

# Rules & Regulations 2017

## MIRABILE DICTU

International Catholic Film Festival

27 - 30 November 2017

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2017 Article 1 The spirit of the Festival Mirabile Dictu is one of friendship and universal cooperation. Its aim is to reveal and focus attention on works of quality, presenting moral values and positive characters, in order to contribute to the new evangelization and to encourage development of the film industry for this purpose throughout the world. Article 2 The 8th Festival Mirabile Dictu will be held from Monday 27th of November to Thursday 30th of November 2017 to the Vatican, Palazzo Cardinal Cesi. Article 3 Only films that meet the following conditions may be considered for the Pre-Selection :

- Films that express moral values and positive heroes;
- A selection is international if it presents films from different countries, including non-Catholic countries;
- Films that have not been exhibited on Internet;
- Short films that do not exceed 20 minutes in length, including credits;
- Films that respect the aims of the Festival as defined in Article 1. Article 4 Once a film has been selected for the Final Selection, it cannot be withdrawn from the Festival program during the event. Article 5 All films must be presented in their original language, with English or Italian subtitles. By "original language" is meant the one in which a film is or will be exhibited in its country of origin.

It is for the Board of Directors to decide whether or not a film that does not exactly meet this criterion may participate in the Festival.

All subtitling expenses are to be met by the film's producer. Moreover, all films with dialogues in a language different from English or Italian will be subtitled in English. Article 6 The Board of Directors and the President of the Festival designate the four foreign and Italian members of the Jury as well as its President.

Each Jury member votes by secret ballot. Decisions will be reached by an absolute majority of votes. The President of the Festival will attend Jury deliberations but will take no part in the voting.

No person having taken part in the production or exploitation of a film in competition may be on the Jury. Article 7 FEATURES in COMPETITION

The Jury for the films in competition will award "Il Pesce d'Argento" (The Silver Fish) to the following categories: The Best Film;

The Best Documentary;

The Best Short Film;

The Best Director;

The Best Actor / Actress; Besides, two other special prizes will be awarded: Capax Dei Foundation Award, awarded by this Foundation's President to the most significant Catholic subject among all the Films in Final Competition. Lifetime Achievement Award. Article 8 Films to be submitted for the Pre-Selection must be entered by October 10, 2017. Article 9 Expenses for the shipping and translation of films presented to the Selection Committee with a view to their possible selection, are to be met by the film's producers or relevant body.

All expenses for the transportation (round trip) and insurance of prints are also the responsibility of their owner.

The films must meet all the shipping requirements: the Festival cannot carry out customs clearance operations or pay money for that. The films that will not fulfill these conditions will be returned to sender.

The Festival will inform only and exclusively the owner and the sender of the films chosen for the Final Competition. Article 10 The President of the Festival "Mirabile Dictu" has the power to settle all cases not covered by the present rules and regulations. Article 11 Participation in the Festival "Mirabile Dictu" implies acceptance of all the aforementioned rules and regulations and respect of the Application Form 2017. Article 12 The film producers (or relevant body) of the films arrived in Final Selection will be informed about it before the 8th of November through email. It's up to them to participate to the Award Ceremony on their own expenses. The Award Ceremony will take place on November 30th at 8:00 p.m., by nominal invitation, in one of the structures belonging to the State of Vatican. Article 13 Should any dispute arise regarding the interpretation of an article in these regulations, their original Italian version is binding.