



The 68th annual R8 (*Rychnovská osmička*) film festival

Rules of contest

**An independent film and student film competition with international participation
Czech Republic, Rychnov nad Kněžnou, Společenské centrum,
16th - 18th October 2026**

Organizers

The East Bohemian Open Association For amateur film and video (VČVSAFV)
Art activities centre (Centrum uměleckých aktivit), Hradec Králové
Sponsored by Rychnov nad Kněžnou town

Financial support

Ministry of Culture Czech Republic
Hradec Králové region
Town Rychnov nad Kněžnou

Participation

This competition is intended for amateur filmmakers, authors of independent or/and unprofessional films, students of high-schools and vocational schools and college students. Participation is not limited by age.

Before being accepted into the contest each film is evaluated by a selection committee. All films should comply with the following rules, or they shall be excluded from the contest.

All work should:

- meet the technical conditions
- not be signed up in the previous years
- not be designed for commercial purposes

Categories

- documentary film and reportage
- short fiction film
- animated film
- video clip & experimental film
- school works

Evaluation and awards

All films will be evaluated by a professional jury that has been appointed by the organizer.

The best assessed films will be awarded:

- **Grand Prize of the competition**
- **1st - 3rd prize** in each of the main categories
- **VČVSAFV award** for the author under 19 year

The Rychnov lace 2026 will belong to:

- winner of Grand Prize
- authors of the films that won 1st prizes in each category

In addition, special prizes will be given out by variety of sponsors and organizers. The main organizer has the right not to award any of the prizes or can shift them to another category according to the decisions made by the jury. In the case of an absence of the winner, the prize will not be handed over.

Organization and accommodation

The R8 will be opened in the cinema of Společenské centrum (Community centre – Panská street 1492 – GPS 50.1639656N, 16.2762456E) in Rychnov nad Kněžnou.

After competition an analytical workshop is held and led by the jury.

Meals are provided at the venue. Accommodation for authors can be organized after receiving a binding application form.

From 28th September onwards a list of films that are accepted into the contest can be found at www.filmdat.cz/souteze.php?detail=939 together with a time schedule along with the classification of films to specific projection blocks. The number of accepted films is limited by a total projection time of 520 minutes.

Financial arrangements

The costs of organization the event is covered mainly from financial grants and donations from sponsors. Foreign participants pay for accommodation in a hotel or student dormitory.

Technical conditions

It is possible to enter a film into the competition only via the interactive Google form.

Data files can be sent via internet data transfer service (like www.uschovna.cz; www.wetransfer.com or link to <https://drive.google.com>) to email vsaf@post.cz. File needs to bear author's name and the film title. Accepted formats: MPG2, MP4, MOV, AVI, m2t; codecs: MPEG-2, MPEG-4 (H.264), with a minimum resolution 720 x 576 pixels (SD) and maximum resolution 1920 x 1080 (Full HD).

For sending via Postal service: Formats accepted on DVD are DVD-VIDEO, or BV VIDEO on Blu-ray disc. PC formats like MPEG-2, MPEG-4(H.264) either on DVD or USB. Each electronic carrier should contain the name of the movie and its author. The author must also use the Google form for a film sent by post.

All films must follow PAL encoding system (25p; 50i). At least 5 seconds of black PAL signal should be added at the beginning as well as the end of the film. The recommended and preferred length of an admitted film is **up to 20 minutes**.

Films are required to be internationally intelligible, or the author can equippe the film with english (or czech) subtitles with accurate timing uploaded to a separate file "name".srt. Here's how to create an (.srt) file: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7410wF49qKs>

In case of the author's absence discs containing films are not returned and stay in the possession of the organizer.

Please, make sure to include a short description of the film into the application form.

Competition schedule

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| • Deadline for submissions | 27th August 2026 |
| • List with films admitted to the contest | 28th September 2026 |
| • Last date to clarify applications for accommodation | 6th October 2026 |
| • Opening ceremony | 16th October at 14,15 |
| • Results announcement | 18th October at 12,00 |

Correspondence

Please send your Discs or USB sticks with films to the following address:

„R8“
Centrum uměleckých aktivit
Tomkova 139/22
500 03 Hradec Králové
Czech Republic

Data file should be sent via online transfer service at the following e-mail address: vsaf@post.cz Into the message field, please write: „Film R8“.

The application form for the competition and accommodation is available for download at http://www.filmdat.cz/download.php?akce=detail&id_detail=951 or the Google form is directly available here: <https://1url.cz/ceTod>
Or you can use the QR code:



By submitting the application, the author confirms their agreement with the competition rules.

By submitting a film to the competition, the author gives explicit consent for their personal data listed in the application to be stored in the international FILMDAT database.

www.rychnovska8.cz/en.html