

**9<sup>ème</sup> ESCALES DOCUMENTAIRES de La Rochelle**  
**International Festival of Creative Documentaries - 2009 Regulation**

**Organization and dates:** The "Escalaes Documentaires de La Rochelle", International Festival of Creative Documentaries, is a cultural annual event organized by the "Escalaes Documentaires" association. The next edition will take place from the 9<sup>th</sup> till the 15<sup>th</sup> of November, 2009, within the framework of the "Month of the Documentary". In stemming from the festival, the ten selected films will be planned in the four "stopover cities" of Charente-Maritime.

**Objectives:** The Escalaes Documentaires of La Rochelle have for main objectives:

- Make sensitive a wide public in the creative documentary, by selecting and broadcasting audiovisual works coming from the whole world.
- Assure the promotion of the genre and its audiovisual works.

**Administration:** The head office of the Escalaes Documentaires is based in La Rochelle.

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The association determines the orientations of the festival. It has the global responsibility of the films' admittance and selection as well as the constitution of the jury of the festival.

**Conditions of participation:** The selection is made on documentaries produced after the first of January, 2008. Any production on video support or 16mm can be subjected to the selection committee. Films should be presented, for the selection only, on VHS tapes (PAL or Secam system only) or DVD. The duration is not limited. The promotional or industrial films are not accepted.

**Registration and selection:** The registration form and the VHS tape of the film (PAL or Secam system only) or the DVD should reach the office of the festival **before the 31<sup>th</sup> of May**, with :

- this regulation, duly signed
- the script translated rather in French or in English,
- the Director's filmography
- the technical index of the film

The sending should be made by post (specify "no commercial value/ video for a festival") or carrier (DHL or Fedex...) by declaring a lower value of 16 €, to: **Escalaes Documentaires, 13 rue de l'Aimable Nanette FRANCE**

**The completed registration form must in parallel be sent by email at [escalesdocumentaires@wanadoo.fr](mailto:escalesdocumentaires@wanadoo.fr)**

The participants will be informed about the selection's results by mail from the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2009.

Besides, the selected films' list will be available on the festival's Internet website.

**Sending of the selected films:** The HD Cam, DV Cam, Beta SP, DVC Pro and 16 mm copies of the selected films should be sent to the office of the festival rather by carrier (DHL, Fed Ex...) before the 15<sup>th</sup> of October.

**Return of copies:** Copies will have returned at last on December 15, 2009. The VHS Tapes and DVD having been of use for the selection will be preserved for the resource centre of the festival.

**Transport and insurances Expenses:** The sending of copies is chargeable to the participants. The expenses of return are chargeable to the festival. The insurances expenses between the reception and the return of copies are chargeable to the festival. In case of loss or deterioration during this period, the responsibility of the festival is engaged that for the replacement value of the copy.

**Subtitling and dubbing:** In absence of a French version, the documentary should be sent with the complete script in English or French.

**Invitation:** The directors of the selected films will have the benefit of a free access in each event of the festival from the 9<sup>th</sup> till the 15<sup>th</sup> of November, 2009.

**Award:** The price "Le Prix des Escalaes", will be awarded by a Jury composed by the association.

**TV and Internet broadcasting:** The participation in the festival implies the permission for some extracts of the presented films (extracts limited to 10 % of the total duration of the film and not overtaking 3 minutes) of being broadcasted on the French and foreign televisions and on Internet.

**"Le Mois du Film Documentaire"** : The participants agree that their movie could be selected to be introduced to schools into La Rochelle area during "Le Mois Du Film Documentaire" (the Month of Documentary's Movie)

**Purchase of copies:** The association can seek from the producers the right to acquire a copy of any selected film and particularly the awarded one. The association undertakes expressly to limit its usage in its appropriate, strictly cultural and non-commercial activities.

**Unforeseen cases and controversies:** The board of the association or its representative is in charge of settling the unforeseen cases and granting an exemption to the regulation, on express and motivated inquiry. **The participation in the festival implies unconditional acceptance of all the terms of this present regulation.**

Date and signature of the producer: