**Submit Your “Shortpiece!” SENDAI SHORT FILM FESTIVAL 2018**

The Sendai Short Film Festival is searching for new work and new artists to submit short films to “Shortpiece.” A key aim of this festival is to showcase new talent.

“Shortpiece!” Sendai Short Film Festival 2017 began in 2002, beginning as a competition and evolving into its current form in 2004. Today’s “Shortpiece!” consists of film screenings followed by a discussion with panelists including practitioners from the forefront of modern cinema, the film’s director, and the audience. We intend to use film to spark discussion, learn new ways of seeing, and even stimulate ideas for future projects. Only by being watched do films come to life. We hope to show your film here on the big screen!

**Key Points**

■ Film Festival Period: September 15th-17th 2018 (Satday to Monday-holiday period)

■ Location: Sendai Mediatheque

■ Sponsor: Sendai Short Film Festival Executive Committee

**Application Requirements**

1. There are no restrictions on who can submit films.
2. The entries must be short films produced in 2017 or later
3. “Shortpiece” means a running time of under 20 minutes
4. The submission format should be film (16mm, 35mm; 8mm must be Telecine), video (VHS, DV), or disc (DVD or Blu-ray).
5. Applications are limited to one per person.
6. Works which have already won awards at other film festivals can be submitted.
(In such cases, be sure to put down the name and the year of the festival. Also be sure you have cleared any necessary rights to screen at our festival)

7. For non-Japanese language films ,attach a script either in Japanese or English.

**Submission Method**

Submit the following two items by mail (in-person deliveries cannot be accepted). They must be postmarked by May 6, 2018

1. Application Form

Fill out an application and make sure to put your signature on it. Incomplete applications cannot be considered. Please be sure your email address is correct, and write it clearly in block letters.
This form can be downloaded at http://www.shortpiece.com

2. Film

Submit two screeners in DVD format (no Blu-ray, please). It needs to be a DVD that will work in an ordinary DVD player rather than a data DVD. Works will not be returned so do not send originals.

**Address**

Sendai Short Film Festival Executive Committee, Selection Staff

Sendai Mediatheque 7th Floor, Planning, Activity Support

2-1 Kasuga-machi , Aoba-ku, Sendai, Miyagi

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**Selection**

Works will be selected from May to the beginning of July by the Sendai Short Film Festival Executive Committee. The list of selected films will be posted on the homepage of the Sendai Short Film Festival (http://www.shortpiece.com) and we will notify you via e-mail.

**About the Screenings**

Directors of the selected films and other guests will be invited to the festival.
During the festival they will be invited to participate in panel discussions and other events. We will also pay a screening fee, pay hotel expenses and provide travel support. For guests traveling from abroad, please contact us regarding travel expenses. In addition, the selected films will be saved to a Sendai Short Film Festival 2018 archive DVD and be donated to the Sendai Mediatheque Audio-Visual Library. (Rights regarding this DVD will be discussed at that time.)

**Screening environment**

The studio theater on the 7th floor of Sendai Mediatheque has 180 seats.
Films are shown on a 35mm projector : XEBEX XP-3000, a 16mm projector: EIKI EX-6100, DLP projector: Panasonic PT-DZ8700 which can be used with DV (SP、DVCAM), HDV, HDCAM, Blu-ray Disc, DVD-Video.
For more information, see the Mediatheque website. <http://www.smt.jp>

**Note**

Although we will take care of handling submissions, the Executive Committee does not take responsibility in case of accidental damage to, or loss of, entries.
Also the Executive Committee assumes no responsibility for any losses or damage incurred in transit. Any damages claimed by a third party are the applicant’s own responsibility. If you use a piece of music or writing made by others , you must obtain the necessary copyright.
For further information, please see the contacts below.

Japanese Society for Rights of Authors, Composers and Publishers (JASRAC)
03-3481-2172 (8mm,Video)
03-3481-2173(16mm,35mm)
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Sendai Short Film Festival Executive Committee has the right to use all or part of the footage of selected films for promotion and publicity purpose of the events organized by the Committee.

The Committee reserves the right to make rules beyond those stated here.

You have the right to withdraw your entry if you have an objection to any rule included here within seven days of being notified of it .

**Contact**
For inquiries please email the Sendai Short Film Festival Executive Committee in Japanese or English at info@shortpiece.com