

NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL FILM AWARDS

FINALISTS - APRIL 2025

BEST FEATURE FILM

No time for goodbye Director Don Ng
Nietzsche's Umbrella Director Husein Saylan

BEST SHORT FILM

Saint-Sacrifice Director Jean-Claude Leblanc
The Watcher Director Sai Vivaswath Omkaram
Do you remember me? Director Tonia M Magras
Hibernation Director Yinuo Li
Living in the past Directors Jeremy A Contreras, Sebastián Rendón
Generation Well Director Jack Serra
Distance Director Ganesh Shivaji Shelar
Threat Director Arthur Dupuis
Mirrors Director Vighnesh Dheenadhayalan

BEST INDIE FEATURE

Among The 8 Director Erick Yahir Lozano
No time for goodbye Director Don Ng

BEST INDIE SHORT

The Watcher Director Sai Vivaswath Omkaram
Scar Director Ruiqi Huang
Our Nursery Submitter Hasnain Ali
Great Minds Director Alice Marks

BEST SERIES PILOT

Ghosted MD Director Jarett Belucci
Nomen Nescio Director Patric Eriksson

BEST ANIMATION

The Smurfs 3 - The Ultimate Prank Director William Renaud
Gift Director Lenka Zhang
Within the Canvas Director Octavia Su

BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE

The Dying of The Light Directors Ivan Perić, Alvaro Congosto
Memory for burial Directors Charlotte Jarrix, Maud Guillaumin

BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT

The Hometown of Chinese Paper Director Heyuan Wei
Three Vendors of Ipanema Director Jonathan S. Lee
Ascending Beyond Shadows Director Patrick Civitelli
Where the Finches Sing Director Chengle Fang
Jakarta sinking Director Andreas Bülow Hansen
Wild Elephant Valley Director Yuqing Jiao
The Music Museum On the Wall Director Zifan Wang
Moving Arts | Setting Hearts Ablaze Director Zac Cornfield
The Secret Game: A Fast Break to Freedom Director Greg de Deugd

BEST STUDENT FILM	BEST SILENT FILM
<p>The Music Museum On the Wall Director Zifan Wang Ascending Beyond Shadows Director Patrick Civitelli Empty room Director Deng Li Juan Whispers in the Folds Director Jiaqi Chen The Hometown of Chinese Paper Director Heyuan Wei Wild Elephant Valley Director Yuqing Jiao Within the Canvas Director Octavia Su</p>	<p>The Duet Director Gica Pucca</p>
BEST EXPERIMENTAL FILM	BEST AI FILM
<p>Girls, Angels, Melodies Director László Bús The Last President Director Bin He OmniTrans.cam Director Yongqi Li</p>	<p>The Last President Director Bin He Blooming Paradiso Director Song Roa Krisp & The Balloon Kingdom Director Denys Myronenko Irreproducible Submitter Ratatou AI Eternal Empire: 1762 Director Aria Jun Gettysburg 2025 Director Hunter Fine Flight Director Marc Ruiz If These Walls Could Talk Director AI Domino</p>
BEST TRAILER	BEST COMMERCIAL
<p>Ghosted MD Director Jarett Belucci</p>	<p>Break the silence Director Dax Phelan</p>
BEST THRILLER FILM	BEST MYSTERY FILM
<p>Ghosted MD Director Jarett Belucci</p>	<p>Ghosted MD Director Jarett Belucci</p>
BEST FANTASY FILM	BEST DRAMA FILM
<p>Ghosted MD Director Jarett Belucci</p>	<p>Scar Director Ruiqi Huang</p>
BEST WESTERN FILM	BEST ROMANCE FILM
<p>The Stand at Alder Creek Director Chase Morgan Hulett</p>	<p>Ghosted MD Director Jarett Belucci</p>

