

# NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL FILM AWARDS

FINALISTS & WINNERS - MARCH 2026

## BEST FEATURE FILM

**Tidepools Director Marius D'Gasco (WINNER)**  
*Tangoman Part II Tango Ballet Director Sergei Tumas*

## BEST SHORT FILM

**Shoot a Short Director Filip Prelević (WINNER)**  
*Where Destiny Meets Director Xinyi Liu*  
*The Red Book Director Kyprianos Dimosthenous*  
*Misaligned Tides Director Andy Zeng*  
*Jeem 1983 Director Jorj Abou Mhaya*  
*The Sweater Director Jeff Call*

## BEST UNDER 5 MINUTE FILM

**The Last Stand Director Sam Zheng (WINNER)**  
*Da Nang Dispatch Director Tran Quoc Viet*

## BEST INDIE SHORT

**The Final Notice Director Claire Hutchinson (WINNER)**  
*Zombie Winos Directors Nicholas VanderBorgh, Richard Drutman*  
*Da Nang Dispatch Director Tran Quoc Viet*  
*All The Things We Could Be Director Danial Dehghan*  
*The Shape of Her Smile Director Dale Fabrigar*  
*360 Degrees Director Henry Gonzalez Burgos*

## BEST SERIES PILOT

**Fragments Director Gabriel Guerin Récapé (WINNER)**  
*The Rider Director Matthew Salacuse*  
*The Story of Art in America, Season 5: Route 66 Director Christelle Bois*

## BEST ANIMATION

**Jeem 1983 Director Jorj Abou Mhaya (WINNER)**

## BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE

**The People's Code Director Coizta Grecko (WINNER)**  
*The hero outside the spotlight Director Konrad Weixelbraun*  
*This Ain't Harvard Director Ray Bourhis*  
*Searching for the Light Director Andres A Parra*  
*The Showmen Director Daryl Scott Granger*  
*Together Director Temiti Winona Clarke*  
*In The Beginning Director Jeffery Scott Featherstone*

## BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT

**The shape of Absence Director Alessandra Corazzini (WINNER)**  
*Beyond the Finish Line - The Great Ethiopian Run Director Mark O'Toole*  
*Má Má & me Director Kristine Liang*

## BEST STUDENT FILM

**Flora Director Sam Zheng (WINNER)**  
*Someone Will Love Me. Director Bianca Rozsa*  
*Da Nang Dispatch Director Tran Quoc Viet*  
*The Final Notice Director Claire Hutchinson*  
*All The Things We Could Be Director Danial Dehghan*  
*Má Má & me Director Kristine Liang*

## BEST SILENT FILM

**360 Degrees Director Henry Gonzalez Burgos (WINNER)**

BEST AI FILM	BEST MUSIC VIDEO
<p><b>Instinct Director Chad Lee (WINNER)</b> <i>The Last Lie Director Boyeon Kim</i></p>	<p><b>Tears of the Dragon - Bruce Dickinson Directors Leo Liberti, Antoine De Montremi (WINNER)</b> <i>Butterflies Director Brian Michael Suggs</i> <i>Ways To Get Rid Of You Director Julie Baastrup</i></p>
BEST COMEDY FILM	BEST THRILLER FILM
<p><b>Taxi And Yaya Directors Francesco Pirotti, Michelle Eklund (WINNER)</b> <i>SiMP Director Don Tjernagel</i></p>	<p><b>The Ripper Director Harrison Ellis (WINNER)</b> <i>Always and Forever Director Johnny Thames</i></p>
BEST SCI-FI FILM	BEST HORROR FILM
<p><b>Siphon Submitter Veronica Small (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>Pigmentosa Director Sam Zheng (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST HISTORICAL FILM	BEST LGBTQ FILM
<p><b>Detroit's Fort Wayne - Guarding   Serving   Enduring Submitter Ryan Betzler (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>We are not the same Director Jesús Castillo (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST DIRECTOR	BEST 1ST TIME DIRECTOR
<p><b>Hiraeth Code Director Zeng Jianwu (WINNER)</b> <i>Da Nang Dispatch Director Tran Quoc Viet</i> <i>The Final Notice Director Claire Hutchinson</i> <i>Penang Crossing Director Lim Wei Jian</i></p>	<p><b>Fragments Director Gabriel Guerin Récapé (WINNER)</b> <i>Paper Monsters Director Kait Sookdeo</i> <i>Bird Flu Director Ethan Monte</i> <i>Penang Crossing Director Lim Wei Jian</i></p>
BEST STUDENT DIRECTOR	BEST 1ST TIME PRODUCER
<p><b>Together Director Temiti Winona Clarke (WINNER - Feature)</b> <b>Someone Will Love Me. Director Bianca Rozsa (WINNER - Short)</b> <i>Warehouse 17 Director Liam Turner</i> <i>Da Nang Dispatch Director Tran Quoc Viet</i> <i>The Final Notice Director Claire Hutchinson</i> <i>Penang Crossing Director Lim Wei Jian</i></p>	<p><b>(Nick Bella) Slaps Director Joseph Bodner (WINNER)</b> <i>The Final Notice Director Claire Hutchinson</i></p>
BEST ACTOR	BEST ACTING DUO
<p><b>(Jiashuo Zhang) Misaligned Tides Director Andy Zeng (WINNER)</b> <i>(Antonio Rosello) We are not the same Director Jesús Castillo</i></p>	<p><b>(Crystal S. Avila, Isa Rojas) The Shape of Her Smile Director Dale Fabrigar (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST VOICE OVER	BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY
<p><b>The Adventures of Zoe and Ash Director Alix Jean-Francois (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>(Nicolas Bourgier) Fragments Director Gabriel Guerin Récapé (WINNER)</b> <i>(Konrad Weixelbraun) The hero outside the spotlight Director Konrad Weixelbraun</i> <i>Warehouse 17 Director Liam Turner</i></p>

