

NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL FILM AWARDS

FINALISTS - MAY 2026

BEST FEATURE FILM

Silent Regrets Director Andrew Parnell
Khatai Director Radhika Bansal
Seek II: The Unsung Scars Director Shane Kosugi

BEST SHORT FILM

Pink Trees Director Malhar Abhijit Talwalkar
The Spark Directors Hai Tzu Wu, Chin Hsuan Chiu
Pain Sits Quietly Directors Ahsan Ali, Sabrina Aziz
A Dance Call Director Pablo Destito
The Communicator Director Christy Smith – Sloman
Endless and Alluring Like This Road Director Alireza Ghoreishi
The Homecoming Director Brian Timoney
Stai Bene Director Sean Daniel Cunningham
Toy Gun Director Keenan Gray
The Knowing Director Marcus January
Ogygia Director Nina Paterson

BEST UNDER 5 MINUTE FILM

A World Class Superpower Director Mikael Genachte-Le Bail
False Perception Director Sharon Eitany
Cebu Provincial Director Miguel Santillan

BEST INDIE FEATURE

Seek II: The Unsung Scars Director Shane Kosugi

BEST INDIE SHORT

The Celebration Director Jack Kudas
Endless and Alluring Like This Road Director Alireza Ghoreishi
The Farewell Directors Joey Mosca, Kaia Josephine

BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE

Unmistaken Director Chris Lang
From Gaza with Love Directors Charles Villa, Suhail Nassar
Bancorruptcy Submitter Scott Bartle
The hunt for the last nazis Director Dan Goldberg

BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT

Wearing Colors Director Isaac Jaemin Shim
Shadows of the Korean Dream Director Shinwoo Kim
The twenty year cure Director David Fong Young Cheung

BEST STUDENT FILM

The Spark Directors Hai Tzu Wu, Chin Hsuan Chiu
Wearing Colors Director Isaac Jaemin Shim
MythoLogic Director Johnson Qiang
Hard Break Director Kaitlyn Maher
Hidden Jab Directors Michael Bernardi, Michael Fischer

BEST EXPERIMENTAL FILM

No Prompt Director Diego Clericuzio

BEST AI FILM

Emilys Submitter Alizard Jérôme
Splat Director Andrew Shaw
Doe Director Pierre Le Goff
Haydon: Patron Saint of the Obsessed Director Lucas Sabeau
Unfulfilled dreams Director Ajit Suryabhan Vahadane
Milo Director Venkatesh Balasubramanian
Immortality Director Min Chul Choi

