

NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL FILM AWARDS

FINALISTS & WINNERS - MARCH 2025

BEST FEATURE FILM

Flux Director Geraldo J. Uscategui (WINNER)

BEST SHORT FILM

The Opaque Director Broderick Russell Jr. (WINNER)

Boys & Girls Director Andrew Boateng
Say His Name Director Silas James Rowland
Mint Condition Director So Man Tsoi
To The End Director Ruiying Sun

BEST UNDER 5 MINUTE FILM

Is Anybody Out There Director Susan Mey Lee Lim (WINNER)

Walk Beside Me Director Taehyun Heo

BEST INDIE FEATURE

A view to die for Director Bruce Bellocchi (WINNER)

BEST INDIE SHORT

Not for a Few Miles Director Savannah Rae (WINNER)

The Secret Key Director Atanas Shopski
Mint Condition Director So Man Tsoi
The Opaque Director Broderick Russell Jr.
To The End Director Ruiying Sun

BEST WEB-SERIES

Sonrisa Cara Director Nico Gallegos Anda (WINNER)

BEST ANIMATION

Be Director Chonger Wu (WINNER)

Scar Director Ruiqi Huang
Is Anybody Out There Director Susan Mey Lee Lim

BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE

Dawn of Cyberwarfare Directors Fabrizio Dublino, Alisha Merkle (WINNER)

My Father's Footsteps "Letters to the Fallen" Director Terrance A Williams
The life you stole from me Directors Christine Ravier, Johan Touleron
The Best of the Best - Jazz From Detroit Director Daniel Loewenthal

BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT

High Country Murder Directors Keely Brazil Covello, Michaela Brazil Gillies (WINNER)

J'aime pas perdre Director Matthieu Perret
Jamni Director Tina Pasotra
We All Just Need To Drum! 2025 Director John S. Pritchard
The Big Rotting Apple: The Dirty Truth Behind the City's Trash Epidemic Director Marlie Adams

BEST STUDENT FILM

To The End Director Ruiying Sun (WINNER)

Those Unsaid Director Yongchen Tan
Painted Grief Director Jacob Rannik
Fly Director Hanxin Zhang
Eve Director Veljko Dronjak
Nice to meet you Director Fei Yu

BEST EXPERIMENTAL FILM	BEST AI FILM
<p>Mirror Mirror Director Joe Morgan (WINNER)</p>	<p>The Secret of the Mountain Hut Director Pasquale de Sapio (WINNER) <i>Imagine Peace Director Chih Hao Shen</i> <i>Night Photography Director demon.ai</i> <i>Market Director Ilyou Kim</i> <i>Kuchikame Director Alex Garnier</i> <i>The Butterfly Dream Directors Suhyeon Scholastica Jin, Aria Suhyun Kim</i> <i>Smart ones just get it, SmartThings Directors Suhyeon Jin, Hyunjoo Park</i> <i>“Our Hands” from Fallout: A New American Musical Directors Alex Teplish, Dmitry Koltunov</i></p>
BEST MUSIC VIDEO	BEST COMEDY FILM
<p>Humbe – 1960 Director Emi (WINNER) <i>Humbe – Kintsugi Director Emi</i> <i>Humbe, Reik – Malbec Director Emi</i> <i>Candy Apples Director Justin Priluck</i> <i>Beautiful Chaos Director Pernille Andersen</i> <i>The Secret Key Director Atanas Shopski</i> <i>Smoldering-Smoldering Director Ilya Noyabrev</i> <i>Is Anybody Out There Director Susan Mey Lee Lim</i> <i>Amanda Abizaid – Dangerous and Young Arabic Remix Director Johnny Saint – Ours</i></p>	<p>To The End Director Ruiying Sun (WINNER)</p>
BEST DARK COMEDY FILM	BEST SCI-FI FILM
<p>To The End Director Ruiying Sun (WINNER)</p>	<p>To The End Director Ruiying Sun (WINNER) <i>Is Anybody Out There Director Susan Mey Lee Lim</i> <i>The Demon in the Motherboard Director Reese T. Lightfoot</i> <i>Flux Director Geraldo J. Uscategui</i></p>
BEST HORROR FILM	BEST DRAMA FILM
<p>Peeling Off Director Yinghui Li (WINNER) <i>To The End Director Ruiying Sun</i></p>	<p>String Director Mubai Shen (WINNER)</p>
BEST HISTORICAL FILM	BEST MUSICAL FILM
<p>My Father’s Footsteps “Letters to the Fallen” Director Terrance A Williams (WINNER)</p>	<p>Fly Director Hanxin Zhang (WINNER) <i>Is Anybody Out There Director Susan Mey Lee Lim</i></p>
BEST LGBTQ FILM	BEST NATURE FILM
<p>The Left Behind Director Sarah McCluskey (WINNER)</p>	<p>Raindrop - The Journey of Water Director Marco Dominik Graf (WINNER)</p>

