

## **SHORT FILM COMPETITION**

### **FREE FILMMAKER'S RESOURCES**

It's important for any filmmaker to not plagiarize someone else's work, yet your film may need things like music and sound effects. Not everyone has friends who are musicians or who know how to generate various sounds on their computer. So, what do you do? Though by no means complete, here is a list of some free resources that the filmmakers in this competition can use.

#### **MUSIC**

<http://incompetech.com/>

Use the search bar to find music by genre or composer. Almost all of the music here is free to use, but you have to read the fine print. Proper credit must be given to any composer whose music you use. All of the music is available in MP3 format, which is compatible with all of the popular film editing apps.

#### **SOUND EFFECTS**

<https://www.freesound.org/browse/tags/sound-effects/>

and <http://soundbible.com/free-sound-effects-1.html>

Need a doorbell sound or a ringing telephone? Just type what you're looking for into the search bar and you'll find many possibilities. They don't have specific policies about screen credits, but it's good film etiquette to give credit where credit is due.

#### **MUSIC & SOUND EDITING**

<https://sourceforge.net/projects/audacity/>

So, you found a piece of music or sound effect that you want, but it's too long (or too short). Audacity (for both Mac and Windows) is an easy-to-use waveform based utility that lets you manipulate any sound file. It comes with a huge library of effects (like reverb, echo, fade in, fade out, etc.) and exports your edited sound clips into usable formats for inclusion in your film.

#### **STOCK FOOTAGE**

<https://www.stockfootageforfree.com>

Need a shot of a plane taking off or landing? A spooky castle? Or just a dark sky with lightning? You can find most anything you need here. Again, they don't have a set policy for screen credits, but if you use their stuff, be nice and give them the appropriate credit at the end of your film.

#### **GRAPHICS**

<https://inkscape.org/en/>

Say you want to create better titles than your editing app will allow, but you can't afford Photoshop. Well, there's this app, which comes in both Mac and Windows versions. It's actually got a few little tricks that Photoshop can't do. Not bad for free.

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