



The 19th Zanzibar International Film Festival

9th -17th July, 2016

Submission Information & Procedure:

About ZIFF:

The Zanzibar International Film Festival (ZIFF) is the largest multi disciplinary art and cultural festival in Africa dedicated to the exhibition of films, music and artistic panoramas. Each year ZIFF exhibits more than 60 films made in Africa, Middle East, Europe, Latin America, USA and Asia. The 19th Edition of ZIFF will take place 9th -17th July, 2016 in Stone Town, Zanzibar. The theme of the 2016 Festival is ***This Journey of Ours.***

Workshops:

ZIFF is the largest meeting of film and cultural workers in East, Central and Southern Africa. We offer a number of Workshops, Forums and Exhibition featuring the world known artists, scholars, researchers and authors. Invitations may be sent to participating filmmakers to attend at ZIFF's expense however the priority goes to African filmmakers. ZIFF seeks to provide opportunity for filmmakers around the world by showcasing their works. ZIFF offers a meeting and networking space for upcoming filmmakers to interact with experienced film professionals from every continent, as we strongly believe in showcasing new voices and expanding our cultural reach.

Eligibility:

The Zanzibar International Film Festival is currently accepting applications from filmmakers from around the world. Priority is given to African films (including African Diaspora) and films from the Dhow Countries' region- South West Asia, the Arabian Peninsula, The Persian Gulf, Iran, Pakistan, and the Indian Ocean Islands. Films in competition must be directed by an African or from a Dhow country and produced after 2014. ZIFF also reserves the right to accept any film with a specific interest to the festival. Films reflecting the festival's theme that welcome visions of a depth terrifying and a lightness beckoning, but also propose

hope in its glorious and abject abstraction will be screened. To filmmakers this imagery is an embrace of their creativity as those sounds, designs, images and movements are the bedrock upon which their art is formed, and we encourage filmmakers to submit works in any genre, in features, documentaries, short films, animation and music videos.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS 29TH FEBRUARY 2016.

Competition:

The main competition (the Golden Dhow and Silver Dhow) is only for filmmakers from the Dhow countries. These include Countries of the Indian Ocean Rim and Indian Ocean Islands, including Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan; All African countries. ZIFF competition categories include: Best Feature Film, Documentary, Short, Animation, East African Films, and The ZIFF Board will offer the Chairperson's Award (Bi Kidude Award) and The Lifetime Achievement Award. Other competitions are open to the specified categories of entries. The ZUKU Swahili Awards target Bongo Films. **The Sembene Ousmane Award Competition** is only for African and Diaspora filmmakers and partner producers. The festival's official film selection includes the following sections:

- **Official competition:** feature and short films, fiction, documentary and animation films shot by African and Dhow Country directors.
- **Documentary section:** This Section is Open to all countries in all formats
- **Films on Development:** This section is open to films by Africans, African Diaspora and partner producers.
- **Music Video:** this new session is dedicated to outstanding and creative production for music video from East Africa.
- **Films out of Competition:** This Section is Open to films from all countries in all formats

All films are judged by an independent jury panel.

The Juries

- No jury member must be involved in the direction, production or distribution of a competing film.

The Prize List

• The official prize list of ZIFF is as follows:
In acknowledgement of the great role that films play in contemporary society ZIFF offers Prizes. Awards are a measure of value that the industry accords and offers filmmakers as acknowledgement of their creativity, innovation and status.

- The ZIFF Jury will offer the Dhow Awards in the following Categories:

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| FEATURE FILMS |
| DOCUMENTARY |
| SHORT FILMS |
| ANIMATION |
| DHOW COUNTRIES |
| EAST AFRICAN FILMS |
| VIDEO MUSIC from EAST AFRICA |

- The ZIFF Board will offer the following Awards: **The Bi Kidude Chairman's Award**
- The **SIGNIS Jury** will present its Award to a film that is deemed to exemplify universal and spiritual values that enhance human dignity, justice and tolerance through the art of cinematic expression.
- GIZ and ZIFF will also award the **SEMBENE OUSMANE PRIZE FOR DEVELOPMENT FILMS** for the 3 best short films.
- **THE EUROPEAN AFRICAN FESTIVAL NETWORK AWARD:** Awarded to a film deemed the best African feature film in competition.
- ZUKU will be awarding the **ZUKU SWAHILI AWARDS** to Bongo Films in Competition.
- The Emerson's Zanzibar Foundation will be awarding The **Best Film on Zanzibar** in competition.
- The Audience Award- to the film selected by attending audiences as the best in competition

Submission Procedures:

- Online submission with publicity materials must be done through the our festival submission page on **FESTHOME (check ZIFF website for the link)**
- To be eligible for programming, the entire application MUST be completed and signed.
- **The submission deadline is 29th February 2016.**
- Mail submissions and accompanying materials (**by Tanzanian or eligible East African filmmakers**) can be sent to:

ZIFF
Ngome Kongwe
(Note: this is the physical address)
P.O. BOX 3032, ZANZIBAR,
TANZANIA
Tél: (255) 773 411 499

Email: filmdept@ziff.or.tz
or ziff@ziff.or.tz

Please include synopsis, photographs, director's bio-data and 2 DVDs

- Freight costs of films will be borne by the producer. ZIFF will not be responsible for DVD's lost or damaged in the mail. ZIFF is not responsible for damages resulting from initial poor condition of DVDs.
- Selection results will be available from May 15, 2016 on our Website: www.ziff.or.tz
Please check website
- Any film at ZIFF may have five (5) public screenings at the most, including one press showing. However, further screenings could be organized if the producer so agrees.
- No DVDs will be returned. They will be kept at ZIFF for archival purposes.

**Keep this page for your reference.
Please do not return it with your application.**



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SUBMISSION APPLICATION

Submission Deadline: January 31, 2016

Film/Video Title: _____

English Title (if different) _____

Registered Film for: Competition _____ Non-competition _____

Running Time: _____ **Country of Origin:** _____ **Year of Copyright:** _____

Original Language: _____ **English Subtitles:** ____ Yes ____ No

Production Date : _____

Director's Name: _____ **Producer's Name** _____

Director's nationality: _____ **Producer's Nationality:** _____

Address: _____ **Address:** _____

City, State, Zip: _____ **City, State, Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____ **Email:** _____

PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE GENRE:

____ Fiction ____ Documentary ____ Animation ____ Short Fiction

FESTIVAL PRESENTATION FORMAT: *Color* *BW*

Dubbed in _____ *Subtitled in* _____

SUBMITTED BY:

Name: _____ Contact Person: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Tel: _____ e-mail: _____

Principal Cast:

Actor/Actress

Character Names

A screening at ZIFF will be a premiere: ____ Yes ____ No

• Awards Received: _____

• This film is the Director's first film: ____ Yes ____ No

By submitting _____ (film title), the undersigned warrants that (s) he has the right to submit and exhibit the above-indicated film to ZIFF and will indemnify and hold harmless the Zanzibar International Film Festival, its directors, management, staff, and sponsors, against any and all claims arising out of ZIFF's exhibition and promotion of said film should such film be programmed as part of the 2016 Zanzibar International Film Festival. ZIFF may use up to a 5 min. clip of said film for promotional purposes.

I also understand that the ZIFF takes place in the outreach program where my film may also be shown later in the year.

Submitted by:

Signature_____
Date_____
Print Name_____
Title

★ PLEASE MAKE SURE APPLICATION IS COMPLETE AND SIGNED ★