BEST EDITING	BEST FEATURE SCRIPT
<p><b>(Konrad Weixelbraun) The hero outside the spotlight Director Konrad Weixelbraun (WINNER)</b> Warehouse 17 Director Liam Turner</p>	<p><b>Quintana Writer William LiPera (WINNER)</b> Chiba Route Writer Sato Kenta</p>
BEST SERIES PILOT SCRIPT	BEST SHORT SCRIPT
<p><b>The Cavaliere Writer Matthew Habibeh (WINNER)</b> Windy Writer Adam Edward Sherman Chiba Route Writer Sato Kenta</p>	<p><b>When War Followed Home Writer Amanda Gecewicz (WINNER)</b> Back Of My Mind Writer Michael Damon Kitchens Bogota File Writer Camilo Duarte</p>
BEST THRILLER SCRIPT	BEST SCI-FI SCRIPT
<p><b>The Ithaca Project Writer Nathan Tosoni (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>Journey To The Heart Of Amazonia Writer Yelitza Prada (WINNER)</b> Doctor Star Rise Submitter Yelitza Prada</p>
BEST HORROR SCRIPT	BEST DRAMA SCRIPT
<p><b>Midnight Writer Jonathan Cruz-Acevedo (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>Welcome to Hollywood Writer Gary Miceli (WINNER)</b> Eternal Memory: The Cost of Silence Writer Nik Prietus</p>
BEST HISTORICAL SCRIPT	BEST WAR SCRIPT
<p><b>The Cavaliere Writer Matthew Habibeh (WINNER)</b> The On-the-Roof Gang Writer Matt Zullo</p>	<p><b>The On-the-Roof Gang Writer Matt Zullo (WINNER)</b> Bogota File Writer Camilo Duarte</p>
BEST 1ST TIME SCREENWRITER	BEST STUDENT SCREENWRITER
<p><b>Emmaline Writer Nina Moyer (WINNER)</b> First Person Writer Joohee Lee Muromcew Forever Young Writer Shanita Logan A Class of Numbers Writer Gregory Fletcher Chili and Boots Submitter Nyasha Foy The On-the-Roof Gang Writer Matt Zullo</p>	<p><b>The On-the-Roof Gang Writer Matt Zullo (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST ORIGINAL SCRIPT	HONORABLE MENTIONS
<p><b>Eternal Memory: The Cost of Silence Writer Nik Prietus (WINNER)</b> Chili and Boots Submitter Nyasha Foy Chiba Route Writer Sato Kenta</p>	<p><b>The hero outside the spotlight Director Konrad Weixelbraun (Cinematography)</b></p> <p><b>Chili and Boots Submitter Nyasha Foy (1st Time Screenwriter - Feature)</b></p> <p><b>All The Things We Could Be Director Danial Dehghan (Indie Short)</b></p> <p><b>Má Má &amp; me Director Kristine Liang (Doc Short)</b></p>