

HóPlay´14

FIFTH EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL INDEPENDENT VIDEOGAMES FESTIVAL

Terms and conditions

hóPLAY is a project by AlhóndigaBilbao which is interested in presenting and promoting independent videogame productions that stand out thanks to their originality, creativity, innovation, and the values associated with AlhóndigaBilbao.

HóPLAY is carrying out this fifth invitation to attend on an international basis, and establishes the following terms and conditions:

1. Aim

The aim of hóPLAY is to acknowledge and reward the creativity of those persons who are to be found behind the entertainment and educational nature of the videogame.

2. Candidates

Those persons, groups of persons, or development companies who/which consider that their work falls within the aims of this invitation to attend may participate in the hóPLAY international videogames festival.

Candidates must legally hold all rights associated with or involved in the videogame, including the use of licences, operating rights, intellectual property rights, etc. Participation in this event entails the assignment in perpetuity of the rights to distribute the selected videogames on such media and formats as may be used by AlhóndigaBilbao for festival communications or acts.

3. Videogames

Videogames created after 1 October 2013 and which meet the following requirements may compete for an award:

3.1 The game must be playable. No videos, trailers, previews, or demo versions in which it is not possible to interact with the program are allowed.

3.2 The theme and the type are open. Games which incite violence or discrimination of any kind, or which may offend any group of society are not allowed.

3.3 Formats. The videogame may be developed and presented using any of the following platforms:

3.3.1. Personal computers.

3.3.2. Consoles.

3.3.3. Mobile devices.

3.4 It must be an independent videogame, taking as a reference the definition given on Wikipedia: http://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Videojuego_independiente. In any event, the organizers shall have the last word on deciding whether or not a proposed game is admissible.

4. Method of entry, additional material, and deadline

Videogames shall be entered for the festival using the form prepared for this purpose and available on the following URL: <http://goo.gl/h1L9Sg>.

The deadline for entries shall be 30 September 2014. For these purposes, any entries received with a postmark subsequent to the said date shall not be accepted.

The selection of the videogames going through to the final shall be published on 31 October 2014.

Given the international nature of this festival, any videogames that have not been developed in Basque, Spanish, or English must attach all additional material in English.

The organizers shall provide economic assistance for the travel expenses of the finalists.

5. Awards

hóPLAY offers awards in the following categories:

2014 Awards:

- Award for the best original idea: €5,000.
- Award for the best creative design: €5,000.
- Award for the best sound/music: €5,000.
- Award for the best playability: €5,000.
- Award for the best Basque videogame: €5,000.

At least one representative from each videogame selected must be present on the 'Official Section' days when the finalist videogames are to be presented, and also at the awards ceremony to be held at the end of November.

6. Selection

When selecting the videogames that are to compete for the awards, AlhóndigaBilbao shall reward above all those for which their creative nature transmits positive values and opposes any kind of aggression or discrimination.

The process for selecting and determining the winners shall be as follows:

The jury shall carry out an initial assessment of all videogames entered, based exclusively on the audiovisual material provided by the participants in the entry form (images, video, or web). On the basis of this assessment, around 25 finalist videogames shall be selected which will then need to be presented during the

'Official Section' in order to qualify for receiving an award. In addition, the finalist videogames shall be exhibited at AlhóndigaBilbao during the hóPLAY festival so that they may be tried out by visitors.

After selecting the finalists, the jury will re-assess the videogames that have made it though to the final. This assessment shall be based on the use of each game, the presentations made at the 'Official Section', and the debates arising between the members of the jury. Finally the jury shall draw up the list of the winners of the awards in the different categories.

7. Jury

The hóPLAY jury shall be appointed by the festival management and shall be composed of renowned professionals from within the videogames sector: creators, distributors, publishers, and players, and the jury may choose, should it consider it appropriate, not to make an award in any of the categories.

8. Conditions

All works entered for this festival, whether or not they are selected, shall become a part of the hóPLAY documentary archive, although the said material may not be used by the organizers for profit.

Returning the entry form and participating in hóPLAY entail acceptance of these terms and conditions. The interpretation of these terms and conditions shall be the exclusive prerogative of the organizers of the festival and the jury.

In the event of any doubts or questions, contact is available through the festival website: www.hoplaybilbao.com, or via the following e-mail address: hoplay@alhondigabilbao.com.