

# NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL FILM AWARDS

FINALISTS & WINNERS - DECEMBER 2024

## BEST FEATURE FILM

**Seek Director Shane Kosugi (WINNER)**

## BEST SHORT FILM

**Under Twisted Ground Director Jason Murgatroyd (WINNER)**  
*Baron Munchausen Director Ilya Noyabrev*  
*You are special Director Ilya Noyabrev*  
*Night Shift Director Pranav Bhojwani*  
*Acting Out Director Mellony Ledo*  
*Eating Fish Director Hao Zhang*  
*The Life and Loves of Allan Glickman Directors Stanley Katz, Eric Lau*  
*Sculpture Director Ramin Hosseinpour*

## BEST UNDER 5 MINUTE FILM

**Ci Director Jia Ling Shi (WINNER)**  
*Late Bloomer Directors Robert Murphy, Merrell M Molly*

## BEST INDIE FEATURE

**Seek Director Shane Kosugi (WINNER)**  
*Memori Director Abid Husain*

## BEST INDIE SHORT

**Blind Freedom Director Craig Wyhoon (WINNER)**  
*Astram Director Mahamkali Vinay Kumar*  
*Eating Fish Director Hao Zhang*  
*Gain's Legacy Director David Blume*

## BEST SERIES PILOT

**United Crafts of America Director Sergio Camacho (WINNER)**

## BEST WEB-SERIES

**From Buckingham Palace Director Randy Carter (WINNER)**

## BEST ANIMATION

**Staircase Stomp by The Clamor Director Aaron Louis (WINNER)**  
*Oh! My God Directors Ruchen Shang, I-wen Chen*

## BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE

**African American History and Hair-tage: The Struggle for Natural Expression Director Louise Dente (WINNER)**  
*Sergio Dondoli's Happy Life Director Jay Arnold*  
*Our monte Director Eliza Bahr*  
*State Organs Director Raymond Zhang*  
*Voices of the Unheard Director Rowland Bellamy Jordan*  
*Interpreting Erik Director Donald D'Haene*

## BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT

**Billy Director Pablo Damián Schiel (WINNER)**  
*Healing Director Ian Kirk*  
*Sculpture Director Ramin Hosseinpour*

BEST STUDENT FILM	BEST SILENT FILM
<p><b>Just 5 Minutes Director Maxwell Wang (WINNER)</b>  <i>Light in The Dark/Cahaya Dalam Gelap Directors Jaythan Sutrisno, David Tahir Setiawan, Dylan Gunadi</i>  <i>Finding Amber Dong Director Amber Dong</i>  <i>A Place To Stay Director Wang Ming Luo</i>  <i>Healing Director Ian Kirk</i>  <i>10mg Director Xun Cao</i>  <i>Acting Out Director Mellony Ledo</i>  <i>Up on the Roof Director Xiubin Quan</i>  <i>The New Immigrants - Hong Kongers Director Vivian Tsang</i></p>	<p><b>Hi Director Miguel Lopez de Leon (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST AI FILM	BEST MUSIC VIDEO
<p><b>Fracture Director Stephane Benini (WINNER)</b>  <i>Sanxingdui - Future Revelation Director Bona Film Aigms Production Center</i></p>	<p><b>Aku Yang Kini Director Bayu Poetra Ramadhan (WINNER)</b>  <i>Again Director Sophie Ong</i>  <i>Sky-Sky Director Ilya Noyabrev</i>  <i>Designed For Living Directors Charles DuMaurier, Miguel Cano</i>  <i>Until the last minute Director Ilya Noyabrev</i>  <i>Fantasia Director Dian Wang</i>  <i>Staircase Stomp by The Clamor Director Aaron Louis</i>  <i>Draw on My Jeans Director Daniel Maldonado</i></p>
BEST COMMERCIAL	BEST COMEDY FILM
<p><b>Skullcandy Soundlab Directors Mo Jennings, Ryan Marcus, Adam Deleeuw (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>Todd Harris's Guide on How to Prepare for the Apocalypse Director Byron Chang (WINNER)</b>  <i>Jake &amp; Pete's Christmas Special Director Luke Marley</i></p>
BEST ACTION FILM	BEST THRILLER FILM
<p><b>Seek Director Shane Kosugi (WINNER)</b>  <i>Night Shift Director Pranav Bhojwani</i></p>	<p><b>Hi Director Miguel Lopez de Leon (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST MYSTERY FILM	BEST SCI-FI FILM
<p><b>Found and Lost Director Boston Cain Scharwarth (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>In her skin Director Kazım Mutlu (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST HORROR FILM	BEST DRAMA FILM
<p><b>Decay Director Justin Curtiss (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>Memori Director Abid Husain (WINNER)</b>  <i>Hi Director Miguel Lopez de Leon</i></p>

