

# NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL FILM AWARDS

FINALISTS & WINNERS - JUNE 2024

## BEST FEATURE FILM

**Broken Innocence Director Chase Dudley  
(WINNER)**

## BEST SHORT FILM

**Death to Platitudes Director Øyvind Olav Sydow Kleiveland  
(WINNER)**

*Descendants Director Zirui Li*

*The Garden Of Eden Director Duane Michals*

*What Became of David Burkett? Director Duane Michals*

*One Small Step Director Brian Timoney*

*M Director Alexia Hartogensis*

*Is It Something I Said? Director Terry-Ann Judene Foster*

*Dark Chocolate Director Shihan Wang*

*Waiting for the Bell Ring Director Zekai Tian*

*Closed Gates Director Naresh Kumar Rajendran*

## BEST UNDER 5 MINUTE FILM

**Everyone deserves a future Director Igor Borghi (WINNER)**

*The Elevator Director Julie Goldstone*

*Missing You Director Ellen Lindsay*

*Someday, Maybe Director Nick Lloyd*

*Le Charade Director Erika Totoro*

## BEST INDIE FEATURE

**Something About You Director Alastair Coughlan (WINNER)**

## BEST INDIE SHORT

**Descendants Director Zirui Li (WINNER)**

*The Guardian Director Xiaojie Shen*

*Sycle Director Abraham Kim*

*Method Man Director Pat Bradley*

*The Collector Director Nikhail Asnani*

*Handle with Care Director Oisin Ramone Queally*

*Closed Gates Director Naresh Kumar Rajendran*

## BEST ANIMATION

**The Red Heel Director Elena Katherine Serenko (WINNER)**

*The Catch Director Martin Bastian*

## BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE

**Max Corvo For Freedom The secret war of OSS in Italy 1943-1945 Director Ezio Costanzo (WINNER)**

*Same Page Director Emanuel Ramirez*

*Spray & Tell: a Swiss perspective Director Sebastian Andrei*

*Mary, Queen of Scots Director Peter Smith*

## BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT

**The Drum Song of the Hani Directors Daoyuan Chi, Yaran Zhou  
(WINNER)**

*Descendants Director Zirui Li*

*Fighting Back Director Xiaoying Su*

*Diabolo Tamer Director Keenan Gray*

*Timeless Radiance: Aging with Grace Director Ho-Feng Shih*

*Beyond Home Director Vugar Tahirov*

BEST STUDENT FILM	BEST SILENT FILM
<p><b>Jaglion Director Yiding Wang (WINNER)</b>  <i>Descendants Director Zirui Li</i>  <i>The Drum Song of the Hani Directors Daoyuan Chi, Yaran Zhou</i>  <i>Uninvited Director Tati Golykh</i>  <i>Good Enough Director Sabrina Zoe Geffner</i>  <i>Illusion Director Sopho Berishvili</i>  <i>Dogleg Director Barret Schoenrock</i>  <i>Lone Rider Director Jenna Shen</i>  <i>Pidou Director Man Su</i>  <i>Let Me Leave Director Alexia Haick</i>  <i>One Bullet, On A Blade Director Yuyan Zhou</i>  <i>Life Is Beautiful Director Aaron Gonzalez</i>  <i>Journey On Submitter Yu Shen</i>  <i>Hueful Directors Logan Marber, Jordan-Paige Sudduth</i></p>	<p><b>Let Me Leave Director Alexia Haick (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST EXPERIMENTAL FILM	BEST AI FILM
<p><b>Twin Flame Director Sunitra Sivabalan (WINNER)</b>  <i>Feral Creature Director Lara Orhon</i>  <i>Ennui Director Alberto Martín-Aragón</i></p>	<p><b>Eternal Waves Director Han Oh (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST MUSIC VIDEO	BEST COMEDY FILM
<p><b>Red Clay Strays “Wanna Be Loved” Director Kimberly Stuckwisch (WINNER)</b>  <i>Alow Director Tanja Bombach</i>  <i>Heaven Director Masha Shalagina</i></p>	<p><b>X-Mas Anonymous Director Sammy Smedley (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST THRILLER FILM	BEST SCI-FI FILM
<p><b>Hyde Out Director Matthew Cichella (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>Oculus Director Wilfred La Salle (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST DRAMA FILM	BEST DETECTIVE FILM
<p><b>Closed Gates Director Naresh Kumar Rajendran (WINNER)</b>  <i>Process in Life Director Cristian Felipe Melo</i></p>	<p><b>Rouge Director Nicholas Jackson (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST PARODY FILM	BEST ETHNOGRAPHIC FILM
<p><b>X-Mas Anonymous Director Sammy Smedley (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>The Drum Song of the Hani Directors Daoyuan Chi, Yaran Zhou (WINNER)</b></p>

