

The 24th Zanzibar International Film Festival

21st -25th July, 2021



Submission Information & Procedure:

About ZIFF:

The Zanzibar International Film Festival is the largest multi disciplinary art and cultural festival in Africa dedicated to the exhibition of films, music, Panorama. Each year ZIFF exhibits films made in Africa, Middle East, Europe, Latin America, USA and Asia. The 24th Edition of ZIFF will take place 21st to 25th July, 2021 in Stone town, Zanzibar. The theme of the Festival is *Sharing Our Heritage*. **Submission will only be done through the Festhome Platform <https://filmmakers.festhome.com/festivals/zanzibar-international-film-festival>**

Workshops:

ZIFF is the largest meeting of film and cultural workers in East, Central and Southern Africa. We offer a number of Workshops, Forums and Exhibition featuring the world known artists, scholars, researchers and authors. Invitations may be sent to participating filmmakers to attend at ZIFF's expense however the priority goes to African filmmakers.

Creativity:

ZIFF seeks to provide opportunity for filmmakers around the world by showcasing their works. ZIFF offers a meeting and networking space for young and upcoming filmmakers to interact with experienced film professionals from every continent, as we strongly believe in showcasing new voices and expanding our cultural reach.

Eligibility:

The Zanzibar International Film Festival is currently accepting film entries from filmmakers from around the world. Priority is given to African films (including African Diaspora) and films from the Dhow Countries' region- South East Asia, the Arabian Peninsula, The Persian Gulf, Iran, Pakistan, and the Indian Ocean Islands. Films in the main competition must be directed by an African or a person from a Dhow country and produced after 2019. ZIFF also reserves the right to accept any films with a specific interest to the festival. We encourage filmmakers to submit works in any genre, features, documentaries, shorts, animation and music videos. Deadline for submission is **15th May 2021**.

Competition:

The main competition (the Golden Dhow and Silver Dhow) is only for filmmakers from the Dhow countries. These include Countries of the Indian Ocean Rim, the Arab Peninsular and Indian Ocean Islands, including Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan and All African countries.

ZIFF competition categories include: Feature Fiction, Documentary, Short/Animation, East African Films and Tv Series. The ZIFF Board will offer the following Awards: Chairperson's or Bibi Kidude Award, and the ZIFF Lifetime Achievement Award. Other competitions are open to specified categories of entries.

The festival's official film selection includes the following sections and competitions:

- ZIFF Awards: This section is reserved for feature and short films, fictional or documentary films shot on film or DV, by African AND Dhow Country directors.
 - Documentary section: This Section is Open to all countries in all formats
 - Sembene Ousmane Prize: This section is open to films by Africans, African Diaspora and partner producers.
 - Films out of Competition: This Section is Open to films from all countries in all formats
 - Bongo Movies Awards: Popular culture films in Kiswahili
 - Emerson of Zanzibar Prize Films: Films of all genres about, made by or made in Zanzibar.
- All films are selected by an independent jury panel and judged by Independent Juries..

The Juries

- The official ZIFF jury for Dhow films is an international jury composed five (5) members at the most.
- There will also be other Juries composed of not more than 5 members
- No jury member must be involved in the direction, production or distribution of a competing film.
- ZIFF Selection laurels can be downloaded from our website after announcement of selected films.

The Prize List

In acknowledgement of the role that films play in contemporary society, festivals bestow film awards as a measure of the value that the industry accords festivals, and offers filmmakers a tribute to their creativity, innovation and status. The official prize list of ZIFF is as follows:

- **The ZIFF Jury will offer the Dhow Awards in the following Categories:**

<u>Feature films</u>	<u>Documentary</u>
<u>Short/Animation</u>	<u>East African Films</u>
- **The ZIFF Board will offer the following Awards:**
The Bi Kidude Chairman's Award
- **BONGO MOVIES AWARDS will be awarded to Swahili popular culture films in competition.**
- **The Emerson's Zanzibar Foundation will be awarding The Best Zanzibar Film in competition.**

Submission Procedures:

- A signed and fully completed application with publicity materials must be submitted Online through the ZIFF Website. www.ziff.or.tz
- To be eligible for programming, the entire application MUST be completed and signed.
- **The submission deadline is 15th May 2021**
- Completed Entry Form;
Press kit including technical and artistic data, synopsis in English, photographs, press articles, etc
Bio-data of the director
- Mail submissions and accompanying materials (**by Tanzanian filmmakers**) can be sent to:
ZIFF:
Ngome Kongwe (Note: this is the physical address)
P.O. BOX 3032, ZANZIBAR, TANZANIA
Tél: (255) 773 411 499
Email: filmdept@ziff.or.tz or ziff@ziff.or.tz
Please include synopsis, photographs, director's bio-data and 2 DVDs
- Freight costs of any film will be borne by the producer. ZIFF will not be responsible for DVD's lost or damaged in the mail. ZIFF is not responsible for damages resulting from initial poor condition of DVDs.
- Selection results will be available from JUNE 15, 2021 **on our Website: www.ziff.or.tz Please check website**
- Any film at ZIFF may have five (5) public screenings at the most, including one press viewing. However, further screenings could be organized if the producer so agrees.
- No DVDs will be returned. They will be kept at ZIFF for archival purposes.

Keep this page for your reference. Please do not return it with your application.

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SUBMISSION APPLICATION

Submission Deadline: MAY 15, 2021

Film Title: _____

English Title (if different) _____

Registered Film for: Competition _____ Non- competition _____

Running Time: _____ **Country of Origin:** _____ **Year of Copyright:** _____

Original Language: _____ **English Subtitles:** ___ Yes ___ No

Production Date : _____

Director's Name: _____ **Producer's Name** _____

Director's nationality: _____ **Producer's Nationality:** _____

Address: _____ **Address:** _____

City, State, Zip: _____ **City, State, Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____ **Email:** _____

PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE GENRE:

___ Fiction ___ Documentary ___ Animation ___ Short Fiction

FESTIVAL PRESENTATION FORMAT: *Color* *BW*

Dubbed in _____ *Subtitled in* _____

SUBMITTED BY:

Name: _____ **Contact Person:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** ___ **Zip:** _____

Tel: _____ **e-mail:** _____

Principal Cast:

Actor/Actress

Character Names

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

A screening at ZIFF will be a premiere: ____ Yes ____ No

- Awards Received: _____
- This film is the Director's first film: ____ Yes ____ No

By submitting _____ (film title), the undersigned warrants that (s) he has the right to submit and exhibit the above-indicated film to ZIFF and will indemnify and hold harmless the Zanzibar International Film Festival, its directors, management, staff, and sponsors, against any and all claims arising out of ZIFF's exhibition and promotion of said film should such film be programmed as part of the 2021 Zanzibar International Film Festival. ZIFF may use up to a 5 min. clip of said film for promotional purposes.

I also understand that the ZIFF takes place in the outreach program where my film may also be shown later in the year.

Submitted by:

Signature

Date

Print Name

Title

★ PLEASE MAKE SURE APPLICATION IS COMPLETE AND SIGNED ★