



Press release

The invitations to participate to the third edition of the competitions are ready to start.

The Aqua & Students competition is among this year's innovations.

“Aqua Film Festival”, third edition in Rome

The film festival dedicated to WATER will take place from June 4th to the 9th in the city of cinema

The **third edition** of “Aqua Film Festival”, international short film festival, with meetings, workshops, and special events dedicated to the **theme of water**, and created by an idea of **Eleonora Vallone**, actress, journalist and expert of water sports and wellness, will take place **from June 7th to the 9th in Rome**.

The festival programme will capture topical environmental issues, through a selection of short films and “mini” short films dedicated to the theme of water. The films presented will focus on the important relationship between human beings and the nature, *“a link to safeguard – Vallone explains - because invasive interventions may produce an irreversible environmental decline”*. Along with the competition, the programme will include a rich schedule of special events and meetings with celebrities from the show business, cinema and TV.

Invitations to tender to the **official competition** are open. Two sections are involved: **one for short films up to 25 minutes** and **one for “mini” short films up to 3 minutes**, also shot by smartphones, both dedicated to the theme of water. The main theme is divided in two sub-topics, where the authors can draw their inspiration: **“Water of Island”** and **“Water & the Environment”**. Works can be of any kind (fiction, documentary, live action, cartoons, mixed-techniques etc.). Films may be registered on the website www.acquafilmfestival.org **until May 5th**. The international Jury, composed by experts and players from the world of cinema, will award **two “Sister Water” prizes** to the best short film and the best mini short film.

Among this year's innovation, the **Aqua & Students** competition, created thanks to the collaboration with schools from the Elba island and the International University of Monaco, is dedicated to mini short films (up to 3 minutes) made by students from schools and universities. Mini short films may be shot with smartphones, and will have WATER, in all its forms and functions, as the main player.

The winner films, beyond receiving the official prizes indicated in the regulations and on the website, will be screened in Monaco.

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