

49th ANNÉCY INTERNATIONAL ANIMATION FILM FESTIVAL 2025 TERMS AND CONDITIONS – VR WORKS

1. Support and patronage

The 49th Annecy International Animation Film Festival, organised by CITIA, will be held from 8th to 14th June 2025. CITIA is a Public Institution for Cultural Cooperation (EPCC) working in the field of the image and creative industries. Its missions are threefold: culture, the economy and training.

CITIA is supported by the City of Annecy, Grand Annecy, the Département de la Haute-Savoie, the Région Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes and the National Centre for Cinema and the Moving Image (CNC).

2. Which works can be submitted to the VR category?

All "frame-by-frame" created **animated works** using any technique, produced in Virtual Reality (360-degree video and/or immersive experience), completed after **1st January 2024** and submitted for the first time to the Annecy Festival will be accepted.

To be eligible, films must be submitted before **25th March 2025**.

3. Online registration

There is no registration fee.

Only the online registration forms that have been fully and correctly filled in on the CITIA website will be considered for films submitted before **25th March 2025**.

Rights – Copyright of the work

The entrant declares that he/she is the actual author or legal owner of the work or works submitted and that he/she holds all literary, dramatic and musical property rights. To this end, he/she indemnifies CITIA against any dispute, claim or legal action relating to the selection and presentation of the film. The data provided on registration will be used in various bilingual French-English publications and may be subject to translation, correction or modification before publication.

If the work is selected, registration of a work by the rights holder grants the Festival organisers the right to present the work in its entirety free of charge at public and/or school screenings organised as part of the Festival or for any other use granted under these current terms and conditions.

4. Eligibility of works and submitting a film

a) For the selection

Films must be submitted to the Festival by sending a link to download the film (Vive Build, Oculus Build, 360-degree video) or a Steam key.

CITIA may consider unfinished films (works in progress) if they are sufficiently advanced to be judged, and that the entrant **commits** to CITIA to complete them **by 15th May 2025**. In this case, please clearly indicate in the title and at the beginning of the film that it is a WIP.

If you wish to replace the film with a more recent version, please write to inscription@citia.org.

b) Subtitles

If the original language of the film is not French or English, the film must be submitted with English or French subtitles so that it can be understood.

5. Selection

The Artistic Director oversees the selection process. Several selectors are involved to provide a variety of opinions and to promote parity and diversity in the selection process.

The works selected will compete in the VR Works category.

Applicants will be informed of the selection of films by e-mail in due course. They will then be asked to provide the necessary material for publications and screenings.

Once this notification has been received, applicants will have five working days to withdraw from the programme if they wish to do so. All withdrawals must be in writing. No cancellations will be considered after this deadline.

This will lead to scheduling the works in the Official Selection and presenting them in the Creation Room at the Bonlieu Scène nationale from Monday to Friday. The Festival will provide the screening equipment corresponding to the work's specific broadcast format.

If their film has not been selected, the Festival will inform applicants by e-mail in due course. The Festival will not provide individual reasons for non-selection.

French short films in the Official Selection are automatically eligible for the André Martin Award for a French Short Film.

The Festival's Artistic Director reserves the right to withdraw a film from the selection at any time.

6. Official Selection screenings

a) For Official Selection screenings

The applicant (director, producer or distributor) must provide a presentation copy before **15th May 2025** (Vive Build, Oculus Build, 360-degree video, Steam key etc).

Selected films will be shown using HTC Vive, Oculus Rift or Oculus Quest (the speed in which these technologies evolve may lead to a change in the presentation device).

b) Subtitles

The virtual reality films selected to compete will be shown in their original version if they have English subtitles.

7. Invitations/Accreditations

The Festival's Protocol Department will be responsible for dealing with the teams of the selected films and for managing the logistical aspects of the visiting filmmaker.

Terms and conditions:

- 6 nights' accommodation for the filmmaker (only one filmmaker per work if co-directed).
- Mifa accreditation for filmmakers listed in the credits.

Guests' travel expenses are not covered by CITIA.

8. The juries and prizes

CITIA's management designates the international jury members.

Annecy Festival Official Prizes in the VR Works category:

- Cristal for the Best VR Work

Special Prizes in the VR Works category:

- Festivals Connexion VR Award

9. Using the "Official Selection" labels

a) Selected films

The rights holders and/or distributors agree to use the "Annecy 2025 Official Selection" labels, sent to them in advance by the Festival's Communications Department, on their communication media and their film posters.

b) Award-winning films

The rights holders and/or distributors agree to display the labels corresponding to the award received, sent to them in advance by the Festival's Communications Department, on their communication media and their film posters.

10. Promoting our heritage

As part of its mission to promote the cinematographic heritage, CITIA digitally archives the films presented in the Official Selection. The archived films are strictly reserved for internal use (preparation of programmes, research, documentation etc.).

Original documents used in the making of the film may also be filed with CITIA for use in exhibitions at the Cité internationale du cinéma d'animation.

11. Postponement or cancellation of the Event

In the event that the Festival is postponed or cancelled by CITIA due to a case of force majeure, CITIA will immediately inform the entrants of the selected films.

The following will be considered as causes for the Festival's postponement or cancellation and for exemption from liability: war, riot, strike, health crisis, equipment failure and destruction, transport and communication breakdown, requisitions, legal or regulatory provisions restricting the Festival taking place or freedom of movement

Cancellation or termination of the Festival in the event of any of the aforementioned cases of force majeure or governmental or judicial decision shall not give cause for any form of compensation or indemnity.

12. Image rights

The team members of the selected works expressly agree that their image may be used in the production of communication media for CITIA, for example, in the following areas of distribution: publications, press, websites, social networks, video platforms etc.

They expressly agree that all photo visuals and videos may be used in one or more ways in the name of CITIA.

The recording and/or distribution of these photos and videos may not lead to any remuneration or other compensation in any form. This express and final acceptance excludes any subsequent claims for payment.

However, this consent to the use of their image rights may be withdrawn by the team members of the selected works by written request to CITIA.

13. Personal data

Any personal data, including photographs, requested from you is essential to produce distribution media (whether paper or electronic) relating to the Festival and the Mifa.

This personal data is collected, processed and stored by CITIA in strict compliance with the regulations in force.

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