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Eligible Festivals & Online Platforms

Festivals et plateformes en ligne admissibles

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Canadian Festivals | Festivals canadiens

Acceptance into at least two (2) of the following Academy approved Canadian Festivals qualifies a Feature Documentary or Theatrical Short Film for entry into the Canadian Screen Awards. Please note, the Academy is not in a position to expand its festival list at this time.

Les longs métrages documentaires et les courts métrages sont admissibles aux prix Écrans canadiens s'ils ont été acceptés dans au moins deux (2) des festivals canadiens suivants, reconnus par l'Académie. Veuillez noter que l'Académie n'est pas en mesure d'ajouter de nouveaux festivals à cette liste pour le moment.

Atlantic Region | Région de l'Atlantique

- ANIMATION FESTIVAL OF HALIFAX
- CHARLOTTETOWN FILM FESTIVAL
- DEVOUR! THE FOOD FILM FEST
- DOCTALKS FESTIVAL AND SYMPOSIUM
- EMERGING LENS CULTURAL FILM FESTIVAL
- FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL DU CINÉMA FRANCOPHONE EN ACADIE (FICFA)
- FIN ATLANTIC INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
- FIN KIDS (FORMERLY VIEWFINDERS YOUTH FILM COMPETITION & VIEWFINDERS SCHOOL TOUR)
- HALIFAX BLACK FILM FESTIVAL
- HALIFAX INDEPENDENT FILMMAKERS FESTIVAL
- HELLIFAX HORROR FILM FESTIVAL
- LUNENBURG DOC FEST
- NICKEL INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL
- SILVER WAVE FILM FESTIVAL
- ST. JOHN'S INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S FILM FESTIVAL

Québec

- BLOODY HORROR INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
- FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL DU FILM CANADA-CHINE (CICFF)
- CARROUSEL INTERNATIONAL DU FILM DE RIMOUSKI
- CINOCHE - FESTIVAL DU FILM INTERNATIONAL DE BAIE-COMEAU
- FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL DU FILM BLACK DE MONTREAL
- FESTIVAL CINÉMA DU MONDE DE SHERBROOKE
- FESTIVAL CINEMANIA
- FESTIVAL COURTS D'UN SOIR
- FESTIVAL CUISINE, CINÉMA ET CONFIDENCES (FESTIVAL CCC)
- FESTIVAL DE CINÉMA DE LA VILLE DE QUÉBEC
- FESTIVAL DE FILMS POUR L'ENVIRONNEMENT (FFPE)
- FESTIVAL DES FILMS DE L'ASIE DU SUD DE MONTRÉAL - SOUTH ASIAN FILM FESTIVAL OF MONTREAL
- FESTIVAL DES FILMS ET DES ARTS AFROQUEER MASSIMADI - LGBTQ+ AFRO FILM AND ARTS FESTIVAL
- FESTIVAL DU CINÉMA INTERNATIONAL EN ABITIBI-TÉMISCAMINGUE
- FESTIVAL DU FILM DE L'OUTAOUAIS
- FESTIVAL DU FILM DE SEPT-ÎLES: CINÉSEPT
- FESTIVAL DU NOUVEAU CINÉMA DE MONTRÉAL
- FESTIVAL FANTASIA

- FESTIVAL FILMINISTES
- FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL DE CINÉMA ET D'ART - LES PERCÉIDES
- FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL DE CINÉMA VUES D'AFRIQUE
- FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL DE MUSIQUE POP MONTRÉAL
- FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL DU FILM POUR ENFANTS DE MONTRÉAL (FIFEM)
- FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL DU FILM SUR L'ART
- FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL PRÉSENCE AUTOCHTONE
- FESTIVAL LONGUE VUE SUR LE COURT
- FESTIVAL STOP MOTION MONTRÉAL
- FESTIVAL VUES DANS LA TÊTE DE...
- HUDSON FESTIVAL OF CANADIAN FILM
- IF3 INTERNATIONAL FREESKI FILM FESTIVAL
- IMAGE+NATION
- JUST FOR LAUGHS – EAT MY SHORTS
- KOREAN FILM FESTIVAL CANADA
- MONTREAL INTERNATIONAL ANIMATION FILM FESTIVAL – ANIMAZE
- MONTREAL INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL
- NUITS MAGIQUES - FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL DU FILM D'ANIMATION
- PLEIN(S) ÉCRAN(S)
- PRIX PRENDS ÇA COURT!
- REGARD – FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL DU COURT MÉTRAGE AU SAGUENAY
- RENCONTRES INTERNATIONALES DU DOCUMENTAIRE DE MONTRÉAL
- RENDEZ-VOUS QUÉBEC CINÉMA
- SOMMETS DU CINÉMA D'ANIMATION DE MONTRÉAL

