

Digital film submission guidelines

FatFilmFest 2011 | 8th edition

- Submissions close on 16 May, 2011.
- Film must be submitted by one of the film's right holders.
- Entering a film/video indicates acceptance of the Festival Rules and Regulations and Submission Guidelines.

Eligibility

- Films must not exceed 30 minutes in length.
- Fictional, documentary, experimental and animation films may be submitted.
- Priority will be given to works released between March 2009 until present 2011. However we will accept work up to three years back if you think we will love it.

Version and subtitling

- All films must be submitted in their original version.
- Film works in languages other than English must be subtitled.
- If possible, send to submissions@fattizze.org a copy of the English subtitles file or the dialogue list in English to help us edit Italian subtitles.

Audio/Video specifications

To ensure a high technical quality of films submitted for the selection process and the screening at the Festival, only movie files meeting the following criteria are accepted:

- minimum: full PAL or NTSC resolution
- maximum file size of 4 gigabyte
- video and audio in one file
- for subtitled films the subtitles have to be integrated (burned in) into the image

Recommendation: MP4 file in H.264/MPEG-4 AVC and AAC audio encoding

It is recommended to use a MP4 file format in H.264/MPEG-4 AVC video compression (variable bitrate of at least 2000 kbit/s) and AAC audio at minimum 160 kbit/s (if possible). If your uploaded file corresponds to at least these criteria, it will be used without any conversion.

You can also upload movies with the audio and/or video uncompressed. Just remind the maximum file size of 4 gigabyte.

If your movie is available in a different file format or on DVD, a conversion to H.264/MPEG-4 AVC is recommended. File conversion is offered by the software "HandBrake" for example, which is free and available for all popular computer operating systems.

Video codecs:

- Uncompressed
- H.264/MPEG-4 AVC (recommended)
- MPEG-2

Audio codecs:

- Uncompressed
- AAC (recommended)
- AC-3

Other file formats

Additional to MPEG-4 (.MP4) files we accept submissions of *Matroska (.MKV)* and *Quicktime files (.MOV)*. In some rare cases, the submitted file is converted once prior to the screening to provide a standardized screening procedure.

Submissions in other formats require the Festival's authorization.

Optional submission by regular mail

- Please label your submission with the: title, filmmaker's name, contact address and email.
- Submitted USB flash drives or DVDs will NOT be returned unless a self-addressed pre-paid envelope is included in your package.

Contact

For questions regarding film submissions please contact submissions@fattizze.org