

NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL FILM AWARDS

FINALISTS & WINNERS - OCTOBER 2023

BEST FEATURE FILM	BEST SHORT FILM
Vindication Swim Director Elliott Hasler (WINNER) <i>Through life and death Director Qing Chang</i>	Buddy Love Director Kiefer O'Reilly (WINNER) <i>The Audition Director David Wenzel</i> <i>An Early Autumn Day Director Hangyu Zhou</i> <i>Egaliter Director Orhan Burak Acar</i> <i>Knightlights & Teddy Bears Director Mackenzie K. Wertman</i> <i>Cici's Sonata Director Brandon T. Bailey</i> <i>Teyo Director Kevin Gaddi</i> <i>Swindle Director Zach Koepp</i> <i>Forsworn Director Courtney Wagner</i>
BEST UNDER 5 MINUTE FILM	BEST INDIE FEATURE
Evil Weeds Directors Cristina Merino, Mahi García, Ricard Molist, Aleix Arazo, Sandra Martos, Dídac Pardo, Eugenio Cuesta, Sergi Vizcaino (WINNER) <i>How to Fix Grief Directors Alessio Romano, Tatiana Pandiani</i> <i>Premium Seating Submitter Jackie Shijie Xing</i> <i>Stranger Director Isabella Vizetta</i>	Misfit Director Abhinav Singh (WINNER)
BEST INDIE SHORT	BEST SERIES PILOT
Swindle Director Zach Koepp (WINNER) <i>Death & Sandwiches Director Andre M Zucker</i> <i>The Voice Behind The Story Director Paolo Pagliacolo</i> <i>Egaliter Director Orhan Burak Acar</i> <i>Barefoot Director Kasey Orthmann</i> <i>Cici's Sonata Director Brandon T. Bailey</i> <i>The Other Shore Director Hu Pan</i>	This Again? Pilot Episode Director Patrick Burke (WINNER)
BEST ANIMATION	BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE
(Michael Mendzef) Indiana Jones and the Treasure of the Aztecs Director Kevin M Croxton (WINNER) <i>Mito Director Steve West</i>	The color of slavery Director Patrick Baucelin (WINNER) <i>Covid-19 Era Director Qing Li</i> <i>Birds in cage Director Yuanze Hu</i>
BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT	BEST STUDENT FILM
I am Kanaka Director Genevieve Sulway (WINNER) <i>Raft Paddler Director Chongshan Bai</i> <i>Finding Frogman Director Lauren Connolly</i>	An Early Autumn Day Director Hangyu Zhou (WINNER) <i>The After Director Salvador Angelo Gonzalez</i> <i>Dollhouse Director Bailey Jules Pack</i> <i>Buddy Love Director Kiefer O'Reilly</i> <i>Torrent Director Aidan Kiyashka</i> <i>Nan Nan Director Jiayi Yan</i> <i>Special Makeup Artist Director Wenxin Lin</i> <i>The Key Director Haiwei Sun</i>

BEST SILENT FILM	BEST EXPERIMENTAL FILM
Wiedergeburt Director Diane Degry (WINNER)	Cici's Sonata Director Brandon T. Bailey (WINNER) <i>My Digital Truth</i> Director Swen Werner
BEST AI FILM	BEST MUSIC VIDEO
Eximium Cor - Verdant 9 Director John Kalning (WINNER)	ego (Ava Della Pietra - official music video) Director Adam Lukowski (WINNER) <i>MLFY</i> Director Goulwen Courtaux <i>French Film</i> Director Dani N Thompson <i>You Are Not Alone</i> Director Kate Martelle <i>Getting Along</i> Directors Scott Dobson, Michael Phillip Wojewoda
BEST COMMERCIAL	BEST THRILLER FILM
Municipal Utilities Schweinfurt Director Matthias Waigand (WINNER)	Cici's Sonata Director Brandon T. Bailey (WINNER) <i>Swindle</i> Director Zach Koepp <i>Fraudulent Conversion</i> Directors Douglas Downing III, Anthony Ricciardi
BEST FANTASY FILM	BEST SCI-FI FILM
Forsworn Director Courtney Wagner (WINNER) <i>Sheltered from Time</i> Director Sadie Duarte	Dollhouse Director Bailey Jules Pack (WINNER)
BEST HORROR FILM	BEST ROMANCE FILM
I Thought About Killing You Director Giovanni Tirado (WINNER)	Above the Water Director Yuxiang Xie (WINNER)
BEST MUSICAL FILM	BEST FAN FILM
Letter from home/chengdujiashu Director Zhiyuan Tian (WINNER)	Indiana Jones and the Treasure of the Aztecs Director Kevin M Croxton (WINNER)
BEST LGBTQ FILM	BEST ETHNOGRAPHIC FILM
Above the Water Director Yuxiang Xie (WINNER) <i>Forsworn</i> Director Courtney Wagner	I am Kanaka Director Genevieve Sulway (WINNER)
BEST INSPIRATIONAL FILM	BEST SOCIAL JUSTICE FILM
I am Kanaka Director Genevieve Sulway (WINNER) <i>Unconditional</i> Director Molly Schenkenberger	The American Labyrinth Director Karmen A Smith (WINNER) <i>I am Kanaka</i> Director Genevieve Sulway

