

1st International Video Festival of Kerala 23th -27th May 2008, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India

Mission:

The First International Video Festival of Kerala (IVFK) will be held in the capital city Kerala of Thiruvananthapuram (formely known as Trivandrum) from the 7th-11th April 2008. The festival, a unique venture in India is being organized by the Kerala State Chalachitra Academy for the Dept of Cultural Affairs, Govt of Kerala as part of its endeavour to catalyse a vibrant video film movement. Increasing accessibility and affordability of accessible video and other media technology has led to a boom in the production and scope of films. The media is now used by image-makers from all walks of life to express, experiment, learn and as an effective tool to conscientise and bring about social change. The festival aims to map and reflect the exploding nature of the medium in its many facets of creativity and resistance.

There will be a National Level competition for long documentaries, short documentaries, animation and short fiction video films produced in India between January 1st 2007 and 1 February 2008. The following awards will be given:

- a) Best Long Documentary (40mts and above) cash prize of Rs 1.00 lakhs and a certificate.
- b) Best Short Documentary (under 40mts) cash prize of Rs. 50,000/ and a certificate
- c) Best Short Fiction (under 70mts) cash prize of Rs. 50,000/ and a certificate
- d) Best Animation cash prize of Rs. 50,000/ and a certificate.

Programme:

The festival programme will contain:

A National Competition Section under the following categories:

- 1) Long Documentary (over 40mts)
- 2) Short Documentary
- 3) Short Fiction (under 70mts)
- 4) Animation

An International non competitive section with the following categories:

- 1) Long Documentary Section (over 40mts)
- 2) Short Documentary Section
- 3) Short Fiction section (under 70mts)
- 4) Public Interest spots
- 5) Music Videos
- 6) Animation Films
- 7) Student Productions (Director must provide proof of being a bonafide student)

There will be specially curated sections focusing on issues, themes, countries and the works of filmmakers. The programme will also include Interaction/Workshop Sections with Media Professionals from all over India.

Rules and Regulations for competitive sections:

Amendment(25th Feb. 08'): All video films produced in India in 2006 and 2007 are eligible for entry to the competition.

- 1) An eminent Jury appointed by the Kerala State Chalachitra Academy will decide the following awards: e) Best Long Documentary (40mts and above) cash prize of Rs 1.00 lakhs and a certificate. f) Best Short Documentary (under 40mts) cash prize of Rs. 50,000/ and a certificate g) Best Short Fiction (below 70mts) cash prize of Rs. 50,000/ and a certificate h) Best Animation cash prize of Rs. 50,000/ and a certificate.
- 2) Only video films produced in India are eligible for competition. All films participating in the competition have to give a self attestation that the film has been produced between **1st January 2007 and 1st February 2008** 3) Films must be available for festival screening on the following formats: DV, Beta SP/PAL 4) A selection committee appointed by the Kerala State Chalachitra Academy will select films for the screening in the competition section. No person with any involvement in the films will be present on the Selection committee. The selection committee can suggest films for screening in sections other than those applied for. 5) A director or production company may enter more than one film, provided a separate entry form accompanies each film. 6) Only selected films will be intimated by email. No letters of non- acceptance will be sent. All lists will be available on the website by **25th March 2008** 7) Directors of films in competition will be invited to the festival with 2nd Class AC Train fare and hospitality during the festival. 8) All non English-speaking projects must have English subtitles. 9) The Director of the festival has the power to include any film at his discretion.

Rules and Regulations for non competitive sections:

1. 1. The Festival is open to video films made in any part of the world.
1. 2. 2. Films completed between **1st January 2006 and 1st February 2008** is eligible to participate in the Festival
2. 3. 3. All non English-speaking projects must have English subtitles.
3. 4. 4. Films must be available for festival screening on the following formats: DV, Beta SP/PAL
4. 5. 5. A selection committee appointed by the Kerala State Chalachitra Academy will select films for the screening at the festival. The selection committee can suggest films for screening in sections other than those applied for.
5. 6. 6. No person with any involvement in the films will be present on the Selection Jury.
6. 7. 7. Once selected a film may not be withdrawn from the programme.
7. 8. 8. A director or production company may enter more than one film, provided a separate entry form accompanies each film.
8. 9. 9. Only selected films will be intimated by email. No letters of non- acceptance will be sent. All lists will be available on the website by **25th March 2008**
10. 10. The Director of the festival has the power to include any film at his discretion.

Preview Material

1. 1. 1. Last Date for receiving the Completed Entry form is **February 28th 2008**
2. 2. 2. Please use block letters when applying, any form that can't be read clearly will not be accepted.
3. 3. 3. Preview material will not be returned. Preview material may be in VHS/CD/DVD
4. 4. 4. The preview parcel must state clearly: **NO COMMERCIAL VALUE. FOR FESTIVAL PREVIEW ONLY. The festival will not cover any expense regarding this matter.** Please note: Do not use fibre envelope as the material can be damaged as well as the festivals Viewing equipment. Please pack adequately
5. 5. 5. Preview tapes must be labeled with title, running time and contact information. Please do not send Master tapes, or any originals. 6) Preview material will not be returned unless specifically requested by the applicant. The cost for the same shall be borne by the applicant.

Publicity

If selected for the festival the entrant must undertake to provide publicity clippings for the use of the festival.

Entries must include:

1. 1. Completed Entry Form stating clearly the section being applied for.
2. 2. If entering for competition a self attestation regarding date of production.
3. 3. Preview DVD/CD/VHS
4. 4. Synopsis of the entry
5. 5. Directors Biography and contact details
6. 6. Stills from the film
7. 7. Still of the Director
8. 8. Contact address to get the material to be projected if selected.

Entries may be sent to:

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