

# NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL FILM AWARDS

## FINALISTS & WINNERS - JANUARY 2025

### BEST SHORT FILM

**Fan Letter Director Zeb Daemen (WINNER)**  
*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 (WINNER)**  
*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 (WINNER)**

### BEST INDIE SHORT

**Clock Shop Director Jennifer Sklias-Gahan (WINNER)**  
*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 (WINNER)**  
*Leab - Doors, Deals, Distance Director Vijay Bosco*

### BEST ANIMATION

**Lucky Around The World Director Hsun-Chun Chuang (WINNER)**  
*Tiny Teaching Tales Director Julie Anne Burch*

### BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE

**2550 Director Ferenc Mandi (WINNER)**

### BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT

**Belly Button - Chapter 2 Mezcal Director Dan Goldberg (WINNER)**  
*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 (WINNER)**  
*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 (WINNER)**

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

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

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

**GRAND JURY AWARDS**

**Ura Director Abrielle Kung-En Kuo  
(Indie Short)**

**(Zamira Scattolon, Shannon Paradis) Retreat Director Mari  
SanGiovanni (Acting Duo)**

**Poseidon's Wrath Writers Victoria A Mullen, Deborah Havens  
(Original Script)**

**The Cartoonist Director Nicolas Pomet  
(AI Film)**

**HONORABLE MENTIONS**

**Tiny Teaching Tales Director Julie Anne Burch  
(Animation)**

**Friday the 13th Blood Loss Directors Anthony Caimano, Man-  
dee Caimano (Horror Film)**

**Christmas With The Davilas Director Jaime Henrique Berrio  
(Student Director – Short)**

**(Ryan Wang) Blind, in Paris Director Ryan Wang  
(Sound Design)**

**One more dopamine! Director Jaehyo Lee  
(AI Film)**

**Retreat Director Mari SanGiovanni  
(LGBTQ Film)**

**For The Greater Good Director Aaron Gonzalez  
(Under 5 Min Film)**

**Seedless Director Keenan Gray  
(Director – Short)**

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

**Hey! I Like Those Short Shorts! Director Jacob Barkan  
(Comedy Film)**

**The Quiet Fire Writer Christopher McGuinness  
(Sci-Fi Script)**