BEST DIRECTOR	BEST 1ST TIME DIRECTOR
Through life and death Director Qing Chang (WINNER - Feat.) Swindle Director Zach Koepp (WINNER - Short) <i>Egaliter Director Orhan Burak Acar</i> <i>Cici's Sonata Director Brandon T. Bailey</i> <i>Premium Seating Submitter Jackie Shijie Xing</i> <i>I am Kanaka Director Genevieve Sulway</i>	Vindication Swim Director Elliott Hasler (WINNER - Feature) Special Makeup Artist Director Wenxin Lin (WINNER - Short) <i>Knightlights & Teddy Bears Director Mackenzie K. Wertman</i> <i>Cici's Sonata Director Brandon T. Bailey</i> <i>First Refusal Director Courtney Sanello</i> <i>Haley Director Haley</i> <i>Puppet Show Director Yifan</i> <i>Nan Nan Director Jiayi Yan</i> <i>Finding Frogman Director Lauren Connolly</i> <i>Misfit Director Abhinav Singh</i>
BEST STUDENT DIRECTOR	BEST ART DIRECTOR
Dollhouse Director Bailey Jules Pack (WINNER) <i>Lollipop Director Boyu Zhang</i> <i>The Key Director Haiwei Sun</i>	(Emery Bergmann) Cici's Sonata Director Brandon T. Bailey (WINNER)
BEST PRODUCER	BEST 1ST TIME PRODUCER
(Team) Cici's Sonata Director Brandon T. Bailey (WINNER) <i>(Jen Krater) The Voice Behind The Story Director Paolo Pagliacolo</i> <i>Missing Gap Director Yang Siqian</i> <i>Knightlights & Teddy Bears Director Mackenzie K. Wertman</i> <i>(Lille Knudsen) Dollhouse Director Bailey Jules Pack</i> <i>(Genevieve Sulway) I am Kanaka Director Genevieve Sulway</i>	(Team) Cici's Sonata Director Brandon T. Bailey (WINNER)
BEST ACTOR	BEST ACTRESS
(Philip Schulte) Swindle Director Zach Koepp (WINNER) <i>(Iván Gisbert) Sheltered from Time Director Sadie Duarte</i>	(Sasha Bystrzhitskaya) Above the Water Director Yuxiang Xie (WINNER) <i>(Liana Zaino) Cici's Sonata Director Brandon T. Bailey</i> <i>(Briana Bender) The Voice Behind The Story Director Paolo Pagliacolo</i>
BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS	BEST ACTING ENSEMBLE
(Marisa Frankie) The Voice Behind The Story Director Paolo Pagliacolo (WINNER)	Indiana Jones and the Treasure of the Aztecs Director Kevin M Croxton (WINNER) <i>You Are Not Alone Director Kate Martelle</i>
BEST ACTING DUO	BEST ACTING DEBUT
(Piéra Forde, Sharnee Tones) Forsworn Director Courtney Wagner (WINNER) <i>(Philip Schulte, Brian Letscher) Swindle Director Zach Koepp</i>	(Shayna Safirstein) Cici's Sonata Director Brandon T. Bailey (WINNER) <i>(Rylie Kick) You Are Not Alone Director Kate Martelle</i>

