

# NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL FILM AWARDS

FINALISTS - JUNE 2026

## BEST FEATURE FILM

**Union Street** Director Matthew Sean McLaughlin  
**Robbery at the Rockvale Theatre** Director Jesse Edwards

## BEST SHORT FILM

**Tristia** Director Weston Ottem  
**Call Ended** Director Amr Assad  
**Somewhere in Love** Director Shuangci Jin  
**Babylon Blues** Director Leon Lane  
**Borrowed Sight** Director Hei Lit Ma

## BEST UNDER 5 MINUTE FILM

**The Registration Office** Director Claire Atkinson  
**Da Lat Market** Director Tran Minh

## BEST INDIE SHORT

**The Wind We Shared** Director Samuel Chan  
**The Transit Desk** Director Megan Fletcher  
**Bandung Corridor** Director Rian Prasetyo  
**The Filing Deadline** Director Stuart Brennan  
**Kitakyushu Yard** Director Okada Yusuke

## BEST ANIMATION

**Dire Dryer** Directors Samantha Zielinski, Genevieve Gonzalez  
**Snapshot** Directors Julia Adriana Treviño Galvan, Gabriela Nicole Soriano Sevilla

## BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE

**Royal: A Journey of Faith, Music, and Purpose** Director Omar Cook

## BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT

**While they smiled** Director Alicia Hayes  
**Waiting for Care** Directors Franco Sacchi, Sandra Sequeira  
**Quan Cordillera Region** Director Esteban Navarro

## BEST STUDENT FILM

**Twist** Director Qianyu Wang  
**Scapegoat** Director Summer Rose Anderson  
**Ashes of Reverie** Director David Sakaoghli

## BEST AI FILM

**A Face Only A Mother Could Love** Director Robert Gaudette  
**It's Only Life** Directors Joseph Stephen Meadows, James Hussey  
**I Am Not Cuban** Director Juan Pablo Diaz

## BEST MUSIC VIDEO

**Hey Baby Baby** Director Ari Takahashi  
**Now!** Director Annie Minogue Band

## BEST TRAILER

**King of Mars: Markus's Revenge** Directors Valentina Li, Stella Chen,  
Zach Zhang  
**Sasquatch** Director Rudolph Rajendra

## BEST DARK COMEDY FILM

**Cold Like War** Director Amanda Gecewicz

<b>BEST HORROR FILM</b>	<b>BEST DRAMA FILM</b>
<p><b>Jack-O 2 Director Fred Olen Ray</b>  <b>Don't let him hear you breathe! Director Venkatesh Balasubramanian</b></p>	<p><b>Tristia Director Weston Ottem</b>  <b>Guadalajara North Director Elena Márquez</b></p>
<b>BEST HISTORICAL FILM</b>	<b>BEST NOIR FILM</b>
<p><b>Undeniable Director Jonathan Kalmus</b>  <b>Guadalajara North Director Elena Márquez</b></p>	<p><b>Boneyards Director Sean Ohlman</b></p>
<b>BEST ROMANCE FILM</b>	<b>BEST PARODY FILM</b>
<p><b>Homecoming Director Sean Ohlman</b></p>	<p><b>Logan's Legacy Director Glen L Wolfe</b></p>
<b>BEST SPORT FILM</b>	<b>BEST DIRECTOR</b>
<p><b>Homecoming Director Sean Ohlman</b></p>	<p><b>Robbery at the Rockvale Theatre Director Jesse Edwards</b>  <b>Tristia Director Weston Ottem</b>  <b>The Inspection Report Director William Carter</b>  <b>Town Block Director Tan Chee Keong</b></p>
<b>BEST 1ST TIME DIRECTOR</b>	<b>BEST ACTOR</b>
<p><b>Madam(s) Director Affoue Frederique Zakra</b>  <b>The Registration Office Director Claire Atkinson</b>  <b>Town Block Director Tan Chee Keong</b></p>	<p><b>(Mike Gassaway) The Forever Watchman Director Ralph Cinque</b>  <b>(Gray Thurstone) Tristia Director Weston Ottem</b>  <b>(Donald MacLean Jr.) Sasquatch Director Rudolph Rajendra</b>  <b>(Sean Ohlman) Cold Like War Director Amanda Gecewicz</b></p>
<b>BEST ACTRESS</b>	<b>BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR</b>
<p><b>(Jessica Clement) Sasquatch Director Rudolph Rajendra</b>  <b>(Hannah Kulp) Tristia Director Weston Ottem</b>  <b>(Maddisen Sheedy) The Forever Watchman Director Ralph Cinque</b></p>	<p><b>(David Dupre) Robbery at the Rockvale Theatre Director Jesse Edwards</b>  <b>(Cody Ray Thompson) Sasquatch Director Rudolph Rajendra</b></p>
<b>BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS</b>	<b>BEST CHILD ACTOR</b>
<p><b>(Ayla Bullington) Robbery at the Rockvale Theatre Director Jesse Edwards</b>  <b>(Jenny Raven) Sasquatch Director Rudolph Rajendra</b></p>	<p><b>(Jack Dylan Greig) Sasquatch Director Rudolph Rajendra</b></p>

<b>BEST YOUNG ACTOR</b>	<b>BEST YOUNG ACTRESS</b>
(Brycen Patterson) Robbery at the Rockvale Theatre Director Jesse Edwards	(Ayla Bullington) Robbery at the Rockvale Theatre Director Jesse Edwards
<b>BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY</b>	<b>BEST SOUNDTRACK</b>
(Adam Nunez) Tristia Director Weston Ottem Jeonju Platform Director Han Ji-seok George The Committee Chair Director Alison Price	(Igor Nemirovsky) Robbery at the Rockvale Theatre Director Jesse Edwards The Committee Chair Director Alison Price
<b>BEST DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY</b>	<b>BEST EDITING</b>
(Ying Hu) A complete mess Director Ying Hu	(Joe Bastien) Robbery at the Rockvale Theatre Director Jesse Edwards Jeonju Platform Director Han Ji-seok George
<b>BEST SCREENPLAY</b>	<b>BEST POSTER</b>
(Jesse Edwards) Robbery at the Rockvale Theatre Director Jesse Edwards Cartagena Line Director Camila Pardo	Cartagena Line Director Camila Pardo OMFGodzilla Submitter Robert Tartell
<b>BEST FEATURE SCRIPT</b>	<b>BEST SHORT SCRIPT</b>
Chrystal Ball Writer Cari Skain Semarang Terminal Writer Aditya Saptono	Pale Male Writer Robert Tartell The Archive Room Writer Peter Calloway
<b>BEST DARK COMEDY SCRIPT</b>	<b>BEST SCI-FI SCRIPT</b>
Author! Author! Submitter Joy Sawyer	Life in the sand pit Writer Bruce Robert Notman
<b>BEST HORROR SCRIPT</b>	<b>BEST DRAMA SCRIPT</b>
Goldy Writer Gregory Funaro The Sake House Submitter David A. Seader	What remains Writer Justin Kojok Semarang Terminal Writer Aditya Saptono
<b>BEST SOCIAL JUSTICE SCRIPT</b>	<b>BEST 1ST TIME SCREENWRITER</b>
The Rail Writer Lawrence Whitener	The Walk On Writer Billy Mitaritonna