

# Contest Rules of Fim Zekler

In the framework of **ÎLE COURTS**

**International Short Film Festival of Mauritius**

**10th edition**



## 1 – Context of the Festival

**Île Courts- International Short Film Festival of Mauritius** was created in **2007** in Mauritius. Île Courts is organised by the association **Porteurs d'Images** which works for the development and promotion of cinema in Mauritius.

Île Courts Festival will hold its **tenth edition** from 10 to 15 October 2017.

Since its inception, Île Courts Festival has brought together a total of 34,716 people for its screenings. In 9 editions, Île Courts has screened about **522 short films from all around the world** for very diverse audiences (young people, urban, rural, low-income regions). In 2016,

Île Courts Festival brought together 10,160 spectators for 58 screenings, in 12 urban and rural locations spread all over the island: Bambous,

Rivière du Rempart, Souillac, Réduit, Rose Hill, Tamarin, Trianon, Chemin Grenier, Vallijee, Ebene, Moka and Port Louis. Île Courts Festival is also a real workshop for the creation of local films ! With its program **FILM FABRIK**, Porteurs d'Images has produced 36 short films (25 fiction films/9 documentaries/2 animated films) since 2009.

## 2 – A new addition to the 10th edition of Île Courts Festival: the contest Fim Zekler

In partnership with the **MCB**, Île Courts Festival is launching the contest Fim Zekler.

The aim is to manage to make **VERY short, 10-second films**.

Île Courts Festival will celebrate its 10 years of existence in 2017. Using the idea that each year represents one second, the contest Fim Zekler 2017 will accept films which have a duration of *exactly* 10 seconds, not counting the opening and closing credits.

The participants need to be:

> Anyone living in Mauritius

## 3 – Deadlines and other Key Dates

Monday 10 July 2017: Launch of the contest **Fim Zekler** and opening of online registrations.

Monday 14 August 2017 : Deadline for registering for the contest **Fim Zekler**

Monday 28 August 2017 : Deadline for submitting your short film

Friday 08 September 2017 : The judging panel will watch the short films submitted and choose the 6 best ones based on a clear list of evaluation criteria.

Tuesday 10 October 2017 : Launching of a voting system on Facebook for the 6 selected short films.

Tuesday 10 October > Saturday 14 October 2017 : Screening of the best short films in the programs « La Tête Ailleurs (Head Elsewhere) » and « Sinema Koltar (Under the Stars) » of Île Courts Festival

Friday 13 October 2017: Public Facebook voting is closed on Friday at noon, for each 6 films which have been published. Start of the count down of votes

Saturday 14 October 2017 : Prize-giving ceremony for the the 3 winners of the contest **Fim Zekler**.

## 4 – Conditions of Participation

The short films can be made by a single person or a group. This group can be comprised of amateurs or professionals, with no age limit. Nevertheless, only one person must register as director and act as representative of the film.

The short films need to all be, without exception, exactly **10 seconds** long, excluding the credits.

The short films must be submitted in an **MP4 codec H264 format**, including the credits. The participants are free to use any equipment and method to make the film, as long as it doesn't breach local laws or general societal norms regarding privacy and public order.

All film genres – documentary, fiction, animation, experimental – are accepted.

There is no restriction with regards to subject/theme/topic.

You can use any equipment (mobile phone, camcorder, camera...) as long as the image quality is good enough for a wide-screen projection. Sound quality is also important as the film must be audible and intelligible during an open-air screening with an amplifying sound system.

This short film contest aims to be accessible to the largest number of people possible. As such, we encourage the use of equipment and software that don't require great financial investment.

## 5 – Registering and submitting the short film

The short film contest is **free**.

### Registration

The registration procedure consists of filling in the form available on the website of Porteurs d'Images / Île Courts Festival.

We will accept registrations until 14 August 2017.