BEST YOUNG ACTRESS	BEST VOICE OVER
<p>(Shayna Safirstein) Cici's Sonata Director Brandon T. Bailey (WINNER) <i>(Ana Laura) Symphony Directors Cristian Melo Felipe, Alisson Resende</i></p>	<p>(Cast) Cici's Sonata Director Brandon T. Bailey (WINNER)</p>
BEST STUNT PERFORMER	BEST COSTUMES
<p>(Cody Faber) Indiana Jones and the Treasure of the Aztecs Director Kevin M Croxton (WINNER)</p>	<p>(Abigail Freeman) Indiana Jones and the Treasure of the Aztecs Director Kevin M Croxton (WINNER)</p>
BEST VISUAL EFFECTS	BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY
<p>(Dan Reynolds) Indiana Jones and the Treasure of the Aztecs Director Kevin M Croxton (WINNER) <i>(Zhiyuan Tian) Letter from home/chengdujiashu Director Zhiyuan Tian</i></p>	<p>(Rajan Maharajan) Misfit Director Abhinav Singh (WINNER) <i>(Clay Pruitt) Indiana Jones and the Treasure of the Aztecs Director Kevin M Croxton</i> <i>(Mike Doyle) Cici's Sonata Director Brandon T. Bailey</i> <i>(Josue A. Ortiz) Knightlights & Teddy Bears Director Mackenzie K. Wertman</i> <i>(Barret Schoenrock) Dollhouse Director Bailey Jules Pack</i> <i>(Marius Van Graan) I am Kanaka Director Genevieve Sulway</i></p>
BEST ORIGINAL PROP	BEST SOUNDTRACK
<p>(Casey Corley) Indiana Jones and the Treasure of the Aztecs Director Kevin M Croxton (WINNER)</p>	<p>(Edward B. Kessel) Cici's Sonata Director Brandon T. Bailey (WINNER) <i>(Kevin M Croxton) Indiana Jones and the Treasure of the Aztecs Director Kevin M Croxton</i></p>
BEST SOUND DESIGN	BEST DRONE VIDEO
<p>(Street Sound Melbourne) I am Kanaka Director Genevieve Sulway (WINNER) <i>(David Amlen) Cici's Sonata Director Brandon T. Bailey</i></p>	<p>Finding Frogman Director Lauren Connolly (WINNER)</p>
BEST FIGHT CHOREOGRAPHY	BEST DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY
<p>(Vic Armstrong) Indiana Jones and the Treasure of the Aztecs Director Kevin M Croxton (WINNER)</p>	<p>(Kate Martelle) You Are Not Alone Director Kate Martelle (WINNER) <i>(Brandon T. Bailey, Heather Hunt, Nicole DiGiovanni) Cici's Sonata Director Brandon T. Bailey</i> <i>(Xin Jiang) Echo Director Xin Jiang</i></p>
BEST EDITING	BEST SCREENPLAY
<p>(Samantha Dunlap) Knightlights & Teddy Bears Director Mackenzie K. Wertman (WINNER) <i>(Brandon T. Bailey) Cici's Sonata Director Brandon T. Bailey</i></p>	<p>(Qing Chang) Through life and death Director Qing Chang (WINNER)</p>

BEST ORIGINAL STORY	BEST POSTER
(Andrew Widman) Dollhouse Director Bailey Jules Pack (WINNER) <i>(Yuxiang Xie) Above the Water Director Yuxiang Xie</i>	(Ludo Rodriguez-Pascal) Indiana Jones and the Treasure of the Aztecs Director Kevin M Croxton (WINNER)
BEST FEATURE SCRIPT	BEST SERIES PILOT SCRIPT
The Collapse Writer Robert Espericueta (WINNER)	Nosebleeds Submitter Nick Hull (WINNER)
BEST SHORT SCRIPT	BEST ACTION SCRIPT
The Aedema Writer Oliver Thomas (WINNER) <i>Hidden Writers Nicole Braeger, Todd Lien</i> <i>Equal Distribution Writer David Seader</i>	Psycho Killers Writer Johnny Galvan 3 (WINNER) <i>The Vagrant Writers Frank P. Mancuso, Christopher J Adams</i>
BEST WAR SCRIPT	BEST LGBTQ SCRIPT
Heimrich Farm Writers Charlie Finesilver, Greg Paxton (WINNER)	The Light Under The Door Writer Robert LoBianco (WINNER)
BEST INSPIRATIONAL SCRIPT	BEST 1ST TIME SCREENWRITER
Il Bel Tenore Writer Peter Hurwitz (WINNER)	Dreams of My Mother Writer Marcus Smith (WINNER - Feat.) <i>Hidden Writers Nicole Braeger, Todd Lien (WINNER - Short)</i>
GRAND JURY AWARDS	HONORABLE MENTIONS
<p>Knightlights & Teddy Bears Director Mackenzie K. Wertman (Producer)</p> <p>(Briana Bender) The Voice Behind The Story Director Paolo Pagliacolo (Actress)</p> <p>How to Fix Grief Directors Alessio Romano, Tatiana Pandiani (Under 5 Minute Film)</p> <p>Egaliter Director Orhan Burak Acar (Director – Short)</p> <p>Cici's Sonata Director Brandon T. Bailey (1st time Director - Short)</p> <p>Sheltered from Time Director Sadie Duarte (Fantasy Film)</p>	<p>(Josue A. Ortiz) Knightlights & Teddy Bears Director Mackenzie K. Wertman (Cinematography)</p> <p>The Vagrant Writers Frank P. Mancuso, Christopher J Adams (Action Script)</p> <p>Egaliter Director Orhan Burak Acar (Indie Short)</p> <p>Premium Seating Submitter Jackie Shijie Xing (Under 5 Minute Film)</p> <p>You Are Not Alone Director Kate Martelle (Ensemble)</p> <p>Nan Nan Director Jiayi Yan (Best 1st Time Director – Short)</p> <p>The Key Director Haiwei Sun (Student Director – Short)</p> <p>Finding Frogman Director Lauren Connolly (Doc Short)</p>