

NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL FILM AWARDS

FINALISTS - JANUARY 2025

BEST SHORT FILM

Fan Letter Director Zeb Daemen
Seventy-Four Director Bill F. Thibeault
Small Town Witches Director Melissa Graves
Tri Sestry Director Simon Catillon
Cosmic Rhapsody - A Journey of Hope Directors Susan Mey
Lee Lim, Christina Teenz Tan

BEST UNDER 5 MINUTE FILM

Forgot Director Jiahe Guo
One more dopamine! Director Jaehyo Lee
Once Upon A Time In My Village Director Charlie S Tang
Beyond the pain Directors Farah Tagauly, Annaëlle Maillot
For The Greater Good Director Aaron Gonzalez

BEST INDIE FEATURE

Give me your hand Director Kevin Sakac

BEST INDIE SHORT

Clock Shop Director Jennifer Sklias-Gahan
Libretto Director Tim Ouillette
Ura Director Abrielle Kung-En Kuo
Small Town Witches Director Melissa Graves
Tri Sestry Director Simon Catillon
Gor-Kan Director Ammad Azhar
Leech Director Pier Mazzi
Gloss Director Grace Smith

BEST SERIES PILOT

Small Town Witches Director Melissa Graves
Leab - Doors, Deals, Distance Director Vijay Bosco

BEST ANIMATION

Lucky Around The World Director Hsun-Chun Chuang
Tiny Teaching Tales Director Julie Anne Burch

BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE

2550 Director Ferenc Mandi

BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT

Belly Button - Chapter 2 Mezcal Director Dan Goldberg
Cosmic Rhapsody - A Journey of Hope Directors Susan Mey
Lee Lim, Christina Teenz Tan
The Pulse of the Brain Director Hua Shen
The Prime Minister vs. The Blob Director Michael Pack
Shame on you Director Haolang Li

BEST STUDENT FILM

Tyomchik Director Ivan Linov
Tape 3 Director Christiaan Ackermann
Am I a dog? Director Furui Chu
Christmas With The Davilas Director Jaime Henrique Berrio
Secret Plan Director Zhao Kejun
Baccara Directors Amaury Gilmaire, Cyril Paquet
Neighbor Director Zoe Zhou
Blossom Director Liang Zhang

BEST SILENT FILM

Blind, in Paris Director Ryan Wang

BEST EXPERIMENTAL FILM	BEST AI FILM
<p>Coddess Variations Director Herve Martin Delpierre Insomnia Director Alberto Martín-Aragón</p>	<p>The First Image Of The World Director Francois Giard The ugliest one Submitter Yi Parker Five Below - ToriiWolf feat. Ooyy Director Torsten Boehland One more dopamine! Director Jaehyo Lee The Cartoonist Director Nicolas Pomet</p>
BEST MUSIC VIDEO	BEST TRAILER
<p>La Cuadrada - Belinda & Tito Double P Directors Lariss De la Vega, Kathya Velázquez</p>	<p>For: LiLa Director Malik Myers</p>
BEST COMMERCIAL	BEST COMEDY FILM
<p>A Man at Sea Director Igor Borghi Lucky Around The World Director Hsun-Chun Chuang</p>	<p>The WeedHacker Massacre Director Jody Stelzig Hey! I Like Those Short Shorts! Director Jacob Barkan</p>
BEST DARK COMEDY FILM	BEST ACTION FILM
<p>The Last Supper Director Kayla Marcus</p>	<p>Give me your hand Director Kevin Sakac</p>
BEST MYSTERY FILM	BEST HORROR FILM
<p>Call it a day Director Liang Ba</p>	<p>Manor of Darkness Director Blake Ridder Friday the 13th Blood Loss Directors Anthony Caimano, Mande Caimano The Cartoonist Director Nicolas Pomet</p>
BEST ROMANCE FILM	BEST MUSICAL FILM
<p>Tri Sestry Director Simon Catillon Retreat Director Mari SanGiovanni</p>	<p>Cosmic Rhapsody - A Journey of Hope Directors Susan Mey Lee Lim, Christina Teenz Tan</p>
BEST LGBTQ FILM	BEST BIOGRAPHICAL FILM
<p>Take My Hand Director Kelly Stephanie Bergsma My Love Director Mengfei Yu Retreat Director Mari SanGiovanni</p>	<p>The Loner Director Resul Pookutty</p>
BEST INSPIRATIONAL FILM	BEST SOCIAL JUSTICE FILM
<p>Cosmic Rhapsody - A Journey of Hope Directors Susan Mey Lee Lim, Christina Teenz Tan</p>	<p>For: LiLa Director Malik Myers</p>

BEST DIRECTOR	BEST 1ST TIME DIRECTOR
<p>Call it a day Director Liang Ba Small Town Witches Director Melissa Graves Tri Sestry Director Simon Catillon Cosmic Rhapsody - A Journey of Hope Directors Susan Mey Lee Lim, Christina Teenz Tan Seedless Director Keenan Gray</p>	<p>The Loner Director Resul Pookutty Clock Shop Director Jennifer Sklias-Gahan Small Town Witches Director Melissa Graves Blind, in Paris Director Ryan Wang A Secret Director Hanjin Tian</p>
BEST STUDENT DIRECTOR	BEST PRODUCER
<p>Once Upon A Time In My Village Director Charlie S Tang Christmas With The Davilas Director Jaime Henrique Berrio Blind, in Paris Director Ryan Wang</p>	<p>(Kaitron Bryant) For: LiLa Director Malik Myers</p>
BEST ACTOR	BEST ACTRESS
<p>(Cruz St. James) Gloss Director Grace Smith (Krystian Bester) Friday the 13th Blood Loss Directors Anthony Caimano, Mandee Caimano</p>	<p>(Flora Banhegy) Tri Sestry Director Simon Catillon</p>
BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR	BEST ACTING ENSEMBLE
<p>(Kabir McNeely) Rebel Director Olivia Sheng</p>	<p>Tri Sestry Director Simon Catillon Call it a day Director Liang Ba</p>
BEST ACTING DUO	BEST MONOLOGUE
<p>(Mélinda Martinho and Kévin Sakac) Give me your hand Director Kevin Sakac (Zamira Scattolon, Shannon Paradis) Retreat Director Mari SanGiovanni</p>	<p>(Cruz St. James) Gloss Director Grace Smith</p>
BEST ACTING DEBUT	BEST CHILD ACTRESS
<p>(Adele Marie Ruiz) For: LiLa Director Malik Myers</p>	<p>(Olivia Cookman) Clock Shop Director Jennifer Sklias-Gahan</p>
BEST VOICE OVER	BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY
<p>(Susan Mey Lee Lim) Cosmic Rhapsody - A Journey of Hope Directors Susan Mey Lee Lim, Christina Teenz Tan</p>	<p>(Simon Reinert) Belly Button - Chapter 2 Mezcal Director Dan Goldberg Retreat Director Mari SanGiovanni</p>

BEST SOUNDTRACK	BEST SONG
<p>Cosmic Rhapsody - A Journey of Hope Directors Susan Mey Lee Lim, Christina Teenz Tan (Cody Bengtson) For The Greater Good Director Aaron Gonzalez</p>	<p>(Thomas Blake Pollock) Pillars Of Creation Submitter Thomas Blake Pollock</p>
BEST SOUND DESIGN	BEST EDITING
<p>(Trevor Misplay) Clock Shop Director Jennifer Sklias-Gahan (Ryan Wang) Blind, in Paris Director Ryan Wang</p>	<p>(Nick Sands) Clock Shop Director Jennifer Sklias-Gahan</p>
BEST SCREENPLAY	BEST ORIGINAL STORY
<p>(Melissa Graves) Small Town Witches Director Melissa Graves</p>	<p>(Kévin Sakac) Give me your hand Director Kevin Sakac</p>
BEST POSTER	BEST SHORT SCRIPT
<p>Clock Shop Director Jennifer Sklias-Gahan</p>	<p>Failures Writer Cesar Sanchis Romero Bread place Writer Semen Khanin</p>
BEST COMEDY SCRIPT	BEST SCI-FI SCRIPT
<p>Stache Writer Erin Keefer</p>	<p>The Red Zone Writer Terry Luke Podnar The Quiet Fire Writer Christopher McGuinness</p>
BEST WESTERN SCRIPT	BEST 1ST TIME SCREENWRITER
<p>Bitter Coffee Writer Sergio Pazos Conde</p>	<p>Bitter Coffee Writer Sergio Pazos Conde Quantum Shadows Writer Brad Carr</p>
BEST ORIGINAL SCRIPT	
<p>Grandiosity Writer Colin Dodds Stache Writer Erin Keefer Poseidon's Wrath Writers Victoria A Mullen, Deborah Havens</p>	