

RULES FOR THE COMPETITION SECTIONS OF THE "ASTRONOMY
FILM FESTIVAL *TIEMPO SUR* 2015"

The Local Councils of Garafía, Puntagorda and Tijarafe announce the "V Festival of Audiovisual Creation *Tiempo Sur*", which adopts the sobriquet "Astronomy Film Festival *Tiempo Sur*", with the following rules:

PARTICIPATION. - The premise motivating this competition is the use, as a seminal concept, of one of the most representative characteristics of the northwest region of La Palma: the undeniable quality of its sky. Garafía, Puntagorda, and Tijarafe are rural municipalities, adequately linked to their history, culture, traditions, agricultural products, and landscapes, but also to their firmament.

For this reason, the Festival of Audiovisual Creation *Tiempo Sur* has become, for its fifth edition, a showcase for astronomy films, which will have two lines of competition, cinema and photography, and in which anyone who wishes to participate may do so, without restrictions on age or nationality, either individually or as a group.

1. FILM AREA.

The film competition area is divided into two sections: the PEGASUS Section, and the POLARIS Section.

1.A. PARTICIPATION IN PEGASUS.

The PEGASUS Section of the audiovisual competition is designed for short films with a maximum duration of 10 minutes and a minimum of 3; they can be fictional, documentaries, or experimental.

They are to be filmed in the northwest region of La Palma, in any of the three municipalities it is composed of: Garafía, Puntagorda, and Tijarafe.

They can be inspired by the sobriquet "**Jamás olvidaré regar las estrellas**" ("I'll never forget to water the stars"), based on the work of the poet Héctor Vargas Ruiz (San Cristóbal de La Laguna, 1972-2014). The genre, topic, and style of the short films is of free choice; the sobriquet is a suggestion for inspiration connecting this competition with the global concept of the Astronomy Film Festival *Tiempo Sur* 2015.

This film festival should not be understood as a selection of science fiction titles, because the interest is in redefining and delimiting the previous audiovisual

creativity festival has nothing to do with cinematographic genres, but rather with the aesthetics of film, its poetry and sources of inspiration which spring directly from the evocative influence of the stars. Therefore, in the PEGASUS Section of the Astronomy Film Festival *Tiempo Sur* 2015, the competition is open to all audiovisual pieces which explore human fascination for observation and understanding of the cosmos through their story, topic for reflection, aesthetic proposal, or implicit symbolism.

The pieces may be created collectively, but the prize will be awarded to the person who acts as the registered representative of the winning piece.

The organizers of the competition will not provide participants with logistical assistance or production costs. All required procedures for filming the pieces are the responsibility of those interested in competing. If necessary, the competition's Organization will simply offer guidance on filming locations, if previously requested by email, or by calling 922 40 00 29 between 8:00 and 14:00h.

Festival organizers and members of the jury are excluded from competing.

REGISTRATION, DEADLINES AND SUBMITTING FORMATS:

Before taking part in PEGASUS, all those interested must register, free of charge, by filling in the appropriate form which can be downloaded from the www.garafia.es website, or can be requested by email at tiemposur@garafia.org. Similarly, information will be provided on request via the social networks.

Once completed, the form should be sent to tiemposur@garafia.org from May 8th 2015.

The competing works must be produced, edited and submitted between the time of registration and August 7th 2015.

Works can be submitted on a physical medium (CD, DVD or Blu-ray) at the Town Hall of Villa de Garafía (C/ Díaz Suárez, 1, Garafía, 38787 Santa Cruz de Tenerife); or digitally via a downloading platform, after previously informing tiemposur@garafia.org. Too, Works can be submitted by Movibeta.

The format of the works, whichever means is chosen, must be *Avi* o *H264*.

There is no limit to the number of pieces that can be presented; however, the organizers recommend concentrating on one or two at the most.

SELECTION OF FINALISTS:

The festival organizers will select a maximum of 16 works and a minimum of 8, based on criteria of:

- Objective quality
- Originality
- Degree of representation of the ethnography, history, tradition, and landscapes of the region.
- Degree of correlation with the proposed sobriquet or the conceptual sense of the Astronomy Film Festival *Tiempo Sur* 2015.

