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'IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE!' FESTIVAL

- 1. Awards for feature films premiered during 2012**
- 2. Laura Lantero's Award for short films made by young people**

CinemaNet has created a brand new Festival and Awards: "It's a Wonderful Life!". Their goal is to acknowledge and promote cinema that shares our positive point of view about greatness and beauty of life, or that shows clearly the negative aspects, events or facts that endanger it, especially against human life or the dignity of every human being (war, hunger, abortion, poverty, terrorism, euthanasia, drugs, alcoholism, violence, intolerance, etc.)

The name itself of the Festival tries to be in line with its goals and the positive attitude towards life.

The Festival consists of two areas:

1. Awards for feature films premiered in Spain during the same year of the award (2012).
2. Awards for short films created and presented by young people (up to 35 years old). These awards have been entitled "Laura Lantero".

This year 2012 will see the first edition of the Festival. The awards event will take place on March 1st, 2013. The ceremony will occur together with the concession of the "Character" Award, also created by CinemaNet.

The awards for feature films will consist on allegorical statues along with a small plant as symbol of life itself.

The awards for short films made by young people will have remuneration in cash.

There will be two groups of judges for the Festival: one for the awards for feature films and other for Laura Lantero's shorts. Similarly, there will be two advisory teams for the preselection stage.

Both groups of judges and advisory teams will be composed of experts on cinema, education (all levels), Anthropology, Sociology and news media, as well of representatives of social and family associations related with the motif of the Festival.



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Rules for the Festival Year 2012

Awards for feature films

The jury's advisory team for the feature films award shall make the preselection among all films premiered in Spain during the year 2012. Then, this team will pass to the members of the jury a list with the films eligible for the final prize.

The members of the jury shall then decide the movie(s) (up to three) premiered in Spain during 2012, regardless its nationality that in particular highlight the positive aspects of human life according a broader point of view or, to the contrary, speak out against whatever endangers it.

The jury will be the sole and ultimate responsible for the awards, although any citizen can propose to the advisory team films that should be considered by visiting the Website www.cinemanet.info.

The decision of the jury cannot be appealed. They may also choose not to award any of prizes in the event that no film during 2012 achieves the quality standards requested.

CinemaNet will send to the media the relevant information about the winners.

The awards will be presented on March 1st, 2013, along with the awards for short films.

Fragments of the winning feature films will be showed during the event.

In order to receive the prize it is mandatory the presence of one of its representatives, as they will receive in person the allegorical statue and the plant, symbol of life.

Laura Lantero's Awards for short films made by young people

Unlike feature films, short films proposed for Laura Lantero's Award must be presented by the authors. It is essential that these short films adhere strictly to the thematic and approach of the festival. We encourage all candidates, before sending their works, to read carefully both the general invitation and the rules for the Awards. Short films that not fulfill the requirements established will be dismissed during the preselection stage.

1. The award is fully open and anyone can send works, regardless the nationality and the location worldwide.
2. The maximum age of the contestants is up to 35 years old.



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3. The official languages of the festival will be Spanish and English. Short films in other languages can be presented, but they must be subtitled on any of the above languages.
4. The following prizes will be awarded:
 1. Best Short Film Award: €1.500
 2. Second Best Short Film Award: €1.000
 3. Third Best Short Film Award: €500
 4. Best Director Award: €200
 5. Best Male Performance Award: €200
 6. Best Female Performance Award: €200
 7. Audience Award: €400

All of them will be granted with the relevant diploma.

5. All short films applicants must be delivered in PAL format, regardless the original rendered format.
6. Each contestant can send a maximum of three (3) works.
7. The duration of the presented works will be between 3 minutes (minimum) and 30 minutes (maximum), credits not included.
8. All short films must be presented during the month of November, 2012 (1st- 31st).
9. In order to formalize the registration, a copy of the short film must be sent on DVD format along with the registration form of the Agencia del Cortometraje Español (Short Film Spanish Agency).
10. All DVDs containing short films must be sent to the following postal address, specifying on the envelope/package “SIN VALOR COMERCIAL, SOLO CULTURAL” (NON COMMERCIAL VALUE, ONLY FOR CULTURAL PURPOSE):

Sr. Eduardo Navarro (Asociación CinemaNet)
c/ Mayor 80, 1º, izq.
28013 - MADRID
11. Shipping costs are paid at the expense of the contestant.
12. The author should also sent the following: copy of the Passport or any valid ID document, phone number for contact purposes, email address, two (2) pictures in any digital format and the technical specifications of the short film. These details can be sent as well (stating the short film title, in digital format) to the following email address: cortosvivir@cinemanet.info
13. As soon as CinemaNet has received the DVD, the contestant will receive by email the acknowledgment of receipt.



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14. All participants will be responsible for any copyright claim raised by any third party related with the works submitted.
15. The jury's advisory team will make the preselection of the short films submitted. The definitive list with all the admitted and selected short films will be published on January, 2013, on CinemaNet's website: www.cinemanet.info
16. CinemaNet will held during the first quarter of the year 2013 (and before the prize-giving ceremony) a session with all the short films selected. Location, date and hour are to be determined and will be published on the website www.cinemanet.info and by notice to CinemaNet's database.
17. The members of the jury will decide all awards but the Audience Award, which will be voted by all attendants to the previous pass. The decision of the jury cannot be appealed.
18. The jury may also choose not to award any or all of the prizes in case of no film achieve the quality standards requested.
19. CinemaNet will announce the short films winners on its website and newsletters, and will send this information to other media.
20. The award-winning ceremony for the First Edition will be held during the evening event on 1st March, 2013.
21. The short film winners will be showed during the ceremony.
22. In order to receive the prize is mandatory the presence of the author or someone on his/her behalf.
23. Upon the acceptance of the authors, CinemaNet shall distribute copies of the short films winners and send them to schools and other educational institutions throughout the country.
24. Participation in this contest implies full acceptance of and agreement with these conditions.
25. The organizers reserve the right to deal any contingency not specified in these rules.

NOTICE: Participants are kindly requested to read carefully the rules and general information of this announcement. The organizers of the festival will not correspond with those who send their short films.