



William Zard Abou Jaoude International Award 2017

Short Film Competition

The William Zard Abou Jaoude Dialogue International Award is an annual award granted by the Lebanon Dialogue Initiative (LDI). It seeks to recognize promising young non-professional creators/directors committed to exploring conflict/dispute, dialogue, peace-building, reconciliation, identity, territory, citizenship, and the like.

Young directors (18–35 age group) are highly encouraged to participate in this competition and submit their short films.

A distinguished jury panel will review submissions, and the winner will be invited to screen his or her short film during the 2017 LDI Forum Gala Dinner, which will take place on November 4, 2017, in Lebanon. Screenings will be attended by a diverse audience, comprising of LDI members, local and international speakers, government officials, academics, journalists, diplomats, and civil society activists as well as the general public.

The winning film will subsequently be screened at prominent LDI events and gatherings around the world and will be used as part of the LDI communication tool.

The LDI - William Zard Abou Jaoude short film winner for 2017 will be notified by:
September 30, 2017.

The LDI, a civil society organization officially registered in Lebanon and housed at Notre Dame University-Louaize (NDU), is dedicated to petitioning the UN to recognize Lebanon as a land of dialogue among civilizations and cultures, and to establish on its territories a UN universal center for dialogue.

Information and Guidelines

Competition starts: June 15, 2017

Category: Short film

Deadline: **August 31, 2017**

Entry fee: Gratis

Award: \$5,000 USD

CATEGORY DETAILS

RUNTIME

Shorts: minimum 5; maximum 10 minutes

COMPLETION DATE

Projects completed after January 1, 2016, onward

PLACE OF ORIGIN

Projects may originate from anywhere in the world

PREMIERE STATUS

No premiere requirement

SUBMISSION & EXHIBITION FORMAT REQUIREMENTS

Submission Copy Formats

Format:

- Downloadable Vimeo Link sent by email to: awards@lebanondialogue.org
- 2 Blue Ray copies
- Short films must be sent by DHL or similar certified trackable delivery services, to:
Dr. Guita Hourani, Notre Dame University-Louaize (NDU), Lebanon.
Tel # +961-(0)9-208992

SUBMISSION COPY LANGUAGES

Language: Any language is acceptable as long as the short film is subtitled in English

We **HIGHLY** recommend reading our rules, process and for any questions, please write to:

awards@lebanondialogue.org

Please read this agreement carefully before you submit your short film. By submitting your short film, you expressly acknowledge and agree that you shall be bound by the terms of this agreement.

GUIDELINES FOR ALL FILMS

Films must have been completed after January 1, 2016, onward. Films must not exceed 10 minutes in length, including credits. All non-English language films must have English subtitles.

ENTRY FORM AND PREVIEW MATERIALS FOR ALL SHORT FILMS

All short films must be submitted through email. Illegible or incomplete entry forms will not be accepted.

ONLINE SCREENERS

We accept online screeners through email: awards@lebanondialogue.org. The LDI is not responsible for broken or incorrectly submitted links. In our experience, Vimeo.com screeners have the best HD playback and are preferred by our screening team. DVD screeners will not be accepted.

REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS

All entries are automatically included in the general competition. The LDI will review the short films in their entirety. The short films will be watched and reviewed by members of an international committee selected for the sole purpose of reviewing the films. After the final submission deadline, the Jury Committee will review the films, give scores, and will total the scores of all the films in competition and select the final winner with the top scorers.

AWARD INFORMATION

The LDI - William Zard Abou Jaoude Award will be presented to the winner based on the following criteria:

- i) **Idea**: The idea should reflect the value of dialogue as a peaceful means to resolving problems, particularly between civilizations and cultures.
- ii) **Creativity**: Unique and creative idea and execution approach.
- iii) **Filming techniques**: High-quality and artistic filming techniques.
- iv) **Overall impression**.

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE

Letters of inclusion or non-inclusion will be sent to the email address provided on the entry form. No physical mails will be sent — please ensure that your email address is accurate on your application.

FILMMAKERS ATTENDANCE

We encourage filmmakers who submitted their short films to attend the Forum in Lebanon. No financial compensation for travel expenses, accommodations, or additional expenses incurred during the travel to the Forum are provided. However, the travel expenses and accommodations of the creator/director of the winning short film will be covered.

COMMUNICATIONS

LDI - William Zard Abou Jaoude Award does not send physical mail — please ensure the email address in your entry form is accurate. Changes of email address can be sent to awards@lebanondialogue.org. We are not liable for emails delayed by spam filters, server rejections, outdated email addresses, or any other technical or human error. The Award staff can be reached by email at: awards@lebanondialogue.org, or at the office phone number: +961-9-208992.

PUBLICITY AND MARKETING

The LDI reserves the right to use the short film around the world, as part of its mission and promotional material, and through any means that it sees fit.

COMPLETE AGREEMENT

By agreeing to enter your short film in this competition, you automatically agree to abide by the terms set out in the guidelines, especially in regard to granting the LDI exclusive rights to use the short film submitted in its promotional activities. Films with incomplete materials by the deadline will forfeit their ability to be considered for the competition.

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