### Submitting the Short Film

The following items must be sent by email or post or dropped directly at Porteurs d'Images' office. The deadline for submitting your short film is 28 August 2017 at midnight.

For the submission to be accepted, it must contain all of the following attached to it:

- > The 10-second film (on a DVD or USB, or in a transfer link like WeTransfer)
- > The registration and submission form, properly filled out
- > The contract for transfer of copyright of the persons filmed
- > The contract for transfer of copyright of the director
- > Your signature of the contest rules and regulations of **Fim Zekler**

## 6 – Judging panel

The judging panel will be comprised of:

- 5 professionals from the association Porteurs d’Images (audiovisual and film professionals)
- 2 people from the MCB – Mauritius Commercial Bank

From 29 August to 8 September, the judging panel will watch and evaluate all of the short films submitted which abide by the contest rules. The judges will rank the films according to the evaluation criteria detailed in Chapter 7 of this booklet of rules.

A maximum of six films will be uploaded on Facebook. From the time they are uploaded on Tuesday, 10 October 2017, they will be subject to the vote of the general public via the « Like » button.

The public’s vote will have a weight of 50% on the final decision over which 3 short films will be awarded a prize.

The best short films, including some which weren’t selected to be part of the top 6, will be screened during Île Courts Festival.

## 7 – Evaluation Criteria

Description of the Evaluation Criteria	Grade
Theme, contemplative quality of the film, message	35%
Artistic (mise-en-scène, direction, script)	35%
Technique (images, sound, montage)	30%

## 8– Prizes

The top three short films of the ranking made by the judging panel will each receive a prize.

### First prize– Given to the contest’s laureate

The short film will win the « **ZEKLER LOR (Golden Lightning Bolt)** » award and an MCB savings account with **15 000 MUR**.

### Second prize

The short film will win the « **ZEKLER LARZAN (Silver Lightning Bolt)** » award and an MCB savings account with **10 000 MUR**.

### Third prize

The short film will win the « **ZEKLER BRONZ (Bronze Lightning Bolt)** » award and an MCB savings account with **5 000 MUR**.

## 9 – Regulations

The participants agree for their films to be screened for free during the Île Courts Festival 2017, without any expectation of financial remuneration. They agree to take all the necessary measures to respect copyright issues (whether it's for the writing, photos, broadcasting, etc.). They are responsible towards Porteurs d'Images in ensuring that they have obtained all the necessary authorizations to make the public screenings possible.

We would like to remind participants that the use of preexisting musical tracks requires the written authorization of the copyright holders; the responsibility to obtain that authorization befalls the participant and not the association or festival.

Each participant or participant group can submit only one short film.

The participants guarantee Porteurs d'Images the right to make the full, respectful and undisturbed use of their films on an ex gratia basis, in such a way that Porteurs d'Images will not be investigated, sued or evicted.

Porteurs d'Images is entitled to use the entirety or excerpts of selected short films for promotional use, while respecting the rights of the filmmakers. These excerpts can be of any length, and they can be used for non-commercial promotional purposes, in a non-exclusive way on the social media pages, website and Youtube channels of Porteurs d'Images and the MCB – Mauritius Commercial Bank without any expectation of financial remuneration. Porteurs d'Images cannot be held responsible if a film is unethically uploaded by another party onto an online platform other than the ones mentioned above.

Porteurs d'Images has the right to interrupt, cancel or postpone the contest if there arise exceptional circumstances or circumstances outside of its control, in order to ensure the security, fairness, integrity and smooth proceeding of the contest. It will not be held responsible in such circumstances to provide compensation to the participants.

By participating in the contest FIM ZEKLER, I fully accept all the regulations listed in this document.

SURNAME + First Name.....

