

# Film Festival

## COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

### FAIR CONTACT INFORMATION

MARIN COUNTY FAIR   FAIR OFFICE & EXHIBIT HALL	20 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael, CA 94903
WEBSITE	<a href="http://www.marinfair.org">www.marinfair.org</a>
EMAIL	<a href="mailto:FairExhibits@MarinCounty.Gov">FairExhibits@MarinCounty.Gov</a>
REGULAR OFFICE HOURS	Monday to Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
FAIR OFFICE HOURS	July 1 (Wednesday) - July 5 (Sunday): 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
MARIN COUNTY FAIR HOURS	July 1 (Wednesday) - July 5 (Sunday): 11:00 am - 11:00 pm

### COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS STAFF

#### FILM (ADULT)

COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS MANAGER	Jennifer Olvera
ONLINE SUBMISSIONS COORDINATOR	Carole Sanders
DEPARTMENT COORDINATOR	Courtney Buffington

For a list of Sponsors, visit [www.marinfair.org](http://www.marinfair.org) after June 1, 2026.

### COMPETITION CALENDAR

ONLINE ENTRY FORMS DUE	MARCH 25, 2026   Regular deadline APRIL 24, 2026, 11:59 pm   Late deadline
DELIVERY DEADLINE FOR ALL FILMS' MATERIAL/FILES	JUNE 3, 2026   All submissions to be made via <a href="http://FilmFreeway.com">FilmFreeway</a> . Video files are to be submitted online by 6/3/2026 – Must be made available to download by / shared with <a href="mailto:digi@cafilm.org">digi@cafilm.org</a>

The full Competitive Exhibits Calendar is available on [www.marinfair.org](http://www.marinfair.org).

## REGISTRATION

To Submit your video for the 2026 Film Competitive Exhibit, Please visit <https://filmfreeway.com/MarinCountyFairInternationalFilmFestival>

## DEPARTMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

Local and State Rules govern this competition.

- 1. ELIGIBILITY** - Open to students and independent filmmakers 18 years of age and older. Films and videos commercially subsidized are eligible. Entries must have been completed after January 1, 2025. Films and videos entered in previous years may not be resubmitted. Rules, Terms and Complete info: [FilmFreeway.com](http://FilmFreeway.com).
- 2. HOW TO ENTER** - Submissions will be accepted online only starting Tuesday, 27 January 2026 via FilmFreeway. Go to <https://filmfreeway.com/MarinCountyFairInternationalFilmFestival> and follow the instructions.
- 3. FORMATTING** - Entries selected to be screened at our Festival must be available when requested by the Coordinator in QuickTime MOV (ProResHQ or DNxHD codec), high-bitrate (25Mb/s or more) MP4 at 720p or better resolution, Full resolution files must be made available for download from FilmFreeway, Vimeo, Dropbox or other cloud-based platforms, Vimeo or Dropbox preferred. Permission to download film must be granted to [digi@cafilm.org](mailto:digi@cafilm.org) and made available upon acceptance and no later than 11:59pm, Monday June 3, 2026. NO PHYSICAL MEDIA ALLOWED.
- 4. SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** - FilmFreeway submission deadline, Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- 5. NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE:** Monday, May 27, 2026. Permission to download film must be granted to [digi@cafilm.org](mailto:digi@cafilm.org) and made available upon acceptance, and no later than 11:59 PM, Wednesday, June 3, 2026.
- 6. COPYRIGHT LAWS** - All music and other copyright material used in films and videos must be original or be used by permission of author or publisher.
- 7. PROMOTION** - Publicity materials & photos should be included with entries.
- 8. PUBLIC SCREENING** - The Film Festival will be screened at the Marin Center Showcase Theater over the five days of the Marin County Fair. With attendance of 90,000 people at the Marin County Fair, the all-ages audience is large and diverse – a great place to showcase your work. Screenings are offered free of charge to attendees of the Fair. Films considered offensive or unsuitable for children will not be screened at the Fair.
- 9. INTERNATIONAL ENTRIES** - All foreign language films must be submitted with English subtitles.



## ENTRY INFORMATION

- 10. ENTRY FEES** - Film submission to the Film Festival is \$5.00. Paid through FilmFreeway.com

**11. ENTRY LIMIT - 2 Films PER CLASS**

- a. The same film may not be entered in more than one class or division.

**PUBLICITY**

- 12. The Marin County Fair reserves the right to use any work in the exhibition for educational, catalog, website, or publicity purposes.

**DIVISION 5 | Short Film & Video**

*Entry Fee - \$5.00*

**CLASSES (Submission Categories)**

- 1. Narrative
- 2. Documentary
- 3. Animation
- 4. Environmental
- 5. Experimental
- 6. Children/Family

**AWARDS | AMERICAN SYSTEM | SHORT FILM & VIDEO**

*Offered per Class at the Discretion of the Judges*

<b>FIRST PLACE</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>
<b>SECOND PLACE</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>
<b>THIRD PLACE</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>
<b>HONORABLE MENTION</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>

**SPECIAL AWARDS**

<b>BEST OF FILM FESTIVAL</b>	<b>\$100 &amp; ROSETTE</b>
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