The works selected by the Organization will automatically go on to the competition phase; the list of finalists will be published on August 21st on the www.garafia.es website, as well as on the Facebook page of *Tiempo Sur*.

The works will be projected in an open session, admission free, on the date and at the place corresponding to the PEGASUS Section within the official programme of the Astronomy Film Festival *Tiempo Sur* 2015, at which time the members of the jury will evaluate the competing works.

The Organization reserves the right of admission of all works distancing themselves from the concept and intention with which this film festival was created. Works which fail to comply with the established conditions will not be selected.

PRIZES:

For the PEGASUS Section of the Astronomy Film Festival *Tiempo Sur* 2015, the Organization will award the following prizes:

First Prize. - valued at 1,000€

Audience Award. - Without financial reward, consisting of an honorary diploma, awarded by voting of the public/audience at the screening.

All prizes include the commemorative statuette of this Astronomy Film Festival *Tiempo Sur* 2015. The awards will be handed over at the closing ceremony of the festival, which will be held in Villa de Garafía on the last day of the programme.

MEMBERS OF THE JURY:

The Local Councils of Garafía, Puntagorda, and Tijarafe will designate the members of the jury, which will

be made up of 3 professionals from the audiovisual and cultural sector, or from the scientific ambit.

The jury's decision will be final, and no category will remain un-awarded.

LEGAL ASPECTS:

Each short film is to be registered with the name of the natural person whose details are in the registration form, and it is he/she who will be awarded any possible prize. The Organization assumes that the said person owns the rights on the work presented, and accepts no responsibilities deriving from this point on the part of the competitors.

The finalist works will form part of the Municipal Archive of the Town Halls organizing the film festival.

The director of the short film (it is understood that he/she is also the producer of the same) agrees to obtain all exploitation rights of the competing work, as well as the release of rights by the authors (script writers and musicians if applicable), and the release of image rights by the performers if required. In this way, ownership of all rights on the short film is guaranteed and the organizers of the contest are exempted from liability. The Organization shall not be held responsible for possible breaches of authorship rights committed by the presented works.

Competitors are held responsible for ensuring that the short films presented are not subject to any legal claims.

The author/s transfer to the competition the screening and reproduction rights on their works, which will be exercised with due acknowledgement of authorship.

After participating in this film festival, the winning film should mention in its publicity, in the opening credits, and on the cover of future copies for sale or rent, the prize it was awarded, adding the reference "ASTRONOMY FILM FESTIVAL *TIEMPO SUR* 2015, PEGASUS SECTION".

Participating in the competition implies full acceptance of the present conditions.

Participants must also accept any other decision taken by the Organization on any other subject not mentioned in these conditions.

The Organization of the competition reserves the right to exclude all works whose content is deemed obscene,

violent, sexist, racist, or which may violate fundamental rights.

PROTECTION OF DATA:

In compliance with the Spanish *Ley Orgánica 15/1999*, concerning Protection of Data of a Personal Nature, participants are informed that their personal details will be added to an automated file which will only be used for the management and realization of this contest. The personal data of those requesting information on the activities organized by *Tiempo Sur* will only be used for this purpose.

You have the right to access, cancel, contest and rectify the details contained in the file regarding your person by emailing your request to tiemposur@garafia.org or phoning 922 40 00 29 between 08:30h and 14:00h.

1B. PARTICIPATION IN POLARIS:

The POLARIS Section of the audiovisual competition is extra-regional in character and is open to short films of international origin completed between 2013 and the present 2015, prior to the announcement of this event.

Their maximum length shall be 30 minutes.

If the work was not produced in the Castilian language, it should be submitted with Spanish subtitles.

Works can be documentaries, experimental, fiction or animation.

Regardless of their cinematographic genre, the short films wishing to compete should conform to the conceptual lines of this Astronomy Film Festival.

