

FAM Fest International Film Festival

2018

Film/Animation/Music

FAM Fest will be coming to one or more Charlotte area venues in 2018. Entries may be edited by **Red Samurai Entertainment** for time considerations of the festival. The early entry fee is \$5 USD. The standard entry fee is \$10 USD. The late entry fee is \$20 USD. Entries received via third-party sites may charge an additional fee not associated with **FAM Fest**. Mailed entries must be paid for online or be accompanied by a money order for the amount of the entry fee. The Entry fee is non-refundable.

- **FAM Fest** is open to anyone; students and older in any country.
- Entries are accepted in the categories of Film Feature, Film Short, Animation, Music Video, Carolina Regional, Documentary, Faith-Based, Sci-Fi, Student, Challenge, Experimental and Shoot Your Short Screenplay Competition.
- **Entries that include nudity, strong language and/or persistent violence will not be considered for the competition.** All entries should be **G/PG** rated material. Please see the website below for exact rating definitions.
 - <http://www.mpaa.org/ratings>
- Entries may be from any genre.
- Entries may be in any language but Entries presented in any other language beside English must have English subtitles.
- The entry fee is non-refundable.
- A Feature is considered to be 45 minutes or longer. Shorts are under 45 minutes.
- The Animation, Carolina Regional, Documentary, Faith-Based, Experimental, Music Video, Sci-Fi and Student categories must be 60 minutes or less.
- Student Entries may be film narrative, animation, documentary, etc.
- The Carolina Regional category entry must be made by a resident of North or South Carolina USA
- NEW Experimental Film Category: Films submitted in the experimental category need not have a linear narrative. There is an emphasis on creativity and originality in this category.
- NEW* 2018 Challenge Category: In order to qualify for the 2018 Challenge category your film must be no longer than 20 minutes in length including credits and be limited to one setting with no more than 10 actors. This year's theme is Silent Film. Instrumental background music is acceptable for this category. (Make sure you have permission for use as always.)
- NEW Shoot Your Short Screenplay Competition Category: This category is open to screenplays only. Details for this category may be found in a separate

document “FFIFF 2018 Shoot Your Short Rules” which may be found on the FFIFF page at www.RedSamuraiEntertainment.com

- Entries may be made by an individual or made together with a group but there must be a named lead Filmmaker/Director for purposes of the Entry. Everyone involved should be included in the credits following your Entry. The lead Director/Filmmaker will serve as our primary point of contact.
- Entries are now open.
 - Early Entry
 - Deadline: December 15, 2017 23:59:59 EST
 - Fee: \$5 USD
 - Standard Entry
 - Deadline: April 15, 2018 23:59:59 EST
 - Fee: \$10 USD
 - Late Entry
 - Deadline: June 15, 2018 23:59:59 EST
 - Fee: \$20 USD
- Technical requirements: HD or SD accepted; HD preferred.
- Mailed Entry File formats include Windows Media, MPEG-1/2, MP4, AVI, MOV, MVC/MTS/M2TS, OGG, MXF or Red Raw (R3D). If you’re mailing in a DVD, CD or USB Drive, include the movie in one of these formats so that it may be copied onto a Windows compatible machine.
- The competition is governed and subject to the laws of the United States concerning such matters. Ultimately, the decision of **Red Samurai Entertainment** is final and binding in all matters relating to this competition.
- **Red Samurai Entertainment** reserves the right to cancel the competition and/or make reasonable adjustments to the competition rules or festival at any time. Any changes will be posted online.

Rules of Entry:

- The FAM Fest website includes links to all submission methods.
- If your Entry includes a download/screener URL/link please enter the number of days before the link expires and the password if required.
- When sending your DVD, CD, or USB Drive through the mail remember to include your Entry ID and address the submission to **Red Samurai Entertainment**, 725 Cherry Road, #4974, Rock Hill, SC 29732.
- Before submitting an Entry you must ensure that all people (if any) appearing in the Entry have given written permission including permission from parents/guardians if people appearing in the Entry are under 17 years of age for their image to be shown should the Entry be exhibited. We may request proof of this if your Entry is a winning Entry so please ensure you have it immediately available upon request.

What happens next?

- All of the Entries will be looked at by the team at **Red Samurai Entertainment**. Our judging panel will choose the winners.

- Selected finalists will be exhibited at one or more Charlotte, NC area venues.
- The CIFF Prize winner will receive a fee waiver/voucher for Entry into the **Charleston International Film Festival**. Please note that exhibition at **CIFF** is not guaranteed.
- All awards/prizes, including the Audience Choice Award will be announced at the **FAM Fest** event.

By submitting your Entry to FAM Fest 2018 you agree to the following:

I hereby grant to you, your licensees, and affiliates a perpetual, worldwide royalty-free non-exclusive right to record, edit, use, reproduce, and distribute in the following media: television, online, electronic (such as DVD-ROM) my contribution to the Entry including any Entry and sound material of myself taped for you; and to use my picture, and name, biographical information I provided alongside this in publicity for **FAM Fest**. I understand my Entry may be shown on the Red Samurai Entertainment website, in whole or in part, over the internet, and exhibited in a theater/other live venue, used for publicity purposes or shown at other events.

I hereby release you from any claims that I may have at any time relating to use of the rights granted above.

I understand that Red Samurai Entertainment is under no obligation to use in any way any of the material in which I provide. I have provided a non-refundable Entry fee of \$5-\$20 USD to enter **FAM Fest 2018** as a competing film maker/Entry.

I am over the age of 16 and have read and understood this letter. I agree that I will not have the right to seek injunctive relief to stop or restrain your exercise of the rights granted in this letter. I have granted this consent and release in return for your permission for me to participate in the exhibition or display of the materials.

Parental/Guardian acknowledgement is required where the person making the Entry is under the age of 17.

By allowing your minor child to submit their Entry to **FAM Fest 2018** you acknowledge that you agree to the previously stated rules of Entry.

If you have any questions regarding **FAM Fest**, feel free to contact us at Redsamurai@redsamuraientertainment.com Thank you for your interest in this year's festival. We look forward to seeing your Entry! Void where prohibited.

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