

NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL FILM AWARDS

FINALISTS & WINNERS - JUNE 2026

BEST FEATURE FILM

Union Street Director Matthew Sean McLaughlin (WINNER)
Robbery at the Rockvale Theatre Director Jesse Edwards

BEST SHORT FILM

Tristia Director Weston Ottem (WINNER)
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 (WINNER)
Da Lat Market Director Tran Minh

BEST INDIE SHORT

The Wind We Shared Director Samuel Chan (WINNER)
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 (WINNER)
Snapshot Directors Julia Adriana Treviño Galvan, Gabriela Nicole Soriano Sevilla

BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE

Royal: A Journey of Faith, Music, and Purpose Director Omar Cook (WINNER)

BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT

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

BEST STUDENT FILM

Twist Director Qianyu Wang (WINNER)
Scapegoat Director Summer Rose Anderson
Ashes of Reverie Director David Sakaoghli

BEST AI FILM

A Face Only A Mother Could Love Director Robert Gaudette (WINNER)
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 (WINNER)
Now! Director Annie Minogue Band

BEST TRAILER

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

BEST DARK COMEDY FILM

Cold Like War Director Amanda Gecewicz (WINNER)

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

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