The conceptual line of reference for the Astronomy Film Festival *Tiempo Sur* 2015 is human fascination with the cosmos, together with the observation and exploration of it, in search of answers to the questions it elicits, something which, far from influencing the cinematographic genre, can be reflected in the aesthetic of the film, its poetry, the topic, the plot, or by having been the source of inspiration itself for the work. For further information on the same, the "theoretical dossier on the festival" is available on the website www.garafia.es, or can be requested by email from tiemposur@garafia.org. Similarly, the social networks will provide information on request.

REGISTRATION, DEADLINES AND SUBMITTING FORMATS:

Before participating in POLARIS, it is necessary to register, free of charge to applicants, by filling in the appropriate form, which can be downloaded at www.garafia.es, or requested by email from tiemposur@garafia.org. Similarly, the social networks will provide information on request.

Once completed, this form should be sent by email to tiemposur@garafia.org from May 8th 2015, attaching a short description of the trajectory of the short film entering the competition.

The competing works should be submitted between the time of registration and August 7th 2015.

Works can be submitted on a physical medium (CD, DVD or Blu-ray) at the Town Hall of Villa de Garafía (C/ Díaz Suárez, 1, Garafía, 38787 Santa Cruz de Tenerife); or digitally via a downloading platform, after previously informing tiemposur@garafia.org. Too, works can be submitted by Movibeta.

The format of the works, whichever means is chosen, must be Avi o H264.

SELECTION OF FINALISTS:

The Organization of the festival will select a maximum of 12 and a minimum of 8 short films by criteria of:

- Objective quality.
- Originality.
- Previous trajectory of the competing work.
- Degree of correlation with the conceptual sense of the Astronomy Film Festival *Tiempo Sur* 2015.

The films selected by the Organization will automatically go on to the competition phase; the list of selected works will be published on August 21st on the website www.garafia.es, and on the Facebook page of the competition.

The works will be projected in an open session, admission free, on the date and at the place corresponding to the POLARIS Section within the official programme of the Astronomy Film Festival *Tiempo Sur* 2015, at which time the members of the jury will evaluate the competing works.

The Organization reserves the right of admission of works distancing themselves from the concept and intention

with which this film festival was created. Works which fail to comply with the established conditions will not be selected.

PRIZE:

For the POLARIS Section of the Astronomy Film Festival *Tiempo Sur* 2015, the Organization will award a single prize to the best short film, by decision of the jury, with a value of 2,000€.

The prize will include the commemorative statuette of this Astronomy Film Festival *Tiempo Sur* 2015. The award will be handed over at the closing ceremony of the festival, which will be held in Villa de Garafía on the last day of the programme.

MEMBERS OF THE JURY:

The Local Councils of Garafía, Puntagorda, and Tijarafe will designate the members of the jury, which will be made up of 3 professionals from the audiovisual and cultural sector, or from the scientific ambit.

The jury's decision will be final, and no category will remain un-awarded.

LEGAL ASPECTS:

Each short film is to be registered with the name of the natural person whose details are in the registration form, and it is he/she who will be awarded any possible prize. The Organization assumes that the said person, company, or entity owns the rights on the presented work, and it accepts no responsibilities deriving from this point on the part of the competitors.

The director of the short film agrees to obtain all exploitation rights of the competing work, as well as the release of rights by the authors (script writers and musicians if applicable), and the release of image rights by the performers. In this way, ownership of all rights on the short film is guaranteed, and the Organization of the competition is exempted from liability. The Organization shall not be held responsible for possible breaches of authorship rights committed by the presented works.

Competitors are required to ensure that the short films presented are not subject to any legal claims.

The author/s transfer to the Organization of competition the screening and reproduction rights on their works during the duration of the Astronomy Film Festival

Tiempo Sur 2015 programme; the said rights will be exercised with full acknowledgement of authorship status.

After participating in this film festival, the winning film should mention in its publicity, in the opening credits, and on the cover of future copies for sale or rent, the award it won, adding the reference "ASTRONOMY FILM FESTIVAL *TIEMPO SUR* 2015, POLARIS SECTION".

