

The 20th INNSBRUCK NATURE FILM FESTIVAL (INFF) is calling for submissions of cinematic works: Nature and the Environment in documentary, short film, animated short film and emerging film categories. The deadline for submissions is 15.07.2021 and the festival itself will take place from 19-22.10.2021 in the alpine-urban ambience of Innsbruck, the capital of Tyrol, Austria.

The INNSBRUCK NATURE FILM FESTIVAL will be celebrating its 20th anniversary this year in October 2021. Being the heart and origin of the INTERNATIONAL NATURE FESTIVAL, it will be presenting cinematic works from all over the world. Films of various genres that revolve around the environment, nature and sustainability can be submitted up until 15.07.2021. 50 exceptional entries will make it into the main programme. Whether short or long, real, animated or fictional, on the mountain, in the desert, the city, at the end of the world or right on your doorstep: all films deal with the life-defining theme that is the environment and nature. You are nature. We are nature. Film is nature.

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Both the submissions and the programme reveal themselves to be just as diverse as the genres, topics and people themselves. This is embodied in the 20 years of experience that is the INNSBRUCK NATURE FILM FESTIVAL, known until 2012 as the Innsbruck Nature Film Days.

Previous INFF winners include works of nature film statures such as the Germans, Jan Haft and Oliver Götzl; worldwide successful productions like "Virunga"; the unforgettable "Light on Earth", directed by Joe Loncraine with the cast of British naturalist and wildlife filmmaker Sir David Attenborough. Environmental documentaries like the current multi-award-winning "On Thin Ice" or the sensational and Oscar-nominated blockbuster "Sea of Shadows" or, last but not least, the often neglected short films. The festival has been offering these films the big screen since 2002, meanwhile including animated versions as well. Juniors have also a tradition at INFF: Young Talents is the category for films by all aspiring filmmakers up to the age of 26, regardless of format, whether shot on a mobile phone or with a high-end camera.

Everybody has a chance: If story, style and images convince the preliminary jury, the film will find its place in the INNSBRUCK NATURE FILM FESTIVAL programme and will be shown to a wide audience at the Metropol cinema Innsbruck between 19-22.10.2021.

A total of **€ 18,000 in prize money** is available for the main categories of Nature Film, Environmental Documentary, Short Film, Animated Short Film and Young Talents, as well as four Special Awards. Newly introduced for the anniversary edition, the Special Award "**Wild Women**" is particularly anticipated. The film that receives the Special Award "Best Cinematography" is personally selected by world-renowned Austrian filmmaker and Oscar-nominated cinematographer, **Christian Berger**, and is sure to be a flick worth seeing.

Festival curator Katja Trippel and festival director Johannes Kostenzer and their team are anticipating submissions from all over the world with great excitement.

Link to submit a film for INFF 2021: <https://naturefestival.eu/en/film-2/>

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