+ signature preceded by the words « Read and Approved »

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Contract for Transfer of Copyright of a Short Film entered into the Contest Fim Zekler in the framework of Festival « Île Courts» - **as a director** -

**I, the undersigned (SURNAME, First Name, Date of Birth, Full Address)**

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**Graciously authorize to cede my copyright ownership of the writing, images and broadcasting rights of the film of which I am director:** (Name/title of the video entered into the contest):

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**To the following beneficiary:**

Porteurs d'Images Association – Registered under the number 10876 on 20 May 2009.  
38 Dr Emile Duvivier Street – 71506 Beau Bassin

**Certify** to have fully read and understood the rules and regulations of this short-film contest,  
**Certify** that I authorize Porteurs d'Images to make use of the images, photos and videos of this audiovisual production,

**Certify** that I authorize Porteurs d'Images to use the film for all purposes of promotion, information-sharing and communication as well as within the framework of the contest **Fim Zekler** of Île Courts-International Short Film Festival of Mauritius, within the conditions and limits stated below:

**Exploitation :**

The current transfer allows for all uses of the film, notably for its broadcasting and reproduction on all communications media, in its entirety or as excerpts, in writing or online, internally or externally.  
The beneficiary of the current transfer is prohibited from using the film for commercial use or in ways that might breach privacy laws and norms or harm one party's reputation, as well as in any other unethical way.

**Place of exploitation:**

The geographical extent of the current transfer covers the whole world/all countries.

**Duration of the transfer :**

The transfer comes into effect as soon as this document is signed and is valid for an indefinite term.

**Gratuitous nature of the exchange :**

The current transfer is being made without charge.

To .....

Date.....

Signature (of the transferee and his/her legal representatives)

Contract for Transfer of Copyright of a Short Film entered into the Contest Fim Zekler in the Framework of Île Courts Festival – **for each person filmed**

**I, the undersigned (SURNAME, First Name, Date of Birth, Full Address)**

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**Graciously authorize to cede my copyright ownership of the writing, images, photos and videos featuring myself in the short film:** (Name/title of the video entered into the contest):

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To the following two beneficiaries:

**1 – Name of the natural or legal person (director/producer), participant of Fim Zekler:**

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2 - Porteurs d'Images Association – Registered under the number 10876 on 20 May 2009 / 38 Dr Emile Duvivier Street – 71506 Beau Bassin, organizer of the contest Fim Zekler and Île Courts Festival.

**Certify that I authorize them to use the images, photos and videos of me that were taken on the following dates:** .....

**In the following places:** .....

**Certify** to have fully read and understood the rules and regulations of this short film contest,

**Certify** that I authorize Porteurs d'Images to use the film for all purposes of promotion, information-sharing and communication as well as within the framework of the contest **Fim Zekler** of Île Courts-International Short Film Festival of Mauritius, within the conditions and limits stated below:

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Registration Form for  
the **Contest FIM**

**ZEKLER**

Submission of a Short Film

Île Courts – International Short Film Festival of Mauritius

Submission deadline : **28 August 2017**

**REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SHORT FILM (MAIN PARTICIPANT):**

Surname and First Name:

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Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Full postal address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**The project/film was made:**

- By a group
- By a single person

> Names and ages of all members of the group:

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**You are:**

- An audiovisual or film professional
- An amateur filmmaker
- Under 18



**SHORT FILM :**

Title of the Short Film:

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Summary of the Short Film (Synopsis) :

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Language of the Short Film: \_\_\_\_\_

**ITEMS THAT MUST OBLIGATORILY BE PART OF THE SUBMISSION FOR IT TO BE VALID:**

- ✓ The short film of exactly 10 seconds (not counting the credits)
- ✓ The registration form, properly filled out
- ✓ The authorization/transfer of copyright of the persons filmed
- ✓ The copyright transfer of the writing, images and broadcasting rights of the film from the director(s) to the association
- ✓ Your signature of the document listing the rules and regulations of the contest

I certify to have fully read, understood and accepted the rules and regulations of the contest **Fim Zekler** of Île Courts Festival.

Date	
SURNAME + First Name	
Signature	