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Children's Short Film Competition

Information and guidelines for the St Ypomoni Film Festival 2020/21.

Welcome to the 2020/21 inaugural Children's Short Film Competition and thank you for your interest. This guide aims to assist you in participating in the Competition. We hope you find participation in the Competition a rewarding experience.

Purpose

The Children's Short Film Competition is an initiative of the St Ypomoni Family and Friends Ministry and outreach of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia, to families, parents and children. The Children's Short Film Competition aims to give children a creative outlet to express and explore their faith and to share this with others.

Criteria

Children aged 8-18 are asked to create a short 3-minute film that embodies the Christian theme of the competition. This year's theme is 'Fruits of the spirit'. This theme comes from the text in St Paul's letter to the Galatians 5:22-23 '*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.*' This theme must be evident in film.

To be considered for judging an entry must:

- Align with the Orthodox Christian Faith
- Relate to the theme
- Contain original content
- Be considered appropriate for viewing at a Children's Film Festival.

Films can be created by individuals or groups of up to 4 people. Each person can only enter one film and or appear in one film. Films can be in any genre, including drama, documentary, animation, comedy or any other expression in film.

Entry levels.

There are 3 judging categories based on ages:

- Junior Category 8-10 year olds
- Intermediate 11-14 year olds
- Senior Category 15-18 year olds.

In the case of group entries the film will be considered in the category of the eldest group member.

How to submit your film

To submit your film you will need to contact the stypomoni@gmail.com and you will be given dropbox details for your film's folder. In this folder you will need to drop:

1. Your film either as MP4, MOV, WMV file.
2. A completed and signed entry form.

Prizes and Film Festival

Films will be viewed by a panel of judges who will award a first, second and third prize as well as an encouragement award in each age category. Prizes will be in the form of vouchers to the value of \$300, \$200, \$100 and \$50 respectively.

Depending on COVID restrictions, winning films will be screened at either a real world or virtual event. Details will be provided closer to the end date of the festival.

Transfigure Media is a major sponsor of the film festival and will provide a zoom mentoring session for the winners of each categories. (Updated 26/12/2020)

Acceptance Criteria

- All filmmakers must agree to the following guidelines as a condition of entry
- All films must be made specifically for St Ypomoni Film Festival
- All the performers in the film have consented in writing to the use of their performances in the film
- The film's first screening must be at the St Ypomoni Film Festival 2020-21
- The film must be no longer than 3 minutes (including titles and credits)
- The film should only be submitted in the following formats: MP4, MOV, WMV
- St Ypomoni Family and Friends Ministry will evaluate in its sole discretion whether the film submitted to St Ypomoni meets all the acceptance criteria
- The number of films selected by St Ypomoni is at the sole discretion of St Ypomoni
- St Ypomoni's determination of whether a film is selected for St Ypomoni's shortlist is final and not subject to any appeal for reconsideration is final
- The number of finalists selected by St Ypomoni to be included in the Festival is at the sole discretion of St Ypomoni.
- St Ypomoni's determination of whether a film is selected to St Ypomoni Film Festival 2020-21 is final and not subject to any appeal for reconsideration
- The exact number of films selected for St Ypomoni's Finalists is at the discretion of St Ypomoni
- St Ypomoni may, in its sole discretion, disqualify a film from the festival without prior notice to the filmmaker if it has reason to believe that the film does not, for any reason comply with the Acceptance Criteria
- St Ypomoni selects a jury to judge the Finalists which is made up of industry professionals and Church leaders.
- All members of the jury will be published on St Ypomoni's Facebook and Instagram accounts.
- St Ypomoni will tally the votes from the jury and come up with an average score for each film

- The film with the highest average score will win. In the event of a tie judges will be instructed to evaluate which of the tied films has used the terms of reference for the film effectively to determine a single winner
- St Ypomoni has specifically asked each member of the jury to use his or her best judgement to evaluate the shortlist films based on execution, strength of idea, creativity, expression of filmmakers talent
- All filmmakers agree to grant St Ypomoni a Non-Exclusive Licence to use, promote and display the film in perpetuity.
- Any prizes awarded by St Ypomoni are not transferable, exchangeable or redeemable for cash
- Important Dates:
 - Opening Date of film festival 1st November 2020
 - Closing Date for Entries midnight (AESDT) 10 February 2021 (extended from the 10th January)
 - Announcement of Winners and Screening of films date TBC (dependant on COVID restrictions).



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Submission Form

Please complete, sign and submit this entry form with your film.

Name Team Member 1: _____

Name Team Member 2: _____

Name Team Member 3: _____

Name Team Member 4: _____

Parental Consent Team Member 1

I consent to my child _____ (name of child) entering the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia, St Ypomoni Family and Friends Ministry, Children's Short Film Competition 2020/21. By signing this form I agree that:

- I have read and I understand the acceptance criteria noted in this document.
- I consent to my child's film being published online with reference to St Ypomoni Family and Friends Ministry and this Film Festival. This may be on a specific Vimeo, YouTube Channel or Facebook page.
- I consent to my child's film being published at a face to face film festival event if such an event takes place.

Name of parent for Team Member 1

Email address: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parental Consent Team Member 2

I consent to my child _____ (name of child) entering the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia, St Ypomoni Family and Friends Ministry, Children’s Short Film Competition 2020/21. By signing this form I agree that:

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- I consent to my child’s film being published online with reference to St Ypomoni Family and Friends Ministry and this Film Festival. This may be on a specific Vimeo, YouTube Channel or Facebook page.
- I consent to my child’s film being published at a face to face film festival event if such an event takes place.

Name of parent for Team Member 2

Email address: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parental Consent Team Member 3

I consent to my child _____ (name of child) entering the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia, St Ypomoni Family and Friends Ministry, Children’s Short Film Competition 2020/21. By signing this form I agree that:

- I have read and I understand the acceptance criteria noted in this document.
- I consent to my child’s film being published online with reference to St Ypomoni Family and Friends Ministry and this Film Festival. This may be on a specific Vimeo, YouTube Channel or Facebook page.
- I consent to my child’s film being published at a face to face film festival event if such an event takes place.

Name of parent for Team Member 3

Email address: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parental Consent Team Member 4

I consent to my child _____ (name of child) entering the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia, St Ypomoni Family and Friends Ministry, Children's Short Film Competition 2020/21. By signing this form I agree that:

- I have read and I understand the acceptance criteria noted in this document.
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Name of parent for Team Member 4

Email address: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____