

Indian Film Festival of **MELBOURNE** 2014

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INDIAN FILM FESTIVAL OF MELBOURNE 2014 – AWARD RULES AND ENTRY GUIDELINES

1. Only feature films are eligible for the entry into the Awards. Short films will be the subject of a separate competition.
2. Entries must be in English or with English subtitles.
3. Entrants must make clear on the official entry form which of the categories they wish to enter: Best Performance (Male or Female), Best Film, Best Director. All films in the Festival will be eligible for the Most Popular award.
4. The last date for entries is February 10, 2014. The festival reserves the right to accept late entries, subject to the jury's progress and programming deadlines. Under no circumstances will an entry be presented to the judges if it is not the final finished work, including title credits, final sound and image.
5. There will be one award in each category. Under no circumstances will a prize in any category be split between more than one film.
6. The categories are defined as follows:
 - 6.1 BEST PERFORMANCE (MALE OR FEMALE)
 - 6.2 BEST FILM
 - 6.3 BEST DIRECTOR
 - 6.4 MOST POPULAR
7. **PRE-SELECTION AND JUDGING:** Entries to the Best Performance, Best Film and Best Director Award categories will be viewed by a pre-selection panel. A total of five finalists will be nominated by the panel and announced prior to the festival (March 4th). A jury of film industry representatives will select one film from the five finalists in each category to receive the award. The winners will be announced at the festival's award ceremony.

The Most Popular Film will be determined based on the highest Box Office in the Festival, as calculated by Rentrak.

The prizes are as follows:

7.1 The winner of each category will receive a return business class fare to Melbourne and three nights of five star accommodation to attend the festival Opening Night and Awards Ceremony.

8. **JUDGING CRITERIA:**
 - 8.1 Excellence of the entries shall be judged on the basis of originality, entertainment and production quality without regard to cost of production or subject matter.

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9. The judges' decision will be final.
10. By submitting the Awards Entry Form the entrant accepts the following Rules and Regulations for participation.
 - 10.1 The entrant may not withdraw the film from the Awards once it has been entered in the competition.
 - 10.2 By entering in the competition the entrant warrants that the rights to their films are cleared to allow the IFFM to use the film for the purposes specified the Festival Terms and Conditions.
11. Each work selected as a finalist will receive four complimentary tickets to the public screening of their film, four general tickets to regular festival screenings and invitations to the awards presentation for the film's director(s) and producer(s). The tickets are sent to the person nominated as the film's contact person and should be shared between the film's producer(s) and director(s).
12. All films which are entered in the Awards Competition are also subject to the Festival Terms and Conditions.

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