



48th Festival des 3 Continents, Nantes

Regulations

The Festival des 3 Continents is an international film festival featuring feature-length films made by filmmakers from or originating from Africa, Latin America, or Asia. The 48th edition of the Festival des 3 Continents will take place from 20 to 28 November 2026, in Nantes. The Festival of the 3 Continents is organized by the association Les 3 Continents, a non-profit organization under the French 1901 law, with the support of the City of Nantes, the Loire-Atlantique Department, the National Centre for Cinema and the Moving Image (CNC), and the Regional Directorate of Cultural Affairs (DRAC).

Submission Requirements

- Films directed by filmmakers who originate from or are nationals of a country in Africa, Latin America, or Asia. Indigenous American or Black American filmmakers are also eligible;
- Films must be at least 45 minutes in length.
- Films must have been completed after 1st November 2025
- Films submitted for the **International Competition** must have at least the French premiere available (no programming in Festivals, commercial screening, no TV or VoD broadcasting).

Editorial Line

The Festival des 3 Continents accepts all forms of cinema (fiction films, documentaries, animation, experimental) whatever the subject, type or form. However, we invite applicants to become acquainted themselves with the festival's editorial project by consulting the selection and programming of previous years on the festival's website. The festival does not select news programs, documentaries or reports of a journalistic nature, promotional or corporate films. Particular attention is paid to films seeking distribution in France.

Registration

- Festival entry fee is €18.
- All the films submitted for preselection must be registered through the online registration form, until July 17 2026. They must be in the original language with either English or French subtitles.
- It is preferable to share a screener (link) to watch the film online via the registration form. If a DVD is sent, expenses are to be paid by the sender (please indicate on the envelope «No commercial value. For cultural purposes only» in the case of a DVD sent from abroad). The DVD won't be returned.

Selection

Filmmakers having their film selected at the festival will be personally contacted. Filmmakers whose films have not been selected at the Festival will not be personally contacted. The Official Selection will be published on the Festival's website in early November.

Print, Screening Equipment and Subtitling

The print of the selected film must be in 35mm or 16mm format with optical sound or in digital form (preferably DCP 2K, HD PRO RES or Blu-ray). The Festival gives preference to the format used in the original screening of the finished work. Only copies in perfect condition will be accepted. Selected films are screened in the original language with French subtitles. For films either subtitled in English or with no subtitles, the Festival will provide subtitling from a list of dialogues in French, English or the original language provided by the sales agent, the producer or the rights holder of the film.

Prints of the films in the International Competition must be available until the last day of the Festival.

The films are made available to the Festival free of charge.

The festival will cover the cost both ways of the shipment of the prints, except when the film is shipped at the end of the festival to a destination different from that of origin, in which case the festival will cover the cost of shipment only to Nantes. Regarding the physical DCP, in case of loss or damage during shipment, the festival's insurance company will cover the cost not exceeding the amount of 200 euros.

Documentation

- The documentation must be submitted to the Publications Coordinator to be included in the festival's printed programme and on its website. In the absence of instructions to the contrary, the information given on the film's registration form (at the moment of preselection) is reproduced in the printed program and the other communication material of the Festival.
- Submitted photographs, in particular for the printed program and other publications of the Festival, may be used free of charge by the media, in any of the festival's promotional documents and on its website.
- Must also be supplied, with express permission from the producer and free of charge, an HD file with a 2 to 3 min extract of the film (without watermark), for use on the different Festival screens, television broadcasting and eventually the festival's website and social networks during and after the festival, uniquely for promotion of the Festival des 3 Continents.

Awards

- The Montgolfière d'Or is awarded to the director(s) of the winning film. Endowed by the Festival des 3 Continents and the City of Nantes with a prize of €6,000.
- The Montgolfière d'Argent awarded to the director(s) of the winning film. Endowed by the Festival des 3 Continents and the Regional Council of Loire-Atlantique with a prize of €4,000.
- The Audience Award is awarded to the director(s) of the winning film. Prize of €2,000.
- The Young Jury Award is awarded to the director(s) of the winning film. Prize of €1,500.

Promotion

During commercial screening of a film, the responsible parties, the producer and distributor agree to mention in the credits and all advertising and promotional material the words « In Competition at the Festival des 3 Continents – Nantes » and in the case of an award-winning film, full wording of the prize awarded, followed by the year in which the film was presented at the Festival.

Films participating in the Festival represent only their director and / or their producer and / or their future distributor to whom are implicitly destined the distinctions mentioned under the heading « Awards ». These films, presented to the public by the Festival and under the responsibility of the organizing association, cannot consequently be considered as officially committing or representing towards the Festival the governments or states of whom the directors or producers are nationals.

The association Les 3 Continents, organizer of the Festival des 3 Continents, has the power to settle all cases not provided for in the present regulations. It reserves the right to interrupt, cancel or postpone the event or to modify these regulations at any time, depending on its operating requirements. In such cases, no compensation of any kind will be granted to participants. This document is written in both French and English. In the event of a dispute concerning the interpretation of the text, the French version will prevail. Participation in the Festival des 3 Continents implies acceptance of the aforementioned regulations.