

## ENTRY CONDITIONS & REGULATION 1

DOX BOX is an annual non-profit and independent creative documentary film festival that runs in Damascus, Homs and Tartous, in Syria. DOX BOX is a non profit event that runs under the organization of Proaction Film; a Syrian Independent film production and distribution company.

All DOX BOX's public events and activities are all free-of-charge.

DOX BOX runs independently with the support and in collaboration with a number of local and International institutions and companies.

### FILMS

DOX BOX looks for films from around the world that focus on the human experience with an original cinematic ambition. DOX BOX is not looking for reportages, news programs or journalistic- style documentaries.

### SUBMITTING A FILM

- Deadline for entering a film for the second edition of DOX BOX 09, is 30th of December 2008. This also means that any material sent by mail should arrive at the festival office before the end of 30th December 2008.
- There are no entry fees or charges.
- Authorized non-commercial screening right-holders are eligible entrants of their films for the DOX BOX selection. These are exclusively:
  - o The producer /co-producer of the film;
  - o The director/co-director of the film;
  - o The distributor of the film; and/or
  - o An authorized representative of one of the abovementioned.
- A submitted film cannot be duly processed if the applicant fails to send the complete application file before the deadline.
- A complete application file consists of:
  - o A completed, printed and signed entry form
  - o A screener (VHS or DVD)
  - o An additional material CD containing:
    - A 50 word (max) synopsis of the film.
    - The Director's bio and filmography
    - Credits list
    - 1 photo of the director
    - At least 3 stills of the film (300 dpi).

Please note that submission material will not be returned.



## ENTRY CONDITIONS & REGULATION 2

- If the original language of the film is not Arabic or English, screeners should have subtitles in one of these two languages.
- Rough cuts can be submitted. Please note that before submitting a rough cut, you need to send an email to DOX BOX with a synopsis and an explanation of the current production status and the expected delivery dates.
- By entering a film, the entrant is granting DOX BOX the right to screen the film non-commercially, if selected, at least 7 times during DOX BOX 09 tour in Syria and other Arab-Countries (further information to be detailed later).
- By submitting your film, you are stating that all rights relevant to your film are fully cleared, and that no further rights ownership issues or residuals are associated.

### SELECTED FILMS

- Films are viewed by a Selection Committee assigned annually by the festival.
- Contact persons of selected films will be contacted by February 5th 2009.
- Being a small team, we regret being able to send individual feedback emails about non-selected films.
- Once the selection is announced, a film cannot be withdrawn.
- Announcement of Final Film Selection will be made by 15 February 2009.
- The applicant grants DOX BOX 09 the right to use short clips (no longer than 3 minutes of total duration) of the selected film for promotional purposes solely on TV and on the festival's website.
- Prints & Tapes must be ready for pick up by maximum 10 February 2009 at the address provided in the entry form.
- Two-way shipping costs and customs clearance fees for the screening copies of selected films will be handled duly by the festival.
- The prints of all films invited to participate are insured for their material value as long as they are used by the festival
- The insurance period begins with the registered arrival of the print at the festival in Damascus and ends once it is handed over to the air freight / shipping firm, the postal service or railroad for shipment back to the sender. In case of damage or loss to the film prints or tapes while in its possession, the festival is only responsible for the cost involved in making a new print/copy of the same format according to the current local rates for ordering a standard print.
- One or more representative of the film selected may be invited by the festival. However, this is not an obligation and is subject to the festival's financing.

### AWARDS

- DOX BOX 09 is presents only one prize "The Audience Award for best documentary", based on audience voting  
The Prize is a trophy and a cash of SYP 150,000 (approximately USD 3.000).



We are looking forwards to receive your entries.

Thank you,

DOX BOX 09 Team

For further any inquiries, please contact us at:

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