

# NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL FILM AWARDS

FINALISTS & WINNERS - APRIL 2025

## BEST FEATURE FILM

**No time for goodbye Director Don Ng (WINNER)**  
*Nietzsche's Umbrella Director Husein Saylan*

## BEST SHORT FILM

**Saint-Sacrifice Director Jean-Claude Leblanc (WINNER)**  
*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 (WINNER)**  
*No time for goodbye Director Don Ng*

## BEST INDIE SHORT

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

## BEST SERIES PILOT

**Ghosted MD Director Jarett Belucci (WINNER)**  
*Nomen Nescio Director Patric Eriksson*

## BEST ANIMATION

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

## BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE

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

## BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT

**The Hometown of Chinese Paper Director Heyuan Wei (WINNER)**  
*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><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></p>	<p><b>The Duet Director Gica Pucca (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST EXPERIMENTAL FILM	BEST AI FILM
<p><b>Girls, Angels, Melodies Director László Bús (WINNER)</b>  <i>The Last President Director Bin He</i>  <i>OmniTrans.cam Director Yongqi Li</i></p>	<p><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></p>
BEST TRAILER	BEST COMMERCIAL
<p><b>Ghosted MD Director Jarett Belucci (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>Break the silence Director Dax Phelan (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST THRILLER FILM	BEST MYSTERY FILM
<p><b>Ghosted MD Director Jarett Belucci (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>Ghosted MD Director Jarett Belucci (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST FANTASY FILM	BEST DRAMA FILM
<p><b>Ghosted MD Director Jarett Belucci (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>Scar Director Ruiqi Huang (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST WESTERN FILM	BEST ROMANCE FILM
<p><b>The Stand at Alder Creek Director Chase Morgan Hulett (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>Ghosted MD Director Jarett Belucci (WINNER)</b></p>

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

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