

NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL FILM AWARDS

FINALISTS & WINNERS - MARCH 2024

BEST FEATURE FILM

Two Flags Director Austin Li (WINNER)
Walk Silent Director Miguel Lopez de Leon

BEST SHORT FILM

Pepper Chicken and Tostones Combination Director Javier Java Santiago (WINNER)
Shadow Director Jae Won Jung
Troy's Story Director Joseph Henderson
Peabrain Director Steve Blackwood
The Feeling Part Director Jesse Lowell Anholt

BEST UNDER 5 MINUTE FILM

No time Director Engin Altintas (WINNER)
Mushroom's Quest Director Dave Johnson

BEST INDIE FEATURE

Rock Creek Express Director Elijah Gordon Young (WINNER)

BEST INDIE SHORT

Gray Land Director Tyler Milliron (WINNER)
Troy's Story Director Joseph Henderson
Tinig ng Tahimik Director Jan Karl Sambrana
Open House at Floralville's Orphanage Director Leah Liu
Pepper Chicken and Tostones Combination Director Javier Java Santiago
The Parting Glass Directors Matthew Buckley, Cian Fitzsimons
Hiroshima Director Hashem Al-Ghaili
Perfect Woman Director Miracle Blaise

BEST SERIES PILOT

Lost In Love Director Tiffani Matthews (WINNER)
The Voice Inside: "The Graduation Dilemma" Director Gena Sims

BEST WEB-SERIES

The Gliwensbourg Chronicles Director Emilie Tommasi (WINNER)

BEST ANIMATION

Return of the Jungle Director Vaibhav Kumaresh (WINNER)
Seed Director Mark Molnar

BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE

Defenders of Democracy: The Thin Blue Line Directors Jumoke Davis, Kara Elyse (WINNER)
I don't have my home anymore... Directors Katrine Moite, Victoria Makarevich
Darwin Plateau: Death Valley Adventure 4 Director Steve Hall

BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT

Against All Odds: Sidney Jones IV Director Aaron Chapman (WINNER)
Skin Hunger Director Jamie Diamond
The Social Ethics Behind Architecture Director Yifang Yao
The Tuskegee Airmen Director Uli Futschik
Aqui Estoy Director Damisio Isavarre

| BEST STUDENT FILM | BEST SILENT FILM |
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| <p>On the bridge Director Wen Rui Tang (WINNER) <i>Hikikomori Director Benjamin Steinberg</i> <i>ErrorDrop Director Wesley James Trisnadi</i> <i>My Best Friends Director Fangzhou Lu</i> <i>Aquaflatter Director Qian Mu</i></p> | <p>The Silent Treatment Director Steven Lancefield (WINNER) <i>Killer Remorse Director Miguel Lopez de Leon</i></p> |
| BEST EXPERIMENTAL FILM | BEST AI FILM |
| <p>Somnus Directors Josh McCausland, Glen Kwon (WINNER) <i>Annihilation Director Alberto Martín-Aragón</i></p> | <p>Fiasco Directors RatatouAI, Samarieta.flare, AiXenia (WINNER) <i>Monster Island Director Orlando Mendes</i></p> |
| BEST MUSIC VIDEO | BEST TRAILER |
| <p>Little Big - It Happens Directors Alina Pasok, Iliya Prusikin (WINNER) <i>Somnus Directors Josh McCausland, Glen Kwon</i> <i>Symphonic Fantasy : Cine Concert with Animation and Orchestral Magic Directors Susan Mey Lee Lim, Samudra Kajal Saikia, Christina Teenz Tan</i> <i>How To Escape A Cult Director Christian Antonio Salinas</i></p> | <p>Gotterdammerung Investment Director Phil Ramcke (WINNER) <i>Pepper Chicken and Tostones Combination Director Javier Java Santiago</i></p> |
| BEST COMMERCIAL | BEST ADVENTURE FILM |
| <p>Begin Again Director Rachel Hunter (WINNER)</p> | <p>Darwin Plateau: Death Valley Adventure 4 Director Steve Hall (WINNER)</p> |
| BEST ACTION FILM | BEST THRILLER FILM |
| <p>SDI: Secret Department of Intervention Directors Sébastien Baccala, Thomas Khawam (WINNER)</p> | <p>The Last Target Director Ruben Rodas (WINNER) <i>Walk Silent Director Miguel Lopez de Leon</i></p> |
| BEST SCI-FI FILM | BEST DRAMA FILM |
| <p>Walk Silent Director Miguel Lopez de Leon (WINNER)</p> | <p>Jackknife Director Adam Jack (WINNER) <i>No time Director Engin Altintas</i> <i>Killer Remorse Director Miguel Lopez de Leon</i> <i>Walk Silent Director Miguel Lopez de Leon</i> <i>The Captive Director Alexander Ku</i></p> |
| BEST NOIR FILM | BEST MUSICAL FILM |
| <p>Serov Director Ian H Melamed (WINNER) <i>Walk Silent Director Miguel Lopez de Leon</i></p> | <p>Riding out the storm Director Bruce Alan Johnson (WINNER) <i>Symphonic Fantasy : Cine Concert with Animation and Orchestral Magic Directors Susan Mey Lee Lim, Samudra Kajal Saikia, Christina Teenz Tan</i> <i>Gray Land Director Tyler Milliron</i> <i>Homeless Kwon Jenny Director Yoojung Hwang</i></p> |

| BEST LGBTQ FILM | BEST NATURE FILM |
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| <p>In the closet Director Varakunan Panchalingam (WINNER) <i>The Captive Director Alexander Ku</i></p> | <p>Darwin Plateau: Death Valley Adventure 4 Director Steve Hall (WINNER) <i>Catapults to Cameras Director Ashwika Kapur</i></p> |
| BEST INSPIRATIONAL FILM | BEST SOCIAL JUSTICE FILM |
| <p>Catapults to Cameras Director Ashwika Kapur for Roundglass Sustain (WINNER) <i>Troy's Story Director Joseph Henderson</i></p> | <p>The Tuskegee Airmen Director Uli Futschik (WINNER) <i>The Silent Treatment Director Steven Lancefield</i></p> |
| BEST DIRECTOR | BEST 1ST TIME DIRECTOR |
| <p>Pepper Chicken and Tostones Combination Director Javier Java Santiago (WINNER) <i>Shadow Director Jae Won Jung</i> <i>The Silent Treatment Director Steven Lancefield</i></p> | <p>Song of Earthroot Directors Joshua Anthony Pei, Aaron Hwang (WINNER - Feature) Pepper Chicken and Tostones Combination Director Javier Java Santiago (WINNER - Short) <i>Troy's Story Director Joseph Henderson</i></p> |
| BEST STUDENT DIRECTOR | BEST PRODUCER |
| <p>Double Vision Director Ziyang Zhou (WINNER)</p> | <p>(Joseph Henderson) Troy's Story Director Joseph Henderson (WINNER)</p> |
| BEST ACTOR | BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR |
| <p>(Dominique Marsell) Troy's Story Director Joseph Henderson (WINNER) <i>(Varakunan Panchalingam) In the closet Director Varakunan Panchalingam</i> <i>(Shuming Lu Cen) Pepper Chicken and Tostones Combination Director Javier Java Santiago</i> <i>(Miguel Lopez de Leon) Walk Silent Director Miguel Lopez de Leon</i></p> | <p>(Adie Smith) The Silent Treatment Director Steven Lancefield (WINNER) <i>(Andrew Scott Miller) Troy's Story Director Joseph Henderson</i></p> |
| BEST ACTING ENSEMBLE | BEST ACTING DEBUT |
| <p>Pepper Chicken and Tostones Combination Director Javier Java Santiago (WINNER) <i>Troy's Story Director Joseph Henderson</i> <i>The Silent Treatment Director Steven Lancefield</i></p> | <p>(Logan Stanzione) 12 Steps to Recovery Director Ryan Watson (WINNER)</p> |
| BEST STUNT PERFORMER | BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY |
| <p>(Jimmy K Fung Yeev) Pepper Chicken and Tostones Combination Director Javier Java Santiago (WINNER)</p> | <p>(Glen Kwon, Josh McCausland) Somnus Directors Josh McCausland, Glen Kwon (WINNER) <i>(Desiree De Anda) Troy's Story Director Joseph Henderson</i></p> |

| BEST SOUNDTRACK | BEST SONG |
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| <p>(Douglas Heil) The Four Flames Submitter Douglas Heil (WINNER) <i>(Yuvaraj Chandran) In the closet Director Varakunan Panchalingam</i> <i>(Manu Martin) Symphonic Fantasy : Cine Concert with Animation and Orchestral Magic Directors Susan Mey Lee Lim, Samudra Kajal Saikia, Christina Teenz Tan</i> <i>(Patrick Rundblad) Troy's Story Director Joseph Henderson</i> <i>(Johanna Telander) Gray Land Director Tyler Milliron</i> <i>(Javier Java Santiago) Pepper Chicken and Tostones Combination</i> <i>Director Javier Java Santiago</i> <i>(Josh McCausland) Somnus Directors Josh McCausland, Glen Kwon</i> <i>(Ian Lancefield) The Silent Treatment Director Steven Lancefield</i> <i>(Christel Veraart) Merope Director Juan Carlos Zaldivar</i> <i>(Tiago Nugent) Hiroshima Director Hashem Al-Ghaili</i></p> | <p>(Manu Martin) Symphonic Fantasy : Cine Concert with Animation and Orchestral Magic Directors Susan Mey Lee Lim, Samudra Kajal Saikia, Christina Teenz Tan (WINNER)</p> |
| BEST SOUND DESIGN | BEST FIGHT CHOREOGRAPHY |
| <p>(Jose A. Ibanez Reynes) Pepper Chicken and Tostones Combination Director Javier Java Santiago (WINNER)</p> | <p>SDI: Secret Department of Intervention Directors Sébastien Baccala, Thomas Khawam (WINNER) <i>(Javier Java Santiago) Pepper Chicken and Tostones Combination</i> <i>Director Javier Java Santiago</i></p> |
| BEST DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY | BEST EDITING |
| <p>(Jodan Pelliteri) Merope Director Juan Carlos Zaldivar (WINNER)</p> | <p>(Nancy Hamilton) Troy's Story Director Joseph Henderson (WINNER) <i>(Javier Java Santiago) Pepper Chicken and Tostones Combination</i> <i>Director Javier Java Santiago</i> <i>(Yintao Gong, Xingyu Chen) Flatulence: The Origin Director Xingyu Chen</i></p> |
| BEST SCREENPLAY | BEST ORIGINAL STORY |
| <p>(Keith Large) The Silent Treatment Director Steven Lancefield (WINNER)</p> | <p>(Joseph Henderson) Troy's Story Director Joseph Henderson (WINNER) <i>(Keith Large) The Silent Treatment Director Steven Lancefield</i></p> |
| BEST SERIES PILOT SCRIPT | BEST SHORT SCRIPT |
| <p>Whiskey Ambitions Writer Benjamin Neuberger (WINNER) <i>Bluegrass Writer Kyle Robert Clayton</i></p> | <p>Stick Shift Writer Ross A Barron (WINNER) <i>Tell Me About Me Writer Benjamin Zemena Hinamanu</i></p> |

| BEST DARK COMEDY SCRIPT | BEST ACTION SCRIPT |
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| <p>TV Station Writer Mehmet Atamen (WINNER)</p> | <p>S.T.A.N.E. Writer Frank P. Mancuso (WINNER)</p> |
| BEST THRILLER SCRIPT | BEST DRAMA SCRIPT |
| <p>The Amber room Writer Lazar Karov (WINNER)</p> | <p>Kids Today Writer Melanie R Weiss (WINNER)</p> |
| BEST MUSICAL SCRIPT | BEST 1ST TIME SCREENWRITER |
| <p>The Four Flames Writers Diane Vlajcic Heil, Douglas Heil (WINNER)</p> | <p>Shadowbox Writer Joslyn Rose Lyons (WINNER)</p> |
| GRAND JURY AWARDS | HONORABLE MENTIONS |
| <p>Troy's Story Director Joseph Henderson (Inspirational Film)</p> <p>Shadow Director Jae Won Jung (Director – Short)</p> <p>Monster Island Director Orlando Mendes (AI Film)</p> <p>(Manu Martin) Symphonic Fantasy : Cine Concert with Animation and Orchestral Magic Directors Susan Mey Lee Lim, Samudra Kajal Saikia, Christina Teenz Tan (Soundtrack)</p> <p>Open House at Floralville's Orphanage Director Leah Liu (Indie Short)</p> | <p>(Varakunan Panchalingam) In the closet Director Varakunan Panchalingam (Actor)</p> <p>Troy's Story Director Joseph Henderson (1st Time Director – Short)</p> <p>Bluegrass Writer Kyle Robert Clayton (Series Pilot Script)</p> <p>Gray Land Director Tyler Milliron (Musical Film)</p> <p>The Silent Treatment Director Steven Lancefield (Social Justice Film)</p> <p>Killer Remorse Director Miguel Lopez de Leon (Silent Film)</p> <p>(Tiago Nugent) Hiroshima Director Hashem Al-Ghaili (Soundtrack)</p> <p>Catapults to Cameras Director Ashwika Kapur for Roundglass Sustain (Nature Film)</p> <p>Walk Silent Director Miguel Lopez de Leon (Noir Film)</p> <p>Annihilation Director Alberto Martín-Aragón (Experimental Film)</p> <p>The Captive Director Alexander Ku (Drama Film)</p> |