Rules & Regulations 2026

Submission Deadline: 31st October 2026
Selection Notification Date: 5th November 2026

FESTIVAL DATES: 14-15 November 2026
VENUE: GOPAL GURUKUL INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, RAJARHAT, KOLKATA

SUBMISSION ELIGIBILITY & GUIDELINES:

A submission that meets the following criteria will be considered eligible for inclusion in the festival program:

. Open to filmmakers from all over the world.

. Films of all genres, forms (animation, fiction, documentary shorts and features) and languages are eligible and must have English subtitles.

. The submitted film is a children's film concerned with childhood-related themes.

. The submitted film must be suitable for children and family audiences.

. The submitted film has been produced between 1st August, 2019 and 1st November, 2025.

FILM SUBMISSION CATEGORIES:

1. *CHILDREN'S SHORT FILM*: Maximum duration 30 minutes
This section will present the best of International and Indian children's short films.
. Animation, Live Action, and Documentary short films are accepted.

2. *CHILDREN'S FEATURE FILM*: Minimum duration 60 minutes
This section will present the best of International and Indian children's feature films.
. Animation and Live Action Features are accepted.

3. *LITTLE VISIONARIES*: No limit on duration. The LITTLE VISIONARIES section is to encourage children & young people to experiment with the language of moving images, and stimulate the pursuit of film-making as an artform as well as a creative expression of their visions, imaginations and point of views.

Special eligibility:

• Age restriction: Films must be made by an individual child/groups of children below the age of 18. The core team (director, cameraperson, editor, etc.) should have been below the age of 18 when the film was made.

• Filmmakers from any part of the world including Indian citizens are eligible to submit.

• Animation, Live Action, and Documentary films are accepted. Films must be produced after 1st August 2019.

NOTE: Entry is free for LITTLE VISIONARIES category.

FILM SUBMISSION FORMAT:

. An online downloadable film screener must be provided with each film entry. Ensure that the submitted link remains accessible until the end of the festival.

. The minimum acceptable screener resolution is 1080p Full HD video.

. Film screener file should be in .mp4 or .mov file format.

. English subtitles are mandatory for all film submission categories except films with no dialogue.

SUBMISSION CATEGORIES, FEES & DEADLINES:

. Categories & Fees:

Indian Submissions

Children's Shorts – Rs.500

Children's Features – Rs.1000

Little Visionaries – Free to submit

International Submissions

Children's Shorts – 5$

Children's Features – 10$

Little Visionaries – Free to submit

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**A limited number of fee waivers are available. In order to avail a fee waiver please write to us at kinemagik.filmfest@gmail.com. (Please mention FEE WAIVER in the subject line.)

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

. International films are requested to be submitted through *Festhome*.

**Alternatively, international entries can also be submitted through Google Form with the submission fees paid through PayPal.me link- *https://paypal.me/ABOAHASAFOUNDATION*

. Indian films must be submitted through Google Form.

. Each film entry should include a synopsis, a short biography of the director, a picture of director and producer, film trailer, film stills and a film poster.

. Screening links must remain active till the end of the festival.

SELECTION PROCESS:

All screeners will be watched and judged by KINEMAGIK's Festival Selection Committee. The Film Selection Committee is made up of film specialists, educators, and panel of youth, who decide which films will participate in the festival. The festival management may also invite films for curated programming. Successful submissions will be informed individually through emails by 5th of November 2026 and a list of selected films will also be published on the festival's website and social media handles. If you do not receive any communication from the festival by this date then please assume that your film has not been selected for participation in the festival. The selection committee's decision is final and binding, and no correspondence and requests for review will be entertained.

Selected participants will receive a certificate of participation and the laurel wreath of official selection.

NOTE: Any film that violates submission rules, is found unsuitable for children during the committee's preliminary review, and submissions with insufficient information and unpaid fees, will be subject to automatic and irrevocable disqualification.

EXIBITION FORMAT:

. Participants/submitters of officially selected films must provide a high-resolution 2k or 4k Master copy in .MP4, .MOV or Unencrypted DCP format for festival projection.

. All selected participants must provide digital projection files and transfer them digitally to the festival organisers through Vimeo, Drop Box, Google Drive, We Transfer or via similar services.

