



# Festival Guidelines: What You Need to Know

## Eligibility:

- The festival is open to filmmakers and musicians from all around the world
- Films must have been completed not later than 2021
- Musicians should submit original compositions or performances.

## Submission Guidelines:

- English subtitles are mandatory for all films, except for those that are spoken in English.
- Submissions must be made through the official festival submission platform or website.
- Films should be submitted in the specified format (digital file, online screener, etc.).
- Musicians should provide a high-quality audio recording or performance video.

## Categories:

- Films can be of any genre, including narrative features, documentaries, short films, and experimental works.
- Music submissions can include original compositions, scores, or live performances.
- Participants can submit their work to multiple categories if applicable.

## Selection Process:

- Submissions will be reviewed and selected by a panel of judges appointed by the festival organizers.
- The selection process will be based on artistic storytelling, cinematography, technical proficiency, independent spirit, and overall impact.

### Awards & Prizes:

- Winners will be announced at the festival's Quarterly Edition Awards Ceremony.
- Prizes includes certificates, trophies or plaques, festival laurels, industry exposure, and distribution opportunities.
- The specific awards and prizes will be determined by the festival organizers and sponsors.

### Festival Screening:

- Selected films will be screened at the Santa Maria Music & Film Festival Open Air Cinema.
- The festival reserves the right to schedule screenings and determine the order and timing of film and music performances.

### Rights and Permissions:

- Filmmakers and musicians must have the necessary rights, permissions, and clearances for all copyrighted material used in their submissions.
- The festival organizers are not responsible for any copyright infringement or unauthorized use of materials.

### Festival Promotion:

- By participating in the festival, filmmakers and musicians grant the festival organizers the right to use clips, images, and promotional materials for marketing and publicity purposes.

### Agreement to Terms:

- Submission to the festival implies acceptance of all the Rules & Terms outlined by the Santa Maria Music & Film Festival Open Air Cinema.

It is important to note that the specific details and dates for submission, selection, and awards may vary. Filmmakers and musicians should refer to the official festival website or contact the festival organizers for the most up-to-date information on Rules & Terms

## Honors & Highlights: Spotlighting Exceptional Talent!

The Santa Maria Music & Film Festival Quarterly Edition recognizes and celebrates the exceptional talent and creativity of participating filmmakers and musicians. This quarterly iteration of the festival provides artists a platform to display their work and vie for accolades in diverse categories.

An annual event is conducted where quarterly winners compete.

The Santa Maria Music & Film Festival Open Air Cinema Quarterly Edition Awards and Prizes celebrate the outstanding talent and creativity of filmmakers and musicians who participate in the festival. This quarterly edition of the festival offers a platform for artists to showcase their work and compete for recognition in various categories.

### CATEGORY AWARDS (QUARTERLY)

- Best International Feature Film
- Best International Short Film
- Best Feature Documentary
- Best Short Documentary
- Best Music Video
- Best Animated Short
- Best Experimental Short
- Best Student Short
- Best Inspirational Film
- Best Drama
- Best Micro Film
- Best LGBTQ
- Best Commercial/Promotional Video

### CAST & CREW AWARDS (QUARTERLY)

- Best Director
- Best First Time Director
- Best Student Director
- Best Cinematography
- Best Original Score
- Young Filmmaker Award (18 and under)

**QUARTERLY CONTEST** - Every quarter, our panel of judges selects the winners through private screenings held at the Santa Maria Open Air Cinema.

Some of the monthly winners will be eligible to participate in the yearly festival.

**CERTIFICATION** - All monthly winners will be granted a complimentary digital certificate (in JPG format) that is print-ready.

**FESTIVAL LAURELS:** Digital laurels or official badges that winners can use to promote their award-winning status.

**ANNUAL FILM AWARDS** - Once a year, our judging team carefully selects the top films of the year to be showcased at the Santa Maria Open Air Cinema.

**INDUSTRY EXPOSURE:** Opportunities for networking, collaboration, and exposure to industry professionals attending the festival.

**DISTRIBUTION OPPORTUNITIES:** Potential avenues for distribution, exhibition, or online platforms to showcase their work to wider audiences.

The Santa Maria Music & Film Festival Open Air Cinema Quarterly Edition Awards and Prizes aim to acknowledge and honor exceptional talent, providing filmmakers and musicians with recognition, support, and exposure for their creative endeavors.