BEST MUSICAL FILM	BEST FAN FILM
Wild Elephant Valley Director Yuqing Jiao	Spider-Man: A Day in the Neighborhood Director Michael Fernandez
BEST BIOGRAPHICAL FILM	BEST INSPIRATIONAL FILM
Memory for burial Directors Charlotte Jarrix, Maud Guillaumin	Rain of Tbilisi Director Monica Zhang The Child Within Director Daniel Troia
BEST SOCIAL JUSTICE FILM	BEST DIRECTOR
No time for goodbye Director Don Ng	Mirrors Director Vighnesh Dheenadhayalan Living in the past Directors Jeremy A Contreras, Sebastián Rendón Good Job Director Yinghan Threat Director Arthur Dupuis
BEST 1ST TIME DIRECTOR	BEST STUDENT DIRECTOR
Among The 8 Director Erick Yahir Lozano Great Minds Director Alice Marks Scar Director Ruiqi Huang Where the Finches Sing Director Chengle Fang	The Hometown of Chinese Paper Director Heyuan Wei My Braid Director Patrick Pang Gift Director Lenka Zhang Scar Director Ruiqi Huang Virtual Trading Director Wei Ke Li Delete Forever Director Yingning Breathe Truth Director Thomas Vallely Whispers in the Folds Director Jiaqi Chen
BEST 1ST TIME PRODUCER	BEST ACTOR
(Ruiqi Huang) Scar Director Ruiqi Huang	(Ego Mikitas) Season of Rain Director Sergei Talybov (Billy Joseph Jr.) Say His Name Director Silas James Rowland (Vighnesh Dheenadhayalan) Mirrors Director Vighnesh Dheenadhayalan
BEST ACTRESS	BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY
(Erin Palmer) Among The 8 Director Erick Yahir Lozano (Nafsika Antypas) Ghosted MD Director Jarett Belucci	(Maxwell Bagnis) Threat Director Arthur Dupuis (Alberto Diamante) Rattlesnake Point Director Alberto Diamante
BEST SOUNDTRACK	BEST SONG
(Michaël Hardy Falch) Threat Director Arthur Dupuis	(Christina Mani) Thalías G Minor Director Yiannis Margetousakis

BEST DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY	BEST EDITING
Virtual Trading Director Wei Ke Li (Kostis Tsiamagkas) Thalias G Minor Director Yiannis Margetousakis	Mirrors Director Vighnesh Dheenadhayalan (László Bús) Girls, Angels, Melodies Director László Bús
BEST SCREENPLAY	BEST ORIGINAL STORY
Living in the past Directors Jeremy A Contreras, Sebastián Rendón	(Nafsika Antypas) Ghosted MD Director Jarett Belucci
BEST POSTER	BEST FEATURE SCRIPT
(Ruiqi Huang) Scar Director Ruiqi Huang	Feral Mountains Writer Terry Luke Podnar All Up in Your Bizness: Managing Your Business Crap Writer Julianna M Newland She's Never Coming Back Writer Jesse Dorian Colors of Silence Writer Benjamin Zachariah Wilner
BEST SERIES PILOT SCRIPT	BEST SHORT SCRIPT
Native's: Teton the Brown Writer Nicholas P Runfola Cafe Romeo Writer Alberto Diamante	Lost and Found Writer Joshua Kim Still Morning Writers Pam Renall, Andres Irias Remnants Writer Vighnesh Dheenadhayalan
BEST COMEDY SCRIPT	BEST HORROR SCRIPT
All Up in Your Bizness: Managing Your Business Crap Writer Julianna M Newland	Zandaya Writer Curtis W. Harrison
BEST DRAMA SCRIPT	BEST WESTERN SCRIPT
Colors of Silence Writer Benjamin Zachariah Wilner She's Never Coming Back Writer Jesse Dorian Lost and Found Writer Joshua Kim	Jesse Writer Nicholas P Runfola
BEST ROMANCE SCRIPT	BEST MUSICAL SCRIPT
She's Never Coming Back Writer Jesse Dorian Colors of Silence Writer Benjamin Zachariah Wilner	Colors of Silence Writer Benjamin Zachariah Wilner
BEST LGBTQ SCRIPT	BEST INSPIRATIONAL SCRIPT
Colors of Silence Writer Benjamin Zachariah Wilner	Colors of Silence Writer Benjamin Zachariah Wilner

BEST SOCIAL JUSTICE SCRIPT	BEST 1ST TIME SCREENWRITER
<p>Colors of Silence Writer Benjamin Zachariah Wilner</p>	<p>All Up in Your Bizness: Managing Your Business Crap Writer Julianna M Newland</p> <p>Family Embers Submitter Carlo Colecchia</p> <p>Coffee Cups & Wine Glasses - The Movie Writer Deborah C Seagle</p> <p>Doing Time on Holland Road Writers Jennifer Barton, Jack Carter Barton, Taylor Barton</p> <p>Zandaya Writer Curtis W. Harrison</p> <p>Colors of Silence Writer Benjamin Zachariah Wilner</p>
BEST STUDENT SCREENWRITER	BEST ORIGINAL SCRIPT
<p>Lost and Found Writer Joshua Kim</p> <p>Dandelion Child Writer Noelle Brown</p>	<p>She's Never Coming Back Writer Jesse Dorian</p> <p>Beat of Your Own Drum Writer Nicholas P Runfolo</p> <p>Colors of Silence Writer Benjamin Zachariah Wilner</p> <p>Bum Writer Rydder Johnston</p> <p>With Every Piece of Me Writer Nicholas P Runfolo</p>