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FINALISTS & WINNERS - FEBRUARY 2024

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BEST FEATURE FILM	BEST SHORT FILM		
Fyre Rises Director Paul Knight (WINNER) Abrogation Director Franklin Livingston Group Director William R.A. Rush	My First Spring Director Lucas Pimenta (WINNER) The Scene Director Connor Morley If not now, when Director Yazmin Perez Suddendly Director Pedro Oliveira Lucy Is Awake Director Joeseph Coleman Pepper Chicken and Tostones Combination Director Javier Java Santiago		
BEST UNDER 5 MINUTE FILM	BEST INDIE FEATURE		
New Year, New Me Director Zuri Johnson (WINNER) Patience Director Alex Chen	Patch Director Bruce Bellocchi (WINNER) Rock Creek Express Director Elijah Gordon Young		
BEST INDIE SHORT	BEST ANIMATION		
Frequency Over Time Director Cari Sudmeier (WINNER) The Stars in New Mexico Director Kyle Rankin If not now, when Director Yazmin Perez Patience Director Alex Chen Seven Days Director Marinella Cara Pepper Chicken and Tostones Combination Director Javier Java Santiago	The Blanket Director Susanna Donau (WINNER)		
BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT	BEST STUDENT FILM		
Ñuñuyachiy: Breastfeeding with Affection and Care Directors Jose Miguel Soriano, Ricardo Macian (WINNER) Aqui Estoy Director Damisio Isavarre	In Waves Director Shaohan Song (WINNER) By Candlelight Directors Hunter Hoffman, Reid Robertson Dandies of LA Submitter Finn Neuneier Suddendly Director Pedro Oliveira Patience Director Alex Chen Two Paths: The Psychology of a Freelancer vs a Full-Time Employee Director Marco A Castaneda		
BEST SILENT FILM	BEST EXPERIMENTAL FILM		
The Silent Treatment Director Steven Lancefield (WINNER)	Vigil Directors Pippa Samaya, Tara Jade Samaya (WINNER) Patience Director Alex Chen		

BEST AI FILM	BEST MUSIC VIDEO	
Cat Chaser Director SiJia Zheng (WINNER)	I, Cyborg Directors Clément Clareton, Eva Schumacher (WINNER) Never Sleep Again Director Dan Masso The Girl Who Faded Away Director Brent Heise Pawns Director Elizabeth Gowan Berliner Galón Director Hao Yan Emblem of the Age Directors Egor Lisovoy, Polina Kulbachevskaia	
BEST TRAILER	BEST COMMERCIAL	
Pepper Chicken and Tostones Combination Director Javier Java Santiago (WINNER)	ASMR @ A.W.B. Director Alexander McKee (WINNER)	
BEST COMEDY FILM	BEST ADVENTURE FILM	
The Scene Director Connor Morley (WINNER)	The Stars in New Mexico Director Kyle Rankin (WINNER)	
BEST ACTION FILM	BEST THRILLER FILM	
Dojo Director Armin Alic (WINNER)	The nuclear tea party Director Dmytro Alexandrovich Masibroda (WINNER) Shadow Director Jae Won Jung	
BEST DRAMA FILM	BEST MUSICAL FILM	
Abrogation Director Franklin Livingston (WINNER) If not now, when Director Yazmin Perez	Purple Sky Director Akisai M. (WINNER)	
BEST LGBTQ FILM	BEST INSPIRATIONAL FILM	
In the closet Director Varakunan Panchalingam (WINNER)	Ñuñuyachiy: Breastfeeding with Affection and Care Directors Jose Miguel Soriano, Ricardo Macian (WINNER)	
BEST SOCIAL JUSTICE FILM	BEST SPORT FILM	
The Silent Treatment Director Steven Lancefield (WINNER) The Evolution of Human Motivations: An Al-Illustrated Odyssey Director John Voorhees Wylie	Chroma Director Taoquan Fu (WINNER)	

BEST DIRECTOR	BEST 1ST TIME DIRECTOR	
Pepper Chicken and Tostones Combination Director Javier Java Santiago (WINNER) The Silent Treatment Director Steven Lancefield The Scene Director Connor Morley If not now, when Director Yazmin Perez Seven Days Director Marinella Cara	Group Director William R.A. Rush (WINNER - Feature) As A Girl Director Linnan Liu (WINNER - Short) Lament Director Jason Chu Yoron Island Your own life, your own voyage Director Kentaro Kusunoki After school Director Yize In Waves Director Shaohan Song Pawns Director Elizabeth Gowan Berliner Ram's Head Director Casey Lee Ball Frequency Over Time Director Cari Sudmeier In the closet Director Varakunan Panchalingam Pepper Chicken and Tostones Combination Director Javier Java Santiago Shadow Director Jae Won Jung	
BEST STUDENT DIRECTOR	BEST ART DIRECTOR	
Galón Director Hao Yan (WINNER) Mind Thief Director Siling Chen As A Girl Director Linnan Liu Suddendly Director Pedro Oliveira	Beast - Art Director D. R. K. Kiran (WINNER)	
BEST PRODUCER	BEST 1ST TIME PRODUCER	
(Keith Large) The Silent Treatment Director Steven Lancefield (WINNER)