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# **Edigma Semibreve Award 2026**

**Competition Rules**

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In its short existence, Semibreve has built a formidable reputation for being one of the most exciting annual events on the international exploratory music and digital arts calendar. In previous editions, Semibreve presented unique collaborations by some of the most revered electronic music artists from around the world, while also featuring a program of new works produced in the field of digital art.

The 16th edition will once again feature the **Semibreve Award** sponsored by **Edigma**, a Portuguese company that leads in the development of interactive experiences, queue management, and digital signage projects.

This award is established to celebrate and promote the creation of installation works that explore sound and image, supported using digital technologies. The winner will have their work exhibited during the 2026 edition of the festival.



## Application

### 1.1 Eligibility

The submission of entries is open to all works exploring the relationship between art and technology, presented in the form of installation.

The competition is open to individuals, professionals, companies, educational or training entities, public entities, and nonprofit organizations, residing in Portugal and abroad.

Entries must be for work produced between 2023 and 2026.

Applications from former award winners, members of the Festival Semibreve organization, Edigma employees, and the Jury Committee will not be considered for evaluation.

### 1.2 Application deadline

The application period starts on March 23, 2026, and ends on June 28, 2026, at 23:59 GMT. All applicants will be notified of the jury's decision in early September 2026.

The application form and rules are accessible at [www.festivalsemibreve.com/en/award](http://www.festivalsemibreve.com/en/award)

### 1.3 Submission of projects

Participants should submit an application for each work and may present more than one proposal.

Applications must be submitted as follows:

- Register online by completing the application form at [www.festivalsemibreve.com/en/award](http://www.festivalsemibreve.com/en/award)
- The application form must be submitted in English.
- Media should be submitted through a link (full URL), such as a video-sharing platform like YouTube or Vimeo. Submitted media should serve as a concept presentation of the work. Submissions should not exceed 4 minutes. A floor plan of the installation is encouraged but not required. If the content is password-protected, provide the access password on the application form.

Ensure all mandatory form fields are filled; otherwise, the application will not be accepted.

All data submitted by the proponents is confidential and will only be used for evaluation purposes.

### 1.4 Further questions

Any questions about the proposals, the evaluation procedures or other award-related subjects, may be posted through the contact section at [www.festivalsemibreve.com/en/award](http://www.festivalsemibreve.com/en/award) or via e-mail: [award@festivalsemibreve.com](mailto:award@festivalsemibreve.com).



### 2.1 Evaluation of applications

The jury will comprise representatives from the Semibreve Festival organization, Edigma, MUZEU – Pensamento e Arte Contemporânea dst and an invited person of recognized standing, prestige, and merit within the media art field.

**The jury members will abstain from evaluating submissions from individuals or entities with whom they have a personal or professional relationship.**

The jury shall operate with complete independence and make decisions in a sovereign manner, requiring a majority vote of its members.

Throughout the evaluation process, authors may be contacted for additional information on their projects.

The jury reserves the right to withhold the award if the project quality is unsatisfactory.

There will be one winner, but the jury may give honorable mentions.

### 2.2 Final provisions

The Festival Semibreve organization, the promoter of the Semibreve Award, guarantees confidentiality for all information provided during the application process and evaluation of projects.

The Festival Semibreve organization will not be responsible for any loss or damage whatsoever caused by the transportation or shipment of the works to and from the Festival.

The Festival Semibreve organization reserves the right to reject submissions that do not meet the conditions outlined in this regulation or are deemed to have a particularly challenging or complex setup for exhibition within the festival premises.

The Semibreve festival organization retains the right to display accepted submissions, as well as photographs, sound recordings, and videos of accepted submissions, both online and offline. These displays may be used to promote the Award, the Festival, and its Organization.



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## Award

## 3.1 Prize

The Semibreve Award winner will be granted 3500 Euros (three thousand and five hundred euros), plus lodging for up to 2 people during the installation and exhibition period (half board), all supported by the award sponsor Edigma.

The submitted works with honorable mentions can be presented during the festival.

## 3.2 Obligations

The Semibreve Award winner will exhibit the work at **MUZEU – Pensamento e Arte Contemporânea dst**, in a room of **40m<sup>2</sup>** (approximately 6m in width and 6.6m in length). The setup period will take place between **20 and 21 of October 2026**, and the installation will be on display from **22 of October until the 25th of November 2026**.

The author is responsible for their own cost of **initial travel**, transportation, and installation of the work to the Festival Semibreve, including fulfillment of the tech rider.

**MUZEU will be responsible for arranging flight and accommodation for up to 2 people to disassemble the piece during the 26th and 27th of November 2026.**

The author should provide detailed instructions for setup and removal of the installation.

The author of the awarded submission will be contacted during the month of July to make provisions for the installation of the work.

The winner must provide all legally required documents in order to receive payments. This includes valid invoices and official documents to avoid double taxation.

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## Jury Decision Publication

The winner of the Semibreve Award 2026 will be notified in July 2026.

The final decision will be publicly announced in September 2026. The winner is not authorized to publicly disclose the result before the official announcement by the organization.

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## Amendments to the Rules

This document may be freely changed, particularly with regard to any provision of this Regulation, time and date of the event, by decision of the Festival Semibreve, which will give prior public notice of these changes by the means it deems appropriate.

Submitting an application for the Semibreve Award implies acceptance of the rules outlined in this document.

