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VIA DEI CORTI – INDEPENDENT SHORT FILM FESTIVAL GRAVINA DI CATANIA (CT), XII edition, from 26th to 29th of November 2026

REGULATION AND COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT

1. The municipality of Gravina di Catania and the cultural associations "Gravina Arte" and "No_Name", organize the event "Via dei Corti" – 10th edition of the Independent Short Film Festival. Screenings will take place from 26th to 29th of November 2026 at the "Angelo Musco" Auditorium, Viale dell'Unione Europea - Centro Civico, Gravina di Catania (CT).

2. The contest is open to national and international short films, published or unpublished. Short films already selected in other festivals are admitted to participate.

3. Short films of any genre are admitted to the selection, provided they last no more than 20 minutes. Specifically, the animated short films submitted will compete for a dedicated section called "CORTI D'ANIMAZIONE" (see point 3.1). The artistic direction reserves the right, at its absolute discretion, to also include in the final selection works longer than 20 minutes, in case these are deemed particularly deserving.

3.1. All animated short films will automatically compete for the section "CORTI D'ANIMAZIONE", since they are implicitly excluded from award schemes and from any cash prizes of the international competition. In the present case, a technical jury will award the recognition as **BEST ANIMATED FILM** (plaque of recognition).

4. The author shall reply to the content of his works.

5. The artistic direction will select, at its absolute discretion, the finalist short films from among all the works submitted. The selected works will be screened on the days when the festival will take place according to a schedule which will be promptly notified. A dedicated technical jury, chaired by a personality from the film world, will assign the following awards:

Plaques of recognition and parchment certificates for:

BEST DIRECTION
BEST SCREENPLAY
BEST EDITING
BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY
BEST SOUNDTRACK
BEST PERFORMER

Also, the following recognitions will be awarded (Plaques and parchments):

YOUTH JURY AWARD (assigned by a jury made up of students coming from Catania hinterland schools);

AUDIENCE AWARD (awarded by the popular jury).

6. You can participate to the selection in the following ways:

a- by sending a copy of your short film (with **Italian** subtitles for international short films) in **DVD PAL** format, as well as the **entry form duly completed and signed** to the following address: Associazione "Gravina Arte", via Del Carabiniere, 1 - 95030 Gravina di Catania (CT);

b- by submitting a copy of your short film through a **private link Vimeo** (or similar), as well as the entry form duly completed and signed, by email, to the address: info@viadeicorti.it.

7. The entry form and this competition announcement can be downloaded from the official website of the Festival (www.viadeicorti.it) or from the website of the municipality of Gravina di Catania (www.comune.gravina-di-catania.ct.it). In addition, the above-mentioned registration forms can be solicited from the e-mail address info@viadeicorti.it or from Facebook at the address http://www.facebook.com/viadeicorti.

8. The submission of works and the related costs of dispatch are at the expense of the sender. The organization takes no responsibility for theft, loss or damage of works.

9. The entry form includes the consent form for the use of the short film in the festival "Via dei Corti" and in all events subsequent to the festival and linked to the event "Via dei Corti". It must be **duly filled in and signed**: without it, the work you sent will not be admitted to the selection process.

10. In the case you send your work by post, the DVD of the work and the entry form must be placed in the same envelope and dispatched **exclusively with priority mail**.

11. If envelopes are sent from non-EU countries, they must bear the words: "per soli scopi culturali, senza finalità commerciali" ("for cultural purposes only, with no commercial purposes").

12. The DVDs submitted will not be returned and will be stored in "Gravina Arte" association offices.

13. The authors of the selected works will be promptly informed and asked to send one photo of themselves and one of their short film, as well as a brief bio-filmography for the poster of the event: it is therefore unnecessary, as a first step, to send other than the DVD and the entry form.

14. The deadline for the submission of works is **30th of September 2026** (for works dispatched by priority post, the postmark date will serve as a proof).

15. The sending of the entry form implies the full acceptance of this regulation. For matters not covered by this regulation, the organization reserves the final decision.
The jury, the selected works, the screening schedule, and general information will be published on the official festival website www.viadeicorti.it and on the municipality of Gravina di Catania website www.comune.gravina-di-catania.ct.it. **For further information: info@viadeicorti.it**

PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

Reporting under art. 13 del D.Lgs.196/2003 (code of privacy)

The data collected from the entry form will be processed by the cultural association "Gravina Arte" for institutional activities and will be used by the secretary of the Festival for informative purposes through communications sent also by e-mail. In this respect, the cultural association "Gravina Arte" would like to inform you that data subject to processing shall be entitled to exercise the rights of the code of privacy, with special reference to the possibility of ascertaining the nature and type of data held by the association, of being able to request their integration or rectification, as well as being able to exercise at any time the right to object to the processing and to the receiving of communications by e-mail, with the consequent request for the deletion of data.

ENTRY FORM 1/2

The entry form must be signed and fully filled in. Please send it in the following ways:
a- by priority mail to "Associazione Gravina Arte, via del Carabiniere 1 - 95030, Gravina di Catania (CT)";
b- by email to the address: info@viadeicorti.it.

DEADLINE**: 30th SEPTEMBER 2026** (for works dispatched by post, the postmark date will serve as a proof)

TITLE: _____

DIRECTION: _____ EDITING: _____

PHOTOGRAPHY: _____ SCREENPLAY: _____

LEADING ACTOR: _____

LEADING ACTRESS: _____

SOUNDTRACK:
_____

COUNTRY: _____ DURATION: _____ SHOOTING FORMAT: _____

YEAR: _____ GENRES: _____ PRODUCTION: _____

Other festivals you have participated in and granted awards you may have won:
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SHORT SYNOPSIS/DESCRIPTION:

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ENTRY FORM 2/2

TELEPHONE: _____

E-MAIL (READABLE): _____

Declaration of acceptance of the Regulation

I, the undersigned _____ born on _____

in _____, resident in_____

hereby declares to have entirely read and accepted the Regulation of the Independent Short Film Festival "Via dei Corti".

date _____ SIGNATURE _____

Declaration of consent form

I, the undersigned _____ born on _____

in _____, resident in_____

grants the consent for public screening within the Festival "Via dei Corti" and for all subsequent events related to the festival "Via dei Corti", organized in whole or in part by "Via dei Corti" or which involve the participation of "Via dei Corti" and/or in which appear the logo "Via dei Corti", and the consent for the storage and reproduction of data and paper photographic materials related to the work linked to the initiative of his/her own work titled: _____

date _____ SIGNATURE _____