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Note: In this entire document, the word “free” must be read as in “freedom” and not as in “no price”.

General concept

ETHIC CINEMA is a film production concept with its main goal being to define a way of making cinematographic artwork, that is ethical and beneficial to everyone. In order to make it possible, this concept defines 3 essential rules :

1 – **Create** : A film labeled "ETHIC CINEMA" is mainly made with free technologies. Proprietary technology may be used when the creative team has some specific need for it and no free equivalence exists. In this case, you should refer to the second rule.

2 – **Contribute** : A production labeled "ETHIC CINEMA" technically and/or financially supports the creation or development of one or more free technologies.

3 – **Share** : Any creation and development within an "ETHIC CINEMA" project is released under a free license and belongs to the general public.

Our philosophy

ETHIC CINEMA was born from our philosophy concerning free distribution and free sharing of knowledge and creativity.

We believe that Creativity, in general, is jailed by copyrights and restrictive access to creative resources.

Releasing its creativity is not just about making some great artwork or some great inventions.

What about if this creativity doesn't benefit everyone? What about if this creativity is selective and discriminating in some way? Imagine the knowledge around a great invention being kept secret for the sake of one personal profit?

Releasing its creativity is also about sharing. Sharing with no conditions. It is about sharing the knowledge behind it, to make it live and to make it be improved.

We don't own our creativity. Everything we create is just an expression, at different levels, of one global creativity. We are inspired and we inspire. This creativity can be seen as a global energy that flows through all of us. It makes us learn and evolve.

We are all guarantor of this global creativity, as well as of our own evolution and we must not break it.

Instead of making a world of creative competition restricting our harmony and natural evolution, what about releasing all our knowledge to the public place and letting anyone share it, improve it for one common interest?

This philosophy may sound silly and very Utopian but the creation of the Copyleft license, that initiated a, still growing, world of free software and free technology design has shown us that this way of being creative while sharing is possible and can even have its place within our current western economical system.

How is this possible?

This vision of an ethical production and free distribution is based on a collaborative business model very much inspired from existing and successful business models in the world of free software. In this time of digital technologies, the world of film production is almost always dependent to the world of software production.

This kind of business model is usually driven by the people's interest. This interest being in the quality of the creative work instead of the financial profits. The people is, therefore, the main financial investor in the project. In return, any creative work is made public for anyone to be able to freely use, study, share and improve this work, without any restrictions.

ETHIC CINEMA is the opposite of a competitive concept. The more independent productions, the more shared creations, the more mutual help, and the more beneficial the concept is to other productions.

The public is also directly benefiting from this mutual help as the projects goals will totally ignore financial profits to focus only on quality.

To make it possible, the ETHIC CINEMA concept is defined by 3 rules.

Create

Creative tools in an ETHIC CINEMA production should be based on free/libre technologies when possible.

Proprietary technology may be used when the creative team has some specific need for it and no free equivalence exists.

If a film is made with digital technologies, free/libre formats of any kind, should be used.

The computers used by the production team should be running a free/libre operating system and free/libre software.

Contribute

This free technology is the essence of what makes creative expression accessible to anyone. Using it and improving it is essential in this concept. This rule helps creating a collaborative harmony between different film productions.

In that regard, an ETHIC CINEMA production must also technically and/or financially support the creation or development of one or more free technologies.

Share

An ETHIC CINEMA production is financed by its supporters. In return, the creative work that takes place during the production of the film must be given back to the public.

Any development or creation made during the making of the film has to be made available to everyone through a free license. This license defines these creations as a public belonging. It also protects the people's rights to freely use, study, share and improve the creations without any restrictions.

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