. Physical projection copy/print will not be accepted due to logistical and transportation barriers.

GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS:

. All films must be original works and must not violate copyright laws in any country. The submitter, by submitting the film, confirms under substantive and criminal liability that they are the holder of the copyright and that they have the legal right to dispose of the film and related rights, or that they have the appropriate author/co-author authorization to transfer the relevant rights for the needs and in accordance with the requirements of KINEMAGIK International Children's Film Festival.

. After the selection process has been completed, the selected films cannot be withdrawn from the festival. The official selections will be notified and all the information will be made public on the festival's website and social media handles by 5th November, 2026.

. Submission fees are non-refundable.

. The copyright owner of a selected film for the festival agrees to its screening at the festival free of charge.

. The copyright owner of a selected film for the festival gives permission to allow use of up to three minutes of material from their film for the media promotion of the festival.

. By submitting a film to KINEMAGIK Festival, the submitter gives explicit and irrevocable consent for a copy of the film to remain in KINEMAGIK Children's Film Archive in KOLKATA. The applicant hereby gives consent for the submitted film to be shown outside the festival at any time, exclusively as part of educational and non-commercial screenings. Any other use of the film will be subject to a subsequent agreement with the copyright holder.

. The submitter agrees to indemnify the festival against any claims related to copyright, trademark, publicity or credits. In case of any legal dispute regarding the use of copyrights, the organizer and the owners of copyrights both agree that the dispute should be resolved amicably and quickly, and should it not be the case, in the relationship between the organizer and owners of copyrights with international element, the organizer and the owners of copyrights are hereby entering into contract under the Law of Republic of INDIA, as well as jurisdiction of Courts in the Republic of INDIA.

. The festival may amend rules at any time without prior notice and same shall be notified through the festival's website and **s**ocial media handles. We request all participants to follow KINEMAGICK's social media handles and website for updates.

. By submitting to KINEMAGIK Festival, the submitter agrees to be bound by all provisions of the Festival Rules and Regulations.

About KINEMAGIK

KINEMAGIK Festival is a children's film-advocacy & distribution initiative by **Aboa Hasa Foundation**. It aims to entertain, educate and empower children through the magic of cinema, fostering a space for cultural enrichment and dialogue among younger audiences.

The 'motion picture' is a powerful artform that portrays reality and imagination in a creative, entertaining and educative way. It is understood and appreciated by everyone, even children. Cinema has the power to inspire and engage young audiences. Children and youth today watch more films and consume more audio-visual content than ever before. However, in the multitude of content that is created year on year, children very often cannot access films that are made for them. Kinemagik is a platform that curates and distributes children's films made by filmmakers across the globe and across time.

Kinemagik International Children’s Film Festival is an annual festival that strives to bring the most imaginative and delightful international and national children’s cinema to young audiences in Kolkata. The festival, in its first edition, is non-competitive and will showcase the best selection of features, shorts, live action and animation films from around the world over two days of festivity dedicated entirely to children.

https://www.kinemagik.in/

Objectives:

· To promote and distribute children's cinema and other audio-visual content that is created exclusively for children.

· To curate high quality, entertaining, multi-cultural cinema for children who otherwise don’t have access to such content.

· To cultivate understanding of human societies, cultures & experiences through cinema.

· To encourage children’s content that inspire humane values, provoke imagination and are educational in nature.

· To create space for critical appreciation and pursuit of cinematic art among children and youth.

· To support the works of talented and dedicated children’s film-makers and encourage the exchange of ideas and lived experiences of filmmaking among them.

Organiser:

KINEMAGIK INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL is organized by ABOA HASA Foundation – a non-profit company registered under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Govt. of India, committed to working with children, women and marginalised communities with the aim of nurturing through education and cultural exchange. Since its inception in 2019, Aboa Hasa has organised vocational training programs for women, educational workshops for children and advocacy campaigns for eco-sustainable menstruation.

Kinemagik is an initiative by Aboa Hasa to promote the culture of cinema among today's children and youth, empowering them to critically understand and engage in discourses that are relevant to them.

The inaugural edition of Kinemagik International Children's Film Festival is organised in partnership with Gopal Gurukul International School, a CBSE-affiliated K to 12 educational institution that offers the best of academics and sports to students who seek to excel in life.

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