

REGULATIONS OF THE TRENTINO-ALTO ADIGE AUTONOMOUS REGION

AWARD FOR DISTRIBUTION SUPPORT

39. BOLZANO FILM FESTIVAL BOZEN - BFFB

10-19 APRIL 2026

1. TRENTINO-ALTO ADIGE AUTONOMOUS REGION AWARD FOR DISTRIBUTION SUPPORT.-

The film industry, the visibility of films produced and the way they are viewed have changed in the last few years, and continue to change rapidly. Festivals can make an important contribution to the dissemination of higher risk and independent works that does not end with the programming of the event. The BFFB, thanks to the contribution of the Trentino-Alto Adige region, has set up a new distribution prize that will encourage greater visibility of the winning film in cinemas throughout Italy. The prize is open to titles selected in the festival's two main sections, *Competition BFFB39* and *RealeNonReale*, and the 10,000 Euro endowment will go to the distribution company that owns or acquires the theatrical distribution rights to the winning film.

2. RULES AND CONDITIONS FOR THE AWARDING OF THE PRIZE.-

2.1. An **International Jury**, appointed by the Festival's artistic direction and composed of **six people**, will award, during the 39th Bolzano Film Festival Bozen the Trentino-Alto Adige Autonomous Region Award for Distribution of €10,000.

2.2. The award is open to all films in the ***Competition BFFB39*** and ***RealeNonReale*** sections of BFFB 39.

2.3. The prize is **cumulative**, i.e. a film can receive it together with any other prize awarded among the titles participating in the *Competition BFFB39* or the *RealeNonReale* sections.

2.4. The cash prize will be **awarded to the distribution company** that owns the rights for the commercial distribution of the winning film in Italy. The latter undertakes to commercially distribute the film within twelve months from the closing date of the 39th edition of the Festival. In the event that the film is not distributed in commercial cinemas in Italy within 12 months of the end of this 39th edition of BFFB, the distributor holding the rights will have to return the prize money to the Festival.

2.5. If the film does not yet have a distributor in Italy at the time the award is granted, the award will be retained by the BFFB until an Italian distributor acquires the relevant rights.

2.5.1. For the acquisition of the distribution rights in Italy of the winning film, and the related award of the prize money to the acquiring company, there will be a maximum term of 12 months from the end of the 39th edition of BFFB, which in any case will end with the beginning of the following edition of the Festival (the 40th).

2.5.2. The distribution company that eventually buys the film's distribution rights within the deadline (and thus receives the prize money from the Festival) will, in turn, have 12 months from the time of purchase to commercially distribute the film in Italy. In the event that the film is not distributed in Italian commercial cinemas within this 12-month period, the distributor holding the rights must return the prize money to the Festival.

2.6. The prize will not be awarded if no Italian distributor acquires the rights to the film by the start date of the next edition of BFFB (the 40th edition).

2.7. The prize money will be granted in two instalments: one immediately after the end of BFFB 39 or the purchase by an Italian distributor of the film rights; the second after the presentation of the detailed distribution plan and/or the publication of the film's official release date.

2.8. The actual commercial distribution of the film in Italy must be adequately demonstrated by documents proving the following minimum criteria:

- the winning film must have been shown in cinemas for at least 40 screenings within 3 months;
- in the case of documentaries, the minimum number will be 15 screenings within 3 months;
- theatrical exhibition should be the first way in which the work is disseminated to the public.

2.9. The distribution company that receives the award undertakes to deliver a bank guarantee of €10,000 in favour of FILMCLUB as a security in the event that the film is not distributed by the deadline.

3. OBLIGATION TO RECOGNISE THE BFFB DISTRIBUTION AWARD.-

Films that win prizes in the various sections of the BFFB must specify, obligatorily and without fail, the award obtained at the Bolzano Film Festival Bozen on all posters, notices, advertisements and in the credits of all copies distributed in Italy, both in their theatrical screening and in their release for the national format (streaming platforms, DVD, BluRay, etc.).

This will be the official wording:

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4. The prize money will be paid directly by the Bolzano Film Festival Bozen - BFFB once the previous requirements have been met and exclusively by bank transfer to the account designated for this purpose.
5. **Participation in the BFFB 39** implies acceptance of these rules and the official Festival Rules and Regulations (here), and the Festival organisers will be responsible for resolving any issues not covered by these rules.

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