BEST INSPIRATIONAL FILM	BEST SPORT FILM
<p><b>Closed Gates Director Naresh Kumar Rajendran (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>Dogleg Director Barret Schoenrock (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST DIRECTOR	BEST 1ST TIME DIRECTOR
<p><b>Hyde Out Director Matthew Cichella (WINNER - Feature)</b>  <b>Dark Chocolate Director Shihan Wang (WINNER - Short)</b>  <i>Everyone deserves a future Director Igor Borghi</i>  <i>Closed Gates Director Naresh Kumar Rajendran</i></p>	<p><b>Same Page Director Emanuel Ramirez (WINNER - Feature)</b>  <b>Dogleg Director Barret Schoenrock (WINNER - Short)</b>  <i>TimeBank The Game - The Record of an Experiment Director Amy Cheung</i>  <i>Descendants Director Zirui Li</i>  <i>The Exiles Director Chris Jamerson</i>  <i>Seeds Director Matthew Matthias</i>  <i>Someday, Maybe Director Nick Lloyd</i>  <i>Pidou Director Man Su</i>  <i>One Small Step Director Brian Timoney</i>  <i>Sunk Town Directors Luoxi Wang, Shi Tang, Yanran Cai</i>  <i>Closed Gates Director Naresh Kumar Rajendran</i></p>
BEST STUDENT DIRECTOR	BEST PRODUCER
<p><b>Feral Creature Director Lara Orhon (WINNER)</b>  <i>The Drum Song of the Hani Directors Daoyuan Chi, Yaran Zhou</i>  <i>The Monkey's Paw Director Benjamin Popkin</i>  <i>Dogleg Director Barret Schoenrock</i>  <i>Jaglion Director Yiding Wang</i>  <i>Missing the Trailers Director Max Walters</i>  <i>While We've Still Got Feet Director Eliot S Kimball</i></p>	<p><b>(Nithya Priya Selvaraj) Closed Gates Director Naresh Kumar Rajendran (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST 1ST TIME PRODUCER	BEST ACTOR
<p><b>(Tristan Schetzel) Dogleg Director Barret Schoenrock (WINNER)</b>  <b>(Nithya Priya Selvaraj) Closed Gates Director Naresh Kumar Rajendran</b></p>	<p><b>(Zongsheng Liu) The Land of Nowhere Director Tenglin Peng (WINNER)</b>  <i>(Isaac Akers) Dogleg Director Barret Schoenrock</i>  <i>(Alastair Coughlan) Something About You Director Alastair Coughlan</i>  <i>(Paulo Marotta) Process in Life Director Cristian Felipe Melo</i>  <i>(Rory Knox) Dashcam Director Rory Knox</i></p>
BEST ACTRESS	BEST ACTING ENSEMBLE
<p><b>(Suzanne Ocean) One Small Step Director Brian Timoney (WINNER)</b>  <i>(Arianna Lexus) Hyde Out Director Matthew Cichella</i></p>	<p><b>X-Mas Anonymous Director Sammy Smedley (WINNER)</b></p>

BEST MONOLOGUE	BEST CHILD ACTOR
<b>(Brian Reilly)X-Mas Anonymous Director Sammy Smedley (WINNER)</b>	<b>(Raju) Closed Gates Director Naresh Kumar Rajendran (WINNER)</b>
BEST CHILD ACTRESS	BEST COSTUMES
<b>(June Clark) Dogleg Director Barret Schoenrock (WINNER)</b> <i>(Lila Van Frachen) Safety Patrol Director Nell Geer</i>	<b>(Yuwei Hu) Gungnir Director Leomax He (WINNER)</b>
BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY	BEST SOUNDTRACK
<b>The Drum Song of the Hani Directors Daoyuan Chi, Yaran Zhou (WINNER)</b>	<b>(Chris Jamerson, Ariyah Jamerson) The Exiles Director Chris Jamerson (WINNER)</b> <i>(Stefani Di Perna) Death to Platitudes Director Øyvind Olav Sydow Kleiveland</i>
BEST SONG	BEST SOUND DESIGN
<b>(Christina Mani) Crescent Heights Director Yiannis Margetousakis (WINNER)</b> <i>(Praja Anand Vk) Closed Gates Director Naresh Kumar Rajendran</i>	<b>(Zachary Sutton) Dogleg Director Barret Schoenrock (WINNER)</b> <i>(Josiah Cuneo) The Garden Of Eden Director Duane Michals</i>
BEST DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY	BEST EDITING
<b>(Yang Yiying) Find Director Yang Yiying (WINNER)</b> <i>Pace of Cake Director Shi Shen</i> <i>(Kostis Tsiamangas) Crescent Heights Director Yiannis Margetousakis</i>	<b>(Man Su) Pidou Director Man Su (WINNER)</b> <i>(Jackson Barnes) Life Is Beautiful Director Aaron Gonzalez</i>
BEST FEATURE SCRIPT	BEST SERIES PILOT SCRIPT
<b>Hi Jack Writer Yuhe Chen (WINNER)</b>	<b>The Age of the Empath Writer Steve Brown (WINNER)</b> <i>Red Light Blue Light Writer Diana Robertson Bond</i>
BEST THRILLER SCRIPT	BEST DETECTIVE SCRIPT
<b>The Rage of Silence Writer Rocky J. Parra (WINNER)</b>	<b>The Widow of Summit Springs Writer Susan Sweeney (WINNER)</b>
BEST 1ST TIME SCREENWRITER	
<b>Defining Moment Writer Sarantis Raftopoulos (WINNER)</b> <i>Más o Menos Writer J.M. Vasquez</i>	

**GRAND JURY AWARDS**

**The Guardian Director Xiaojie Shen  
(Indie Short)**

**Good Enough Director Sabrina Zoe Geffner  
(Student Film)**

**(Josiah Cuneo) The Garden Of Eden Director Duane Michals  
(Sound Design)**

**Process in Life Director Cristian Felipe Melo  
(Drama Film)**

**HONORABLE MENTIONS**

**Descendants Director Zirui Li  
(1st time Director – Short)**

**One Small Step Director Brian Timoney  
(Short Film)**

**Someday, Maybe Director Nick Lloyd  
(Under 5 Min Film)**

**Pidou Director Man Su  
(Student Film)**

**Ennui Director Alberto Martín-Aragón  
(Experimental Film)**

**Red Light Blue Light Writer Diana Robertson Bond  
(Series Pilot Script)**

**Más o Menos Writer J.M. Vasquez  
(1st Time Screenwriter – Short)**

**Timeless Radiance: Aging with Grace Director Ho-Feng Shih  
(Doc Short)**

**(Jackson Barnes) Life Is Beautiful Director Aaron Gonzalez  
(Editing)**

**Closed Gates Director Naresh Kumar Rajendran  
(Director – Short)**