

**KUMA – ODV**  
**VOLONTARI DELLA CULTURA PALAZZOLO**

**NOTICE OF COMPETITION PALASHORT 2024**

**INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM COMPETITION**

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**THE CONTEST**

The international short film competition **PALASHORT**, organized by the **KUMA - ODV association**, under the patronage of the Department of Culture of the Municipality of Palazzolo sull'Oglio (Brescia) is announced.

**The topic of the short movies is free and the participation is free.**

The only requirement for the presentation of your **short film is that it is mainly shot in Palazzolo sull'Oglio (Brescia)**, or that **it deals with topics and themes related to the city**.

**PURPOSE**

Kuma loves Palazzolo and loves cinema.

**Palazzolo** (a beautiful city, with over a thousand years of history) is a rich, interesting and **fascinating setting**. The **short film** is an excellent and up-to-date **tool of expression**, storytelling, analysis, and memory.

**Palashort is meant to be the union of two elements**: on the one hand the aim of **discovering and enhancing the city**, on the other with the intention of giving filmmakers the opportunity to test their **creativity with a challenge**: telling the stories they want **within a well-defined and at the same time multifaceted frame**, namely the city of Palazzolo sull'Oglio.

## REQUIREMENTS

Short movies can be submitted to Palashort in the categories of **fiction, documentaries, music video clips, animated short films and video art.**

The maximum duration of each short film is **15 minutes.**

Each participant can submit a maximum of **two movies.**

The competition jury will select the **winners based on two evaluation criteria,** namely:

**a) *Palazzolo, Land of Visions***

Short films in which **Palazzolo is used as a film set:** any place in the city can become the location of a short film of any genre;

OR

**b) *Palazzolo, Land of Stories***

Short films in which **Palazzolo is the subject of analysis of the short film:** the short film talks and highlights a specific aspect of Palazzolo (for example its history, its characters, its monuments, its associations, its artists, etc.).

## ELIGIBILITY

Submission is open to:

- any Italian citizen, or foreigner, who has turned 18 before the expiry of the call (30 November 2024);
- any Italian citizen, or foreign minor, provided that the Registration Form is signed by a referring adult;
- all schools of all levels, Italian or foreign, provided that the Registration Form is signed by a referring adult;
- formal groups (associations, clubs, etc.), or informal groups (colleagues, friends, etc.), provided that the Registration Form is signed by a referring adult.

*Ordinary members of the KUMA - ODV association, as well as members of any external Palashort's judging commission, cannot submit any work.*

## **REGISTRATION and DEADLINES**

There is no type of financial contribution to register for the competition: **registration for the competition is free.**

The request to participate must be made through the appropriate **Registration Form** available here:

- Facebook [Palashort](#)
- Instagram [palashort\\_palazzolo](#)
- website Palashort <http://www.palashort.it/>
- Facebook [Kuma – Volontari della Cultura Palazzolo](#)

The **Registration Form must be fully completed** and sent along with all the video material.

The **deadline for the competition** is set no later than **midnight on Saturday 30 November 2024** (the date of the postmark or the time of sending the file will prevail). The association also reserves the right to change the expiry date of the competition, if necessary.

### **SENDING WITH PHYSICAL SUPPORT**

The short films will be admitted to the competition if they arrive by **sealed envelope** and on **standard support** (DVD, or USB stick).

*Attention: physical media (DVDs, USB sticks) will NOT be returned.*

Physical media (DVDs, USB sticks) must:

- be placed inside a sealed envelope, on which you must write **COMPETITION PALASHORT 2024**
- be accompanied by the completed **Registration Form**;
- **shipped**, or manually delivered to the following address:

**ASSOCIAZIONE KUMA – ODV  
VIA VARESE, 20  
25036 PALAZZOLO SULL'OGGIO (BRESCIA)**

### **SENDING BY MAIL**

The short films will be admitted to the competition if sent by email to: **kuma.palazzolo@gmail.com**

To send your short film via email you can use:

- of the [wetransfer.com](http://wetransfer.com) service, free for files up to **2 GB**;
- of the <https://www.filemail.com/it> service, free for files up to **5 GB**;
- the short film file must be accompanied by the **completed Registration Form**

file.

## **ON-PLACE SUPPORT**

The KUMA - ODV association wants to **support the creation of audiovisual products created in the city of Palazzolo sull'Oglio**: anyone who finds locations which they do not have access to is invited to contact the association, which will try to provide all the necessary support to give you the opportunity to shoot wherever you intend to (**where permitted**).

The organizers can be contacted by sending an email to **kuma.palazzolo@gmail.com**: they will take charge of the task of contacting the institutions that guard the locations in order to make them available (**where possible**).

## **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

In order to avoid major incompatibility problems when viewing and showing the short film, here are the **right methods to follow** for the realization of the short film:

- in the **SHOOTING** phase choose the European creation standard **PAL** (absolutely NOT the American creation standard NTSC);
- in the **EDITING** phase, edit / export your short films in **standard** and accessible formats, such as **.avi** or **.mp4**
- in both cases, pay close attention to the **AUDIO** quality of your short film. The direct recording of the sound / voices, the volume of the soundtrack and the various audio levels must be treated with care;
- For those editing / editing using **EARPHONES OR HEADPHONES** it is suggested to do a vision test without these devices, which often do not reflect the real audio level of your film: often the audio edited with headphones is much lower than the real audio being screened for the public.

## **SELECTION and AWARDS**

The selection of the short films will take place according to the exclusive and unquestionable judgment of the jury, which will be specifically appointed by the KUMA - ODV association: it may include its ordinary members and possibly also other external persons specifically called to judge the works.

### **The envisaged PRIZES and AWARDS are:**

- First Prize: plaque + 650 euros (Amazon voucher)
- Second Prize: plaque + 250 euros (Amazon voucher)
- Third Prize: plaque + 100 euros (Amazon voucher)

KUMA - ODV reserves the right to modify the prizes and their amount (both single and overall) in the event that at least three valid short films have not been received, or for other relevant reasons.

Furthermore, KUMA - ODV reserves the right to assign further prizes and **Special Mentions**.

### **AWARDS CEREMONY**

The authors of the finalist works can be notified by e-mail, or in case of problems by telephone and by letter.

The final ranking of the competition will be announced only during the **Award Ceremony**, which will take place in **December 2024**.

The screenings, the awards, the methods and timing of the Award Ceremony themselves will be communicated only after the receipt of all the works.

The **Director of the film** (or at least one member of the cast and crew) must be physically **present at the Award Ceremony**, under penalty of exclusion from the competition and consequent failure to receive the prize. However, it will be **possible to delegate** a representative only with a written and signed proxy, or **to send a video** to show during the Ceremony.

*KUMA - ODV reserves the right to use online solutions to perform the Award Ceremony if it is not possible to carry it out live.*

## **FINAL PROVISIONS**

The compilation of the **Registration Form**, signed and sent to the KUMA - ODV association, is to be considered as **the unconditional acceptance of the regulation**.

Each author is responsible, in accordance with the law, for his work.

**The shipping costs of the works are borne by the proponents.**

The association takes no responsibility if the supports are received already damaged, or if any vandalism should not allow to view the film.

**The DVDs, or USB sticks (physical media) sent to the KUMA - ODV association are to be considered the property of the same association and will not be returned.**

All participating short films will be published on the Youtube channel [Kuma - Volontari della Cultura Palazzolo](#) and promoted through the social channels of the same association.