmfest.com](mailto:films@brainfilmfest.com)

The information provided by applicants of BFF will only be used for direct contact with Brain Film Fest, the Pascual Maragall Foundation, the Uszheimer Foundation and Minimal Films.