

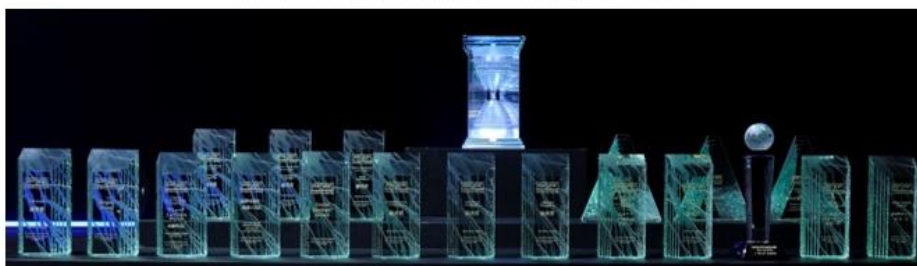
Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia 2023
Calling out for submissions from around the world
Best Short Awards winners of
Live Action (International /Asia International/Japan) ,
Non-Fiction and Animation Competition are
eligible to be shortlisted for next year's Oscars®!

Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia (SSFF & ASIA), one of the biggest international short film festivals in Asia, will begin accepting submissions for the 25th edition on Monday, August 1, 2022.

<https://www.shortshorts.org/creators/en/>

In 2004, SSFF & ASIA, became an Academy Award accredited film festival and has submitted the festival's Grand Prix film as eligible for nomination at the Oscars the following year. In 2019, this was expanded to include the Best Short Award winners from the Live Action Competitions in the International, Asia International, and Japan categories, as well as the best short from the Non-Fiction category. In 2021, the Academy Association announced that the SSFF & ASIA would be able to submit for nomination from the Animation category for a total of five Best Short Award-winning short films that will be given a chance to possibly win an Oscar next year!

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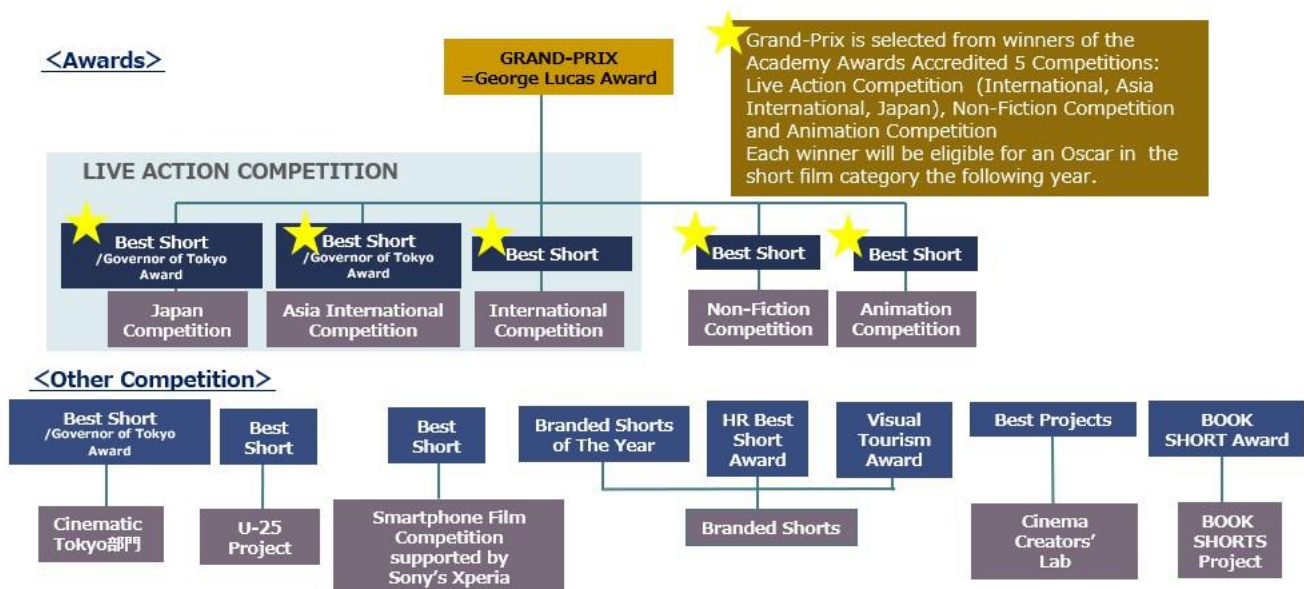


We are the only international short film festival in Japan that is accredited by the Academy Awards.

Along with other Oscar-qualifying film festivals that can submit 5 films like the Sundance Film Festival, the Palm Springs International Film Festival, and the Aspen Shortsfest, we have taken another step forward as a top tier international film festival.

In addition to the Live Action Competitions, the Non-Fiction Competition and Animation Competition, there are the Cinematic Tokyo Competition, films with Tokyo as the central theme and the Smartphone Film Competition supported by Sony's Xperia™, as Sony continues to expand the range of visual expression and opportunities for creators with the aim to encourage new visual creativity unique to smartphones. SSFF & ASIA also starts calling for entries for the U-25 Project, which calls for short films of 5 minutes or less by Japanese directors under the age of 25, and BRANDED SHORTS, which feature branded movies by companies and organizations.

For the 25th anniversary of the SSFF & ASIA in 2023, we are looking for to encountering many fantastic short films!



<SSFF & ASIA 2023 Competitions Guideline>

■ Submission Competitions: Live Action Competition, Non-Fiction Competition, Animation Competition, Cinematic Tokyo Competition, Smartphone Film Competition, supported by Sony's Xperia™, U-25 Project, Branded Shorts, Kodansha Cinema Creators Lab, Book Shorts Project

■ Submission period: from Sunday, August 1, 2022, 02:00PM (JST).

*Submission deadlines vary by category

■ For details on how to submit: See SSFF & ASIA 2023 Submission Page

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■ Selection Announcements: For the Official Competition supported by Sony, Non-Fiction Competition and Animation Competition, shortlists will be announced on SSFF & ASIA website every month

beginning in October. The final selections will be chosen from among the shortlisted films. The final selections from all competitions, including the Official Competitions (films to be screened at the film festival), will be announced on the website by the end of April 2022.



[Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia]

Since 1999, actor Tetsuya Bessho, member of the Screen Actors Guild of America (SAG), has worked to introduce the then new genre, "short films," which he first encountered in the United States, to film fans in Japan as the American Short Shorts Film Festival.

In 2001, the festival was renamed the Short Shorts Film Festival.

In 2004, SSFF was recognized as an Academy Award® accredited film festival.

In the same year, with the aim of promoting new visual culture from Asia and nurturing up-and-coming young filmmakers, the Short Shorts Film Festival Asia (SSFF ASIA, co-sponsored by Tokyo Metropolitan Government) was established and the festival is now known collectively as SSFF & ASIA.

To commemorate the festival's 20th anniversary in 2018, the Grand Prix film was named the "George Lucas Award" in honor of director George Lucas.

In January 2019, the Short Shorts Film Festival in Hollywood was held to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the festival. Beginning with the 2019 festival, in addition to the Official Competitions (International, Asia International, and Japan), the Non-Fiction Competition and this year, the Animation Competition Best Short Award winners have also become eligible for nomination at the Academy Awards the following year.

SSFF & ASIA will continue to support young creators through the festival.

[Official website] <https://www.shortshorts.org/index-en.php>

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