

# AGREEMENT

## Terms & Conditions 2026



### Categories & Competitions

#### Short Film Competition 2026 – *Extended Deadline 30th June 2025*

Professional short dance films (max. 25min) are competing for the 'Jury Award' and the 'Encouragement Award', with cash prizes.

We accept:

- fiction & experimental films related to dance, choreography, movement or performance
- films between 1 - 25min. (longer films can be submitted in the 'outside of competition' category)
- films not older than 3 years
- films not submitted to previous Cinedans editions
- max. 3 submissions per filmmaker

Entry-fee of € 20,-

#### Short Docs Film Competition 2026 – *Deadline 1st September 2025*

Professional short dance documentary films (max. 25min) are competing for the Cinedans Jury Award for Short Documentaries.

We accept:

- documentaries related to dance, choreography, movement or performance
- films between 1 - 25min. (longer films can be submitted in the 'outside of competition' category)
- films not older than 3 years
- films not submitted to previous Cinedans editions
- max. 3 submissions per filmmaker

No entry-fee is charged for this category.

#### Outside of Competition 2026 – *Extended Deadline 30th June 2025*

We accept:

- films longer than 25min.
- Performance Relay, Features, Documentaries, Short Documentaries (any length), Installation work, Stereoscopic and VR projects
- projects not older than 3 years
- projects not submitted to previous Cinedans editions
- max. 2 submissions per filmmaker
- For installation work and other proposals you can send additional materials to [entry@cinedans.nl](mailto:entry@cinedans.nl). Keep in mind that you must submit your project through our entry portal to be considered.

No entry-fee is charged for this category.

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A film will be considered by the festival's selection committee once the online form has been filled out and the selection screener link has been sent. If your film is in progress, you can still submit it. Make sure to include all information or materials you have and clearly state by when we could receive a screener link. Note that we would prefer to have a preview by October '25 so that we can ensure there is enough space in our programming.

All selected films will also be part of the Audience Award voting and have a chance to win the Cinedans Audience Award.

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### Selection Criteria

- Originality and evidence of authorship
- Content and meaning
- Originality of concept and clarity of script
- Synergy between dance and film
- Camera work and editing as a contribution to this synergy
- Quality of choreography and dance
- Role and meaning of sound
- Technical execution in relation to the artistic vision

### About the selection & programming

- The programmers of the festival may choose to put a film in a different category/competition than it was submitted for. In this case, the filmmaker will be informed.
- Notifications about the film selection 2026 will be sent latest by December 2025 and announced online by the end of February 2026.
- General scheduling and timetable of screenings are entirely at the discretion of the festival.
- Cinedans is granted the right to screen the submitted films during the festival period at EYE Filmmuseum (or any other location of the festival) in Amsterdam without offering any screening fees, with a maximum of 3 screenings.
- In case your film is selected for screening you will be asked to send a master copy (DCP and ProRes) before the end of January 2026. The criteria & specifications for Master files will be emailed with the notification and can be found on our website and portal.
- Cinedans is granted the right to use the submitted films, film stills, posters and trailers for promotional purposes on the internet, television and other media. An excerpt of 10% of the film (max. 3min) of each submitted film may be used for that purpose. For private press viewings Cinedans sustains the option to screen your full film as a preview (to press members or for education purposes only).
- The film information provided by the participant in the entry form will be used for festival publications. Catalogue writings are entirely at the discretion of the festival. Cinedans accepts no liability in the event that its publications reproduce inaccuracies in submitted materials.
- The film submitter's personal contact details will be kept in the Cinedans database after the festival. This information is only used to request additional screenings and will never be made public nor given to third parties without consent of the submitter.
- By submitting your film, you claim to have full ownership of the film and / or have cleared all the rights. Cinedans shall under no circumstances be liable for any claims by third parties.
- Cinedans is responsible for the master copy the moment it has arrived at the festival's office. The insurance remains in effect until the film is reshipped. In case of damage or loss of the copy during the festival, Cinedans will only be responsible for the costs involved in making a new copy, based on the current laboratory rates for a new copy from any given format. Damage must be reported to the festival within a month after return and prior to any following screening. The insurance does not cover any damage during normal screening use.
- In case of faulty projection, the festival cannot be held liable for immaterial damages suffered by the director, producer or distributor.
- Master film copies will be returned as soon as possible after the festival or as agreed with the filmmaker.

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- Festival / day passes or screening invitations for filmmakers are at the discretion of the festival. Cinedans will inform you in time about the ticketing policy for filmmakers.
- Cinedans is very happy to have the filmmakers present at the festival, unfortunately the festival cannot cover travel and accommodation.
- The management and/or board of Cinedans can always decide on exceptions of the above regulations.

For further information, you can reach us at [info@cinedans.nl](mailto:info@cinedans.nl)