Participating in the competition implies full acceptance of the present conditions.

Participants must also accept any other decision taken by the Organization on any other subject not mentioned in these conditions.

The Organization of the competition reserves the right to exclude all works whose content is deemed obscene, violent, sexist, racist, or which may violate fundamental rights.

PROTECTION OF DATA:

In compliance with the Spanish *Ley Orgánica 15/1999*, concerning Protection of Data of a Personal Nature, participants are informed that their personal data will be added to an automated file which will only be used for the management and realization of this competition. Personal details of all those requesting information on the activities organized by *Tiempo Sur* will only be used for this purpose.

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2. PHOTOGRAPHY AREA, "FOTOSUR 2015"

PARTICIPANTS:

Participation in the photography competition of the Astronomy Film Festival *Tiempo Sur* 2015 is open to all those who wish to compete, amateur or professional photographers, Spanish nationals or foreigners, provided they are the authors of the presented images and hold all rights on the same, and the said images have been taken in the northwest region of La Palma (municipalities of Garafía, Puntagorda and Tijarafe).

Organizers of the festival and members of the jury are excluded from taking part in the competition.

CATEGORIES:

The competition will have two categories:

- Category 1 - LANDSCAPE, NATURE AND CUSTOMS OF THE NORTHWEST REGION OF LA PALMA.
- Category 2 - SKY AND STARS, about the majesty of the sky, the moon and/or the stars in the region.

There is a limit of THREE photographs per category, for each participating author. The same photograph cannot be entered in both categories.

FORMAT, SUBMITTING, AND DEADLINES FOR ENTERING:

Only images in digital format JPEG will be accepted, with a resolution of 1,400 pixels on the long side at highest quality, and never more than 2Mb.

Photographs with watermarks or signatures will not be accepted.

Regarding the processing of the images, only adjustments to brightness, saturation, contrast-levels, colour temperature, and focus, as well as dust particle removal are permitted. Reframing of not more than 10% is allowed. Straightening the image or applying corrections for distortions is not permitted. Converting into black and white is only valid for category 1.

The images should be sent by email to tiemposur@garafia.org labelled with the category number, the initials and surname/s of the author, and the title of the photograph, as in the following example:

"Cat1.pmartin.atardecer".

In the IPTC field of the description of each JPEG image in PhotoShop ("File - Obtain information - Description") the following data should be added:

1. Category being competed in
2. Full name/s and surname/s of the author
3. Contact details (telephone number, address, email)
4. Title of the image
5. Place where the photograph was taken.

It is essential that the images contain this information in their IPTC fields.

The deadline for presenting photographs in the competition expires on August 7th 2015.

If considered necessary, the original camera capture file (RAW or JPEG) may be demanded. Failure to present this file, or incompliance with the rules, will lead to disqualification of the image.

PRIZES:

The following prizes have been established:

- First Prize by category 1: 500 euros plus diploma.
- First Prize by category 2: 500 euros plus diploma.

MEMBERS OF THE JURY:

The jury will be designated by the Organization of the Astronomy Film Festival *Tiempo Sur* 2015. Its decision will be final and will be communicated to the winners and media during the farewell ceremony of the event, on September 5th 2015.

The jury will award those images which stand out for their originality and quality, both technical and compositional.

LEGAL ASPECTS:

The jury may disqualify images of living creatures suspected to have suffered injury or alteration to their behaviour due to the photographer's activity.

All photographs entered must be unpublished, and no photographs will be admitted which have been published prior to the decision of the jury.

All participants must be the authors of the works, or own the intellectual property rights on the same.

The rights of use, diffusion, distribution, public outreach, reproduction and exhibition of the winning works belong to the authors in all cases, but they agree to cede them to the Organization and the sponsors for publications connected with the event.

Once the official programme of the Astronomy Film Festival *Tiempo Sur* 2015 is over, the storage media of digital documents will be disposed of.

Participation in this photography contest implies knowledge and acceptance of the conditions of the competition. Any breach of the same may lead to disqualification.