BEST HISTORICAL FILM	BEST ROMANCE FILM
<p><b>Blind Freedom Director Craig Wyhoon (WINNER)</b>  <i>Taoyuan Canal - A Century of Nourishment Director Zong Ying Yu</i></p>	<p><b>The Back Garden Directors Pat Bradley, Melanie Gretchen (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST MUSICAL FILM	BEST SOCIAL JUSTICE FILM
<p><b>A Postcard From Bill Submitter Andrew Creak (WINNER)</b>  <i>The Human Voice Directors Iphigenie Worbes, Andreas Schröder</i></p>	<p><b>Deported Director Era A. Ghali (WINNER)</b>  <i>Michigan Visits Matter: The Family Cost of Incarceration Director Bryce Mackie</i></p>
BEST SPORT FILM	BEST DIRECTOR
<p><b>Our Monte Director Eliza Bahr (WINNER)</b>  <i>Grindavik Director Garðar Örn Arnarson</i></p>	<p><b>Night Shift Director Pranav Bhojwani (WINNER)</b>  <i>Blind Freedom Director Craig Wyhoon</i>  <i>Butterfly's love Guide Director Shang Yi Chen</i>  <i>Sculpture Director Ramin Hosseinpour</i></p>
BEST 1ST TIME DIRECTOR	BEST STUDENT DIRECTOR
<p><b>Seek Director Shane Kosugi (WINNER - Feature)</b>  <b>Astram Director Mahamkali Vinay Kumar (WINNER - Short)</b>  <i>Our monte Director Eliza Bahr</i>  <i>Acting Out Director Mellony Ledo</i></p>	<p><b>Just 5 Minutes Director Maxwell Wang (WINNER)</b>  <i>The Speechless Echoes Director Zihan Xie</i>  <i>Queen of Spades Director Nick Conocenti</i>  <i>Invisible braids Director Wang Jing</i></p>
BEST PRODUCER	BEST 1ST TIME PRODUCER
<p><b>(Shane Kosugi, Kansuke Asano, Misaki Ayano, Hirota Asano) Seek Director Shane Kosugi (WINNER)</b>  <i>(Taylor Taberner) Jake &amp; Pete's Christmas Special Director Luke Marley</i></p>	<p><b>(Solomon Fezer) Acting Out Director Mellony Ledo (WINNER)</b>  <i>(Maxwell Wang) Just 5 Minutes Director Maxwell Wang</i>  <i>(Eliza Bahr) Our monte Director Eliza Bahr</i></p>
BEST ACTRESS	BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR
<p><b>(Maria Karolina) Don't Read my Diary Director Malik Myers (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>(Kane Kosugi) Seek Director Shane Kosugi (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS	BEST ACTING ENSEMBLE
<p><b>(Claire Duncan) Blind Freedom Director Craig Wyhoon (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>Seek Director Shane Kosugi (WINNER)</b>  <i>The Back Garden Directors Pat Bradley, Melanie Gretchen</i></p>