BEST MUSIC VIDEO	BEST TRAILER
<p>Jorja Smith - Price Of It All Director KC Locke Another Fall Directors Laura Katie mcentee, Eric Scott Klein Shannon Directors Ron Hood, Dean Lomax King Satan - Light of Darkness Director Seth Aleister de King Satan</p>	<p>Cat Cat Mouse Director Ornella Hawthorn Gardez</p>
BEST COMEDY FILM	BEST ADVENTURE FILM
<p>A World Class Superpower Director Mikael Genachte-Le Bail</p>	<p>The First Rain in May Director Asiana Weddington</p>
BEST ACTION FILM	BEST HORROR FILM
<p>Seek II: The Unsung Scars Director Shane Kosugi Five Stars Director Demetrius Joyette</p>	<p>The Celebration Director Jack Kudas</p>
BEST DRAMA FILM	BEST MUSICAL FILM
<p>Pink Trees Director Malhar Abhijit Talwalkar The Service Entrance Director Colin Mercer Milo Director Venkatesh Balasubramanian</p>	<p>Rappaccini's Daughter Director Lorena Maza</p>
BEST FAN FILM	BEST INSPIRATIONAL FILM
<p>The Black Pearl Director Gaultier Barra A World Class Superpower Director Mikael Genachte-Le Bail</p>	<p>A vast algorithm of humanity Director Younguee Yoo Unmistaken Director Chris Lang No Prompt Director Diego Clericuzio</p>
BEST DIRECTOR	BEST 1ST TIME DIRECTOR
<p>Seek II: The Unsung Scars Director Shane Kosugi The Celebration Director Jack Kudas Pink Trees Director Malhar Abhijit Talwalkar The Homecoming Director Brian Timoney Five Stars Director Demetrius Joyette Small Talk Full Mouth Director Jelena Sorkin</p>	<p>Khatai Director Radhika Bansal The Spark Directors Hai Tzu Wu, Chin Hsuan Chiu The Communicator Director Christy Smith – Sloman Of Same River Directors Jiaxin Sun, Haoyu Shi</p>
BEST STUDENT DIRECTOR	BEST PRODUCER
<p>The First Rain in May Director Asiana Weddington Hard Break Director Kaitlyn Maher</p>	<p>(Kane Kosugi, Shane Kosugi, Kansuke Asano, Misaki Ayano) Seek II: The Unsung Scars Director Shane Kosugi Daejeon Transit Director Seo Min-kyu</p>
BEST ACTOR	BEST ACTING ENSEMBLE
<p>(Ben Mackay) The Homecoming Director Brian Timoney (Krystian Bester) Future Days Director Tom Xiao (Kansuke Asano) Seek II: The Unsung Scars Director Shane Kosugi (Ahsan Ali) Pain Sits Quietly Directors Ahsan Ali, Sabrina Aziz</p>	<p>Seek II: The Unsung Scars Director Shane Kosugi</p>

BEST CHILD ACTRESS	BEST YOUNG ACTRESS
Seek II: The Unsung Scars Director Shane Kosugi	(Isol Young) Hard Break Director Kaitlyn Maher
BEST STUNT PERFORMER	BEST COSTUMES
Seek II: The Unsung Scars Director Shane Kosugi	The Celebration Director Jack Kudas
BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY	BEST ORIGINAL PROP
(CJ Savastano) The Celebration Director Jack Kudas Seek II: The Unsung Scars Director Shane Kosugi	(Gaultier Barra) The Black Pearl Director Gaultier Barra
BEST SOUNDTRACK	BEST SONG
(Peter Chiang) The Spark Directors Hai Tzu Wu, Chin Hsuan Chiu Monterrey East Director Gabriela Téllez	(Ron Hood) Shannon Directors Ron Hood, Dean Lomax (Ca devait arriver by Jay Hawkins, Guy Marchand, Ginger Britt Daniels) Cat Cat Mouse Director Ornella Hawthorn Gardez
BEST FIGHT CHOREOGRAPHY	BEST DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY
Seek II: The Unsung Scars Director Shane Kosugi	A Dance Call Director Pablo Destito (Mia Sommer) Coming Up Roses Director Mia Sommer
BEST EDITING	BEST ORIGINAL STORY
Seek II: The Unsung Scars Director Shane Kosugi	(Bushra Farook) Baba Director Bushra Farook
BEST FEATURE SCRIPT	BEST SERIES PILOT SCRIPT
Broken Worlds Writer Terry Luke Podnar Cael Writer Christian Dalton Not Yet Submitter Taylor Bartczak Don't Eat the Mushrooms Writer Robert C. Hall	Love, In Theory Submitter Isabel Lorraine
BEST SHORT SCRIPT	BEST SCI-FI SCRIPT
The Higher To Heaven You'll Be Writers Justin V. Ricci, Lolia Etomi The Review Panel Writer Nathaniel Brooks	Broken Worlds Writer Terry Luke Podnar
BEST DRAMA SCRIPT	BEST 1ST TIME SCREENWRITER
Not Yet Submitter Taylor Bartczak The Review Panel Writer Nathaniel Brooks	Scallywags Writer Jason McCullough Batam Crossing Writer Arief Nugroho
BEST ORIGINAL SCRIPT	
Not Yet Submitter Taylor Bartczak	