

Call for Entries – The International Competition for Video art and Experimental Cinema

The 28th Tel-Aviv International Student Film Festival

We are delighted to invite you - Independent filmmakers, graduate students and students in their last year, to submit your recent films to the 2026 International Competition for Video art and Experimental Cinema.

The festival will take place from June 23rd to 30th, 2026, in Tel Aviv-Yafo

The festival, dating back to 1986, showcases a new generation of emerging film talents from around the world. The festival is an opportunity for young filmmakers from all over the world to present short innovative cinema, and participate in gala screenings, masterclasses, conferences, and special tributes.

The competition is dedicated to short films from across the different visual arts. Its mission is to provide young experimental filmmakers to present their recent works – filmmakers who are not afraid to challenge the traditional cinema while formulating new, original and daring avant-garde cinematic expressions.

The selected works will be screened at the Tel Aviv Cinematheque during the week of the festival. The judging team will consist of different film curators and artists from Israel and abroad who will choose the winning project. The selected project will receive a monetary prize (5,000 NIS).

Entry Requirements

- Each creator can submit up to 2 films.
- Films submitted must have been completed during the years 2025-2026.
- Submitted films must be no longer than 30 minutes (including credits).
- The festival accepts Experimental Student films or ones who graduated in the past 5 years.

Submit here

Submission deadline: February 4th, 2026 *No submission fees, no premiere status required. *

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