Ontario and Nunavut | Ontario et Nunavut

- ALIANAIT ARTS FESTIVAL
- ASINABKA FILM & MEDIA ARTS FESTIVAL
- BARRIE FILM FESTIVAL
- BLOOD IN THE SNOW FILM FESTIVAL
- BREAKTHROUGHS FILM FESTIVAL (BFF)
- BUFFER FESTIVAL
- CANADA INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL
- CANADIAN FILM FEST
- CARIBBEANTALES INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
- CINEFAM FILM FESTIVAL
- CINÉFEST SUDBURY INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
- CINEFRANCO
- DGC AWARDS
- FEMALE EYE FILM FESTIVAL
- FESTIVAL CONCIERGE
- FESTIVAL OBJECTIF CINÉMA DESJARDINS
- FOREST CITY FILM FESTIVAL (FCFF)
- FUTURE OF FILM SHOWCASE
- GRAND RIVER FILM FESTIVAL (GRFF)
- GUELPH FILM FESTIVAL
- HAMILTON FILM FESTIVAL
- HOT DOCS
- IMAGES FESTIVAL
- IMAGINENATIVE FILM + MEDIA ARTS FESTIVAL
- INSIDE OUT 2SLGBTQ+ FILM FESTIVAL

- INSIDE OUT OTTAWA LESBIAN AND GAY FILM AND VIDEO FESTIVAL
- INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL OF OTTAWA (IFFO)
- INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL OF SOUTH ASIA (IFFSA) TORONTO
- ITALIAN CONTEMPORARY FILM FESTIVAL (ICFF)
- JUNCTION NORTH INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL
- KINGSTON CANADIAN FILM FESTIVAL
- LATIN AMERICAN FILM FESTIVAL
- LONDON LESBIAN FILM FESTIVAL
- LOST EPISODE FESTIVAL TORONTO
- MEAFORD INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
- MILTON FILM FESTIVAL
- MIRROR MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL (MMFF)
- MOSAIC INTERNATIONAL SOUTH ASIAN FILM FESTIVAL (MISAFF)
- MULAN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL / 木兰国际电影节
- NUNAVUT INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
- OAKVILLE FESTIVALS OF FILM AND ART
- OTTAWA INTERNATIONAL ANIMATION FESTIVAL
- OTTAWA BLACK FILM FESTIVAL (OBFF)
- OTTAWA CANADIAN FILM FESTIVAL OCANFILMFEST
- PLANET IN FOCUS INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL FILM FESTIVAL
- QUEER NORTH FILM FESTIVAL
- RAINBOW REELS
- REEL STORIES
- REELABILITIES FILM FESTIVAL TORONTO (RAFFTO)
- REELOUT QUEER FILM FESTIVAL
- REELWORLD FILM FESTIVAL
- REGENT PARK FILM FESTIVAL
- SOUTH WESTERN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (SWIFF)
- TORONTO AFTER DARK FILM FESTIVAL
- TORONTO ARAB FILM FESTIVAL (TAF)
- TORONTO BLACK FILM FESTIVAL
- TORONTO FOOD FILM FEST
- TORONTO INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL
- TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (TIFF)
- TORONTO INTERNATIONAL NOLLYWOOD FILM FESTIVAL (TINFF)
- TORONTO JAPANESE FILM FESTIVAL (TJFF) / トロント日本映画祭 (TJFF)
- TORONTO JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL
- TORONTO PALESTINE FILM FESTIVAL (TPFF)
- TORONTO QUEER FILM FESTIVAL
- TORONTO REEL ASIAN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
- TORONTO SHORT FILM FESTIVAL
- T.O. WEBFEST
- WEENGSHUK INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (WIFF)
- WINDSOR INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (WIFF)

Western Region | Région de l'Ouest

- ABBOTSFORD FILM FESTIVAL (AFF)
- AFRICAN MOVIE FESTIVAL IN MANITOBA
- AFRO PRAIRIE FILM FESTIVAL
- AVAILABLE LIGHT FILM FESTIVAL
- BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL

- BANFF WORLD MEDIA FESTIVAL
- CALGARY INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL
- CALGARY INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
- CALGARY UNDERGROUND FILM FESTIVAL
- CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL COMEDY FILM FESTIVAL
- CHILLIWACK INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL (CIFF)
- CINÉMENTAL
- CINERGIE FESTIVAL - INTERNATIONAL FRANCOPHONE FILM FESTIVAL OF SASKATOON
- DAWSON CITY INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL
- DOXA DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL
- DREAMSPEAKERS INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS FILM FESTIVAL
- EDMONTON INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
- EDMONTON SHORT FILM FESTIVAL
- FAIRY TALES QUEER FILM FESTIVAL
- FAVA FEST
- FREEZE FRAME INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES
- GEMFEST (FORMERLY VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL WOMEN IN FILM FESTIVAL)
- GENDER EQUITY IN MEDIA FESTIVAL
- GIMLI INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
- GIMME SOME TRUTH DOCUMENTARY FESTIVAL
- HOMEGROUND FESTIVAL
- INVERMERE FILM FESTIVAL
- KAMLOOPS FILM FESTIVAL
- MARDA LOOP JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL
- MENA FILM FESTIVAL
- NORDLYS FILM AND ARTS FESTIVAL
- NORTHWESTFEST (FORMERLY GLOBAL VISIONS)
- OUT NORTH QUEER FILM FESTIVAL
- QUEER CITY CINEMA
- RAINBOW VISIONS FILM FESTIVAL
- REEL 2 REAL INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL FOR YOUTH
- REEL PRIDE
- REEL SHORTS FILM FESTIVAL
- REGINA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL AND AWARDS (RIFFA)
- RENDEZ-VOUS DU CINÉMA QUÉBÉCOIS ET FRANCOPHONE DE VANCOUVER
- SALT SPRING FILM FESTIVAL
- SASKATOON FANTASTIC FILM FESTIVAL
- SHORT CIRCUIT PACIFIC RIM FILM FESTIVAL
- SPARK ANIMATION
- THE VANCOUVER QUEER FILM FESTIVAL
- VANCOUVER ASIAN FILM FESTIVAL
- VANCOUVER HORROR SHOW FILM FESTIVAL
- VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL BLACK FILM FESTIVAL
- VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (VIFF)
- VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL (VIMFF)
- VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL SOUTH ASIAN FILM FESTIVAL
- VANCOUVER LATIN AMERICAN FILM FESTIVAL (VLAFF)
- VANCOUVER SHORT FILM FESTIVAL (VSFF)
- VANCOUVER WEB FEST
- VICTORIA FILM FESTIVAL
- WHISTLER FILM FESTIVAL
- WINNIPEG ABORIGINAL FILM FESTIVAL
- YELLOWKNIFE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
- YORKTON FILM FESTIVAL

International Festivals & Online Streaming Websites | Festivals internationaux et sites de streaming en ligne

A “Best of” or comparable distinction decided upon by a jury, or a comparable award of distinction, won at one (1) of the following Academy approved International Festivals qualifies a Feature Documentary or Theatrical Short Film for entry into the Canadian Screen Awards.

Les longs métrages documentaires et les courts métrages sont admissibles aux prix Écrans canadiens s'ils ont remporté un premier prix (c.-à-d. le prix du meilleur film dans une catégorie) ou obtenu une mention comparable selon le vote d'un jury dans l'un (1) des festivals internationaux suivants, reconnus par l'Académie :

- Amsterdam International Documentary Film Festival (November/novembre)
- Ann Arbour Film Festival (March/mars)
- Annecy Festival International du Film d'animation (June/juin)
- Aspen Shortsfest (April/avril)
- Athens International Film and Video Festival (April/avril)
- Atlanta Film Festival (April-May/avril-mai)
- Berlin International Film Festival (February/février)
- BFI Flare (March/mars)
- Bilbao International Festival of Documentary and Short Films (November/novembre)
- British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA)
- Brooklyn Film Festival (June/juin)
- Busan International Short Film Festival (April-May/avril-mai)
- Cannes: Festival de Cannes (May/mai)
- Cartagena International Film Festival (FICCI) (March/mars)
- Chicago International Film Festival (October/octobre)
- Cinanima: International Animated Film Festival of Espinho (November/novembre)
- Clermont-Ferrand Festival International du court-métrage | Festival du court métrage de Clermont-Ferrand (January-February/janvier-février)
- Cleveland International Film Festival (March-April/mars-avril)
- Dallas International Film Festival (October/octobre)
- Edinburgh International Film Festival (August/août)
- Encounters International Film Festival (September-October/septembre-octobre)
- Flickerfest: International Short Film Festival (Sydney) (January/janvier)
- Flickers' Rhode Island International Film Festival (August/août)
- Foyle Film Festival (November/novembre)
- Frameline Film Festival (San Francisco) (June/juin)
- Gijon International Film Festival (November/novembre)
- International Film Festival of India (IFFI, Goa) I (November/novembre)
- International Short Film Festival Oberhausen (April-May/avril-mai)
- Karlovy Vary International Film Festival (July/juillet)
- Krakow Film Festival (Short Films) (May-June/mai-juin)
- LA ShortsiNternational Film Festival (July/juillet)
- Locarno Film Festival (August/août)
- Melbourne International Film Festival (August/août)
- Melbourne Queer Film Festival (April-May/avril-mai)
- Moscow International Film Festival (April/avril)
- Nashville Film Festival (September-October/septembre-octobre)

- NewFest (October/octobre)
- Newport Beach Film Festival (October/octobre)
- New York Shorts International Film Festival (October/octobre)
- Oslo Film Festival (December/décembre)
- OutFest (Los Angeles) (June/juin)
- Palm Springs International Festival of Short Films (June/juin)
- Raindance Film Festival (October-November/octobre-novembre)
- Reykjavík International Film Festival (September-October/septembre-octobre)
- Sapporo International Short Film Festival (October/octobre)
- San Diego Film International Festival (October/octobre)
- San Diego International ShortsFest (May/mai)
- San Francisco International Film Festival (April-May/avril-mai)
- Seattle International Film Festival (April/avril)
- Sheffield DocFest (June/juin)
- Short of the Week (<https://shortoftheweek.com/>)
- Slamdance Film Festival (January/janvier)
- Stuttgart Trickfilm International Animated Film Festival (April-May/avril-mai)
- Sundance Film Festival (January/janvier)
- Sydney Film Festival (June/juin)
- Thomas Edison Film festival (formerly Black Maria Film Festival) (February/février)
- Torino Film Festival (November-December/novembre-décembre)
- Tribeca Film Festival (June/juin)
- Uppsala Short Film Festival (October/octobre)
- USA Film Festival (April/avril)
- Venice International Film Festival (August-September/août-septembre)
- Vimeo Staff Picks (<https://vimeo.com>)
- Visions du Réel International Film Festival (April/avril)
- Whānau Mārama: New Zealand International Film Festival (July-August/juillet-août)
- WorldFest-Houston International Film Festival (April/avril)
- Young Director Award (June/juin) (<https://www.youngdirectoraward.com>)
- Zagreb Animafest (June/juin)

Online Platforms for Commercial Releases | Plateformes en ligne pour diffusion commerciale

Qualifying commercial releases for feature films and theatrical short films on online platforms are limited to Subscription Video on Demand (SVOD) platforms. Transactional Video on Demand (TVOD) and Advertising-based Video on Demand (AVOD) platforms will only be considered on a case-by-case basis. Films available for rent or purchase that have not had a prior release or premiere are not eligible. If an online platform does not appear on this list, please contact the Academy at awards@academy.ca.

Les seules diffusions commerciales en ligne admissibles pour les longs et les courts métrages sont celles sur les plateformes de vidéo à la demande par abonnement (VADA). Les diffusions sur les plateformes de vidéo à la demande transactionnelle (VADT) et sur les plateformes de vidéo à la demande financée par la publicité (VADFP) ne seront examinées qu'au cas par cas. Les films disponibles à la location ou à l'achat ne sont pas admissibles s'ils n'ont pas préalablement fait l'objet d'une sortie commerciale ou d'une première. Si une plateforme en ligne ne figure pas sur cette liste, veuillez communiquer avec l'Académie à awards@academy.ca.

- Amazon Prime Video Canada
- AMC+
- Apple TV+
- APTN lumi
- CBC Gem
- Club Illico
- Crave
- The Criterion Channel
- D.O.C. (Documentary Online Cinema)
- discovery+
- ICI TOU.TV Extra
- Fandor
- GuideDoc
- HighballTV
- MUBI Canada
- Natyf TV
- Netflix Canada
- Shudder
- Super Channel
- Super Écran
- Tènk