

# NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL FILM AWARDS

## FINALISTS & WINNERS - APRIL 2025

BEST FEATURE FILM	BEST SHORT FILM
<p><b>No time for goodbye Director Don Ng (WINNER)</b> <i>Nietzsche's Umbrella Director Husein Saylan</i></p>	<p><b>Saint-Sacrifice Director Jean-Claude Leblanc (WINNER)</b> <i>The Watcher Director Sai Vivaswath Omkaram</i> <i>Do you remember me? Director Tonia M Magras</i> <i>Hibernation Director Yinuo Li</i> <i>Living in the past Directors Jeremy A Contreras, Sebastián Rendón</i> <i>Generation Well Director Jack Serra</i> <i>Distance Director Ganesh Shivaji Shelar</i> <i>Threat Director Arthur Dupuis</i> <i>Mirrors Director Vighnesh Dheenadhayalan</i></p>
BEST INDIE FEATURE	BEST INDIE SHORT
<p><b>Among The 8 Director Erick Yahir Lozano (WINNER)</b> <i>No time for goodbye Director Don Ng</i></p>	<p><b>The Watcher Director Sai Vivaswath Omkaram (WINNER)</b> <i>Scar Director Ruiqi Huang</i> <i>Our Nursery Submitter Hasnain Ali</i> <i>Great Minds Director Alice Marks</i></p>
BEST SERIES PILOT	BEST ANIMATION
<p><b>Ghosted MD Director Jarett Belucci (WINNER)</b> <i>Nomen Nescio Director Patric Eriksson</i></p>	<p><b>The Smurfs 3 - The Ultimate Prank Director William Renaud (WINNER)</b> <i>Gift Director Lenka Zhang</i> <i>Within the Canvas Director Octavia Su</i></p>
BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE	BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT
<p><b>The Dying of The Light Directors Ivan Perić, Alvaro Congosto (WINNER)</b> <i>Memory for burial Directors Charlotte Jarrix, Maud Guillaumin</i></p>	<p><b>The Hometown of Chinese Paper Director Heyuan Wei (WINNER)</b> <i>Three Vendors of Ipanema Director Jonathan S. Lee</i> <i>Ascending Beyond Shadows Director Patrick Civitelli</i> <i>Where the Finches Sing Director Chengle Fang</i> <i>Jakarta sinking Director Andreas Bülow Hansen</i> <i>Wild Elephant Valley Director Yuqing Jiao</i> <i>The Music Museum On the Wall Director Zifan Wang</i> <i>Moving Arts   Setting Hearts Ablaze Director Zac Cornfield</i> <i>The Secret Game: A Fast Break to Freedom Director Greg de Deugd</i></p>

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

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

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

BEST SOCIAL JUSTICE SCRIPT	BEST 1ST TIME SCREENWRITER
<p><b>Colors of Silence Writer Benjamin Zachariah Wilner (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>All Up in Your Bizness: Managing Your Business Crap Writer Julianna M Newland (WINNER)</b>  <i>Family Embers Writer Carlo Colecchia</i>  <i>Coffee Cups &amp; Wine Glasses - The Movie Writer Deborah C Seagle</i>  <i>Doing Time on Holland Road Writers Jennifer Barton, Jack Carter Barton, Taylor Barton</i>  <i>Zandaya Writer Curtis W. Harrison</i>  <i>Colors of Silence Writer Benjamin Zachariah Wilner</i></p>
BEST STUDENT SCREENWRITER	BEST ORIGINAL SCRIPT
<p><b>Lost and Found Writer Joshua Kim (WINNER)</b>  <i>Dandelion Child Writer Noelle Brown</i></p>	<p><b>She's Never Coming Back Writer Jesse Dorian (WINNER)</b>  <i>Beat of Your Own Drum Writer Nicholas P Runfolo</i>  <i>Colors of Silence Writer Benjamin Zachariah Wilner</i>  <i>Bum Writer Rydder Johnston</i>  <i>With Every Piece of Me Writer Nicholas P Runfolo</i></p>
GRAND JURY AWARDS	HONORABLE MENTIONS
<p><b>My Braid Director Patrick Pang (Student Director – Short)</b></p> <p><b>Within the Canvas Director Octavia Su (Animation)</b></p>	<p><b>Gift Director Lenka Zhang (Animation)</b></p> <p><b>Ascending Beyond Shadows Director Patrick Civitelli (Doc Short)</b></p> <p><b>Cafe Romeo Writer Alberto Diamante (Series Pilot Script)</b></p> <p><b>Where the Finches Sing Director Chengle Fang (1st time Director – Short)</b></p> <p><b>Living in the past Directors Jeremy A Contreras, Sebastián Rendón (Director - Short)</b></p> <p><b>Wild Elephant Valley Director Yuqing Jiao (Student Film)</b></p> <p><b>Whispers in the Folds Director Jiaqi Chen (Student Director - Short)</b></p>