BEST ACTING DUO	BEST MONOLOGUE
<p><b>(Kansuke Asano, Kane Kosugi) Seek Director Shane Kosugi (WINNER)</b>  <i>(Luke Marley &amp; Taylor Taberner) Jake &amp; Pete's Christmas Special</i>            Director Luke Marley</p>	<p><b>(Richard B. Watson) Cain's Legacy Director David Blume (WINNER)</b>  <i>(Maria Karolina) Don't Read my Diary Director Malik Myers</i></p>
BEST YOUNG ACTOR	BEST YOUNG ACTRESS
<p><b>(Quinlan Welch) Just 5 Minutes Director Maxwell Wang (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>(Mellony Ledo) Acting Out Director Mellony Ledo (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST VOICE OVER	BEST STUNT PERFORMER
<p><b>(Taylor Taberner) Jake &amp; Pete's Christmas Special Director Luke Marley (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>(Kansuke Asano) Seek Director Shane Kosugi (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST VISUAL EFFECTS	BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY
<p><b>(Val Nabilskiy) My Melody Director Val Nabilskiy (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>(Hao Zhang) Eating Fish Director Hao Zhang (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST SOUND DESIGN	BEST FIGHT CHOREOGRAPHY
<p><b>(Shigeru Fujibayashi) Seek Director Shane Kosugi (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>Seek Director Shane Kosugi (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY	BEST EDITING
<p><b>(Sam Behrens) Blue Submitter Sam Behrens (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>(Genta Tamaki, Shane Kosugi) Seek Director Shane Kosugi (WINNER)</b>  <i>(Byron Chang, You Wu) Todd Harris's Guide on How to Prepare for the Apocalypse</i>            Director Byron Chang</p>
BEST SCREENPLAY	BEST SERIES PILOT SCRIPT
<p><b>(Ramin Hosseinpour) Sculpture Director Ramin Hosseinpour (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>Wildflower of the Valley: Carnal Bloom Writer Hannah Rose Vernot (WINNER)</b></p>

BEST DRAMA SCRIPT	BEST LGBTQ SCRIPT
<p><b>Why Me? Writer Mason Cooper (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>Chrysalis Writer Naz Tokgoz (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST 1ST TIME SCREENWRITER	BEST STUDENT SCREENWRITER
<p><b>Karen Writer Lexy Pazul (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>Just 5 Minutes Writer Maxwell Wang (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST ORIGINAL SCRIPT	
<p><b>Why Me? Writer Mason Cooper (WINNER)</b></p>	
GRAND JURY AWARDS	HONORABLE MENTIONS
<p><b>Baron Munchausen Director Ilya Noyabrev (Short Film)</b></p> <p><b>Oh! My God Directors Ruchen Shang, I-wen Chen (Animation)</b></p> <p><b>Invisible braids Director Wang Jing (Student Director – Short)</b></p> <p><b>Up on the Roof Director Xiubin Quan (Student Film)</b></p> <p><b>Our monte Director Eliza Bahr (1st time Director – Feature)</b></p>	<p><b>The Speechless Echoes Director Zihan Xie (Student Director - Short)</b></p> <p><b>Night Shift Director Pranav Bhojwani (Action Film)</b></p> <p><b>Until the last minute Director Ilya Noyabrev (Music Video)</b></p> <p><b>Healing Director Ian Kirk (Doc Short)</b></p> <p><b>Acting Out Director Mellony Ledo (1st time Director – Short)</b></p> <p><b>Eating Fish Director Hao Zhang (Indie Short)</b></p> <p><b>(Luke Marley &amp; Taylor Taberner) Jake &amp; Pete’s Christmas Special Director Luke Marley (Acting Duo)</b></p> <p><b>(Eliza Bahr) Our monte Director Eliza Bahr (1st time Producer)</b></p> <p><b>Sculpture Director Ramin Hosseinpour (Director – Short)</b></p> <p><b>State Organs Director Raymond Zhang (Doc Feature)</b></p>