



# Baltimore Science Fiction Society

The Balticon Short Film Festival

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## BALTICON SHORT FILM FESTIVAL SUBMISSION DETAILS

The *Balticon Short Film Festival* submission deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>. There is no fee for submission. As decisions are made, we will let you whether your film has been selected for screening. In addition, around May 15th a screening list will be available on the Balticon website's film festival page

<http://balticon.org/wp50/balticon-home/exhibitions/film-festival/>

No later than April 1st, we must have received your forms and either:

- your Region 0 or 1 NTSC formatted DVD or a flash drive
- a digital file or a download link for your film (we like Vimeo a lot)

unless other arrangements are made with the Festival Director. Films must be science fiction, science fact, fantasy, horror or experimental film. Animated and live action films and music videos with those genres are welcome. Short subjects under 52 minutes in length are preferred, but any length films will be considered for non-competitive screening as film premieres sponsored by the festival at any other time we can fit them in during the 4 days of Balticon.

Films which we feel target an adult audience will be grouped together so that parents can arrange child care while they view movies that may not be appropriate for their children. Trailers and short shorts (films under 3 minutes) not submitted for competition may be shown either between competitive entries, during intermissions, or at other times during the 4 days of Balticon, depending on logistical considerations. Balticon reserves the right to decline screening opportunities for any film that fails to meet minimal standards of technical proficiency or audience appeal.

Please attach a page with a brief synopsis and other info that you would like to appear in our program flyer. This might include writers' or directors' biographical info; anecdotes about the history or making of the film (avoiding Spoilers); info about upcoming projects and *details on where your film can be purchased*. We reserve the right to edit your promotional information to fit available space. We welcome photos or high-resolution jpeg images on disc as well as postcards, posters, press kits, cast lists, copies of reviews, along with any other material that would aid in our promotion efforts for the film.

A committee will view entries prior to the convention and select from the highest rated as many as will fit in time available. The actual showing will be first films we think would have MPAA G or PG rating, alternating shorter with longer films, then films with MPAA PG-13 or PR rating, alternating shorter with longer films, so the audience will not know which films the judges preferred. Paper ballots and pencils will be distributed to the audience with the following rating instructions:

Please rate each film you watched. Only whole number ratings will be counted. Use this scale:  
1 = Yeaahh, NO!; 2 = Not for me; 3 = Well, it didn't suck; 4 = Liked it; and 5 = Wow! Good stuff!



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Prizes for winners of the BSFF are certificates with the BSFS Dragon Logo and "Best Live Action Film Balticon YEAR", "Best Animated Film Balticon YEAR", or "Best Specialty Film Balticon YEAR" (for science fact, experimental films), or "Best Music Video Balticon YEAR" and will be presented to attending winners on Monday morning or shipped to non-attending winners some time in the fall. Films accepted for competitive screening will receive certificates designating them "Finalist — Balticon YEAR Short Film Festival". Films screening will receive on request two complimentary Balticon memberships for film representatives to attend the convention. You do not need to have a representative of your film at Balticon to screen or to win.

Attending filmmakers' names will be forwarded to our programming department and will, as appropriate, be offered the opportunity to participate on film-related and other panels, roundtables and workshops during the Balticon program schedule. If you have a presentation or workshop you would like to offer, please provide the title and a brief description by January 15<sup>th</sup> and we will do our best to fit it into the schedule.

Our budget to help with travel expenses or hotel accommodations for filmmakers to attend Balticon is wholly dependent upon donations, so we may or may not be able to assist. We can, however, offer time at one of our Filmmakers Alley tables where you can sell DVD's, photos and posters for autographing.

We will be happy to distribute film-related promotional flyers, mini posters, postcards, photos, bookmarks, magnets, flyers, pins, etc. in our registration packets (minimum 2000 pieces required), at the festival door (minimum 300 pieces) or on the festival "freebie" table (minimum 20, maximum 200 pieces). This is a family event — promotional items should be appropriate to ages 10 and up. Materials to be included in registration packets must be in our hands not later than the *Tuesday before* Memorial Day weekend (Memorial Day is the last Monday in May). We give out tickets for free door prize drawings at the film festival, so small quantities will certainly be accepted, and we find that our attendees are particularly enthusiastic about autographed DVD's, tote bags, T-shirts and posters as door prizes.

While there is no entry fee for submission to the BSFF, we are happy to accept donations. All donated funds will be used to get the word out about the film festival and to assist with transportation and lodging for submitting filmmakers who would not otherwise have adequate budget to attend SNSFF in person. Donations in the form of checks or Visa or Amex gift cards to Balticon Film Festival or can be sent to:

Balticon SNSFF  
#199  
905 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Frederick, MD 21701

Balticon and the Balticon Short Film Festival are produced by the Baltimore Science Fiction Society, Inc., a §501(c)(3) U.S. not-for-profit, tax exempt educational literary organization, and all surplus funds from Balticon support Science Fiction related and youth literacy projects in Maryland. BSFS and Balticon are all-volunteer organizations.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the festival coordinators at [filmfestival@balticon.org](mailto:filmfestival@balticon.org).



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