

“SEMI al FUTURO Action Three! 2019” 3^ EDIZIONE

“SEMI al FUTURO Action Three!” is a video competition organised by the Milan Civico Polo “A. Manzoni”, officially recognised by the AGIS (Italian Association of Performing Arts) Lombardy department. It is an international competition to foster debate and interpretation of crucial topics in contemporary society. It is entirely organized by students for their peers, to allow them to offer their own perspectives on human and civil rights, using the language of cinema.

This dynamic project involves several institutions in the area. All secondary school students are invited to participate in the “SEMI al FUTURO Action Three!” contest. Its purpose is promoting creativity and an understanding of imagery and audiovisual language in schools. It aims to develop personal and collective critical consciousness, thus reinforcing democratic values and encouraging young people to investigate contemporary human rights topics in their own language.

The contest will be overseen by a scientific committee headed by Manzoni high school principal Maria Bernadette Rossi to guarantee the quality of submissions and adherence to the rules. A professional jury of multimedia experts from several institutions will award prizes to the three best works. In addition, the video with the most YouTube likes on the festival channel will be awarded special mention.

COMPETITION TOPIC

This year’s topic is:

GOLDEN LOTUS: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND SUSTAINABILITY

The 2019 edition of “SEMI al FUTURO Action Three!”, whose award ceremony will be held in Milan on May 18, is inviting secondary schools students to think about our planet. Earth is being depleted by senseless exploitation of the commons, without considering her finite resources, polluted by people for their own advantage. Is a better future possible for us all?

In view of this goal, it is very important to give teenagers a voice. They will use visual language to convey their ideas and suggestions for how to take the future into their own hands. Golden Lotus was chosen by students as the title for this edition because the lotus symbolizes balance and hope, the same hope youth has in renewing the planet.

PRIZES

First prize: **13-inch MacBook Air**

Second and third prize: to be defined

Special mention: **Civico Liceo Manzoni di Milano plaque**

APPLICATION AND PARTICIPATION DETAILS

1. Participation is open to high school students from any country.
2. Participation is free of charge.

3. Participants must register online for “SEMI al FUTURO Action Three!” on www.lamanzoni.it **by midnight 14 April 2019**. No late enrollment allowed.
4. Submissions are limited to no more than three videos per school.
5. Each video must last no more than five minutes, including title and credits, and maybe of any genre.
6. Videos may be in any language, provided they are subtitled in either Italian or English. They must not include any copyright material or third party intellectual property. They must be the product of a school project, original and unpublished, and must not be divulged before the end of the contest.
7. Confirmation of enrollment will be emailed, including instructions on how to upload the video. The deadline for submission will be **midnight 20 April 2019**. The scientific committee will check that videos are compliant and deliver any disqualification by 30 April 2019.
8. Submissions become part of the “SEMI al FUTURO Action” video archive.
9. Filmmakers, producers, and any other copyright holders authorise publication of their names and affiliations on www.lamanzoni.it and in press releases.
10. Filmmakers, producers, and any other copyright holders authorise screening during “SEMI al FUTURO Action Three!” and broadcast, in whole or part, of their works for promotional purposes.

AWARDS

Awards will be published on www.lamanzoni.it by 31 May 2019. All winners will be officially notified by email. The “SEMI al FUTURO Action THREE!” jury’s decisions will be final.

CEREMONY

Prizes will be publicly awarded in Milan on 18 May 2019, time and place to be announced. For further information or class reservations please email semialfuturo.festival@lamanzoni.it.

NB: Video archive -- all films entered into competition may be catalogued and held in the library of the Civico Polo Manzoni, Via G. Deledda 11, Milan, Italy.

Disclosure -- in accordance with DGL 196/2003 any personal data handled by outside parties will be treated in compliance with the law and not divulged or transmitted to third parties. Participants’ email registration implies consent for the storage of personal data by outside entities for the sole purpose of receiving information regarding the Semi al Futuro Film Festival and its initiatives.