**THE IV INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF NATIONAL & ETHNIC CINEMA “SILVER AKBUZAT”**

**FESTIVAL REGULATIONS**

**Festival period**

* The Festival will take place in October (the Festival participants will be additionally informed about exact Festival holding dates later)

**Festival location**

* Ufa city, Russia

**Mission & Objectives**

* Promotion of spiritual and cultural values ​​of the peoples of the world
* Popularization of creative work of filmmakers producing national and ethnic films
* Development of cultural exchange between regions of Russia and foreign countries
* Making a positive contribution to the development of cinematic art
* Search for new names of young filmmakers

**The organizational structure of the Festival**

* Festival Director
* Organizing Committee
* Selection Committee
* Jury

**Festival Founders**

* Government of the Republic of Bashkortostan
* The Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Bashkortostan
* State Unitary Enterprise of Bashkortostan Republic - "Bashkortostan" Film Studio

In cooperation with:

* Ufa City Urban District Administration

**Festival program**

**Competition:**

* Full-length feature films
* Short feature films
* Documentary films

**Non-competition program:**

* Cinematography of Bashkortostan Republic
* Full-length feature films
* Short feature films
* Documentary films
* Creative meetings and master classes

**Conditions of participation in the Festival:**

* Films produced by film companies, film studios, independent producers, distributors and any copyright holders are eligible.
* The Selection Committee carries out films selection for “Silver Akbuzat” Film Festival. The Organizing Committee makes the final decision concerning the inclusion of the film to the Festival program.

An author may submit one film for consideration of the Selection Committee.

Full-length feature films, short feature films, documentary films completed on or after January 1, 2015 are eligible for the competition. The year of production of a film submitted for selection is determined by a copyright specified in its copy.

* Films that have already participated in the programs of other festivals may take part in the Festival.
* Films are screened in the DVD format.
* A completed Entry Form and 3 DVD copies of the film should be submitted to the Festival Selection Committee.
* The program of film screenings is determined by the Festival Organizing Committee.

**The following materials should be submitted for participation in the selection:**

* To be eligible to enter "Silver Akbuzat" International Film Festival, You should complete the official Entry Form and send it by e-mail no later than September 1, 2017.
* Films on DVD disks (3 copies) together with the hard copy of the Entry Form should be sent for preview by the Festival Selection Committee to the Festival address no later than September 1, 2017. The sender shall cover all postage costs. Please, label the disk with the following information: film title, running time, production studio, film director's full name. The film may also be uploaded to a file hosting service.
* Please, provide dialog lists in English for foreign films that do not have Russian subtitles. For films in national languages of Russia, please provide Russian subtitles or dialog lists in Russian (by e-mail).
* Materials for the catalog: a brief synopsis, biography and filmography of the film director (Rus./Eng.), a photo of the film director, film shots should be sent by e-mail.

**Guests**

* Questions concerning inviting guests and dates of their stay at the Festival should be settled with the Organizing Committee.
* Full payment of travel, hotel accommodation and food costs shall be guaranteed exclusively for one representative of each film.

**Jury**

* An international jury is formed for evaluation of films participating in the competitions. Persons involved in the production or commercial distribution of films submitted to the competition may not be part of the jury.

**Awards**

**International jury shall award the following prizes:**

* Grand Prix "Silver Akbuzat."

* Best Screenplay of a Full-Length Feature Film
* Best Director of a Full-Length Feature Film
* Best Cinematography of a Full-Length Feature Film

* Best Screenplay of a Short Feature Film
* Best Director of a Short Feature Film
* Best Cinematography of a Short Feature Film

* Best Director of a Documentary Film
* Best Cinematography of a Documentary Film
* Best Character of a Documentary Film

**Special awards:**

* Award of the Minister of Culture of Bashkortostan Republic
* Special Jury Award
* Honorable Mention of the Jury
* Audience Choice Award

**Awards of the Filmmakers Union of the Republic of Bashkortostan:**

* Amir Abdrazakov award for the national spirit
* Gylvan Amirov award for Best Cinematography

**Final Provision**

* By participating in “Silver Akbuzat” Film Festival in Ufa You certify that You agree in full to the above terms and conditions of the Festival Regulations.

**The Festival address and contact phone numbers:**

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