BEST INSPIRATIONAL FILM	BEST SOCIAL JUSTICE FILM
<p>Ridge Army Documentary Director Shawn Wixted (WINNER)</p>	<p>To The End Director Ruiying Sun (WINNER)</p>
BEST DIRECTOR	BEST 1ST TIME DIRECTOR
<p>Mint Condition Director So Man Tsoi (WINNER) <i>Peeling Off Director Yinghui Li</i> <i>To The End Director Ruiying Sun</i></p>	<p>To The End Director Ruiying Sun (WINNER) <i>Mint Condition Director So Man Tsoi</i> <i>The room Director Zhan Gao</i></p>
BEST STUDENT DIRECTOR	BEST ART DIRECTOR
<p>To The End Director Ruiying Sun (WINNER) <i>Fly Director Hanxin Zhang</i> <i>Wind chimes calling Director Jiachen Zeng</i></p>	<p>To The End Director Ruiying Sun (WINNER)</p>
BEST ACTOR	BEST ACTRESS
<p>(Joseph A. Sernio) Horsepower Director David Joseph Higgins (WINNER)</p>	<p>(Keeley Bright) The Serenade Charade Director Diane Nierenberg (WINNER) <i>(Nana Kvaratskhelia) A man with a bag Director Zaur Kavtushvili</i></p>
BEST ACTING ENSEMBLE	BEST VOICE OVER
<p>The Residential Director Tyler Holme (WINNER)</p>	<p>(Terrance Williams) My Father's Footsteps "Letters to the Fallen" Director Terrance A Williams (WINNER)</p>
BEST NATURAL SCENOGRAPHY	BEST COSTUMES
<p>Raindrop - The Journey of Water Director Marco Dominik Graf (WINNER)</p>	<p>To The End Director Ruiying Sun (WINNER)</p>
BEST VISUAL EFFECTS	BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY
<p>(Kevin McCrae) Apollo 13: Survival Director Peter Middleton (WINNER) <i>(Kevin McCrae) Synthetic Pleasures Directors Stuart Langfield, Kev McCrae</i></p>	<p>(Nafen Wu) Fly Director Hanxin Zhang (WINNER)</p>

BEST SOUNDTRACK	BEST SONG
<p>(Manu Martin, Joi Barua) Is Anybody Out There Director Susan Mey Lee Lim (WINNER) <i>(Raphael Sommer, Björn Pankratz, Vali Herrera) Come and Find Me Director Carmine Carpenito</i> <i>(Patrick Kendell-Smith) Marmots on Toast Directors Yaz Ellis, Jack Miffiin</i></p>	<p>(Chia Chi Hsu) Fly Director Hanxin Zhang (WINNER)</p>
BEST SOUND DESIGN	BEST SCREENPLAY
<p>(Fangjian Li) Popcorn Director Fangjian Li (WINNER) <i>(Adam Jamal) Marley or Me Director Abby Navin</i></p>	<p>(Ryan Willer) The Serenade Charade Director Diane Nierenberg (WINNER)</p>
BEST ORIGINAL STORY	BEST FEATURE SCRIPT
<p>(Ruiqi Huang) Scar Director Ruiqi Huang (WINNER) <i>(Susan Mey Lee Lim) Is Anybody Out There Director Susan Mey Lee Lim</i></p>	<p>A One Way Ticket Writer Raf Lindia (WINNER)</p>
BEST SERIES PILOT SCRIPT	BEST MYSTERY SCRIPT
<p>The Frame Writer William Cormier (WINNER) <i>Headcase Writer Christopher Jones</i></p>	<p>Gang Agley Writers Jeremy Hogan, Aaron Krygier (WINNER)</p>
BEST DRAMA SCRIPT	BEST NOIR SCRIPT
<p>Richard Spong Writer Terry Luke Podnar (WINNER) <i>Gang Agley Writers Jeremy Hogan, Aaron Krygier</i> <i>Paper Thin Writer Katherine Garner</i></p>	<p>Gang Agley Writers Jeremy Hogan, Aaron Krygier (WINNER)</p>
BEST MUSICAL SCRIPT	BEST INSPIRATIONAL SCRIPT
<p>Jazz On A Wave Writer Bob Merz (WINNER)</p>	<p>In The Garden Script Writer Kathy Krantz Stewart (WINNER)</p>
BEST SOCIAL JUSTICE SCRIPT	BEST 1ST TIME SCREENWRITER
<p>Fair Chance Writer John Clive Carter (WINNER)</p>	<p>The Styrofoam Shaman Writer Christopher Manydeeds (WINNER) <i>Wicked Women and Their Men Writer Merrill Anway Jones</i> <i>The Measure of She Writer Karen Dee Carpenter</i> <i>Paper Thin Writer Katherine Garner</i></p>
BEST ORIGINAL SCRIPT	
<p>Butterfly Dance of Love Writer Ryan Tian (WINNER) <i>Gang Agley Writers Jeremy Hogan, Aaron Krygier</i></p>	

GRAND JURY AWARDS**HONORABLE MENTIONS**

(Susan Mey Lee Lim) Is Anybody Out There Director Susan Mey Lee Lim (Original Story)

**Candy Apples Director Justin Priluck
(Music Video)**

**Paper Thin Writer Katherine Garner
(Drama Script)**

**J'aime pas perdre Director Matthieu Perret
(Doc Short)**

**The Secret Key Director Atanas Shopski
(Music Video)**

**Mint Condition Director So Man Tsoi
(Indie Short)**

**Imagine Peace Director Chih Hao Shen
(AI Film)**

**The room Director Zhan Gao
(1st time Director – Short)**

**Is Anybody Out There Director Susan Mey Lee Lim
(Musical Film)**

**(Raphael Sommer, Björn Pankratz, Vali Herrera) Come and
Find Me Director Carmine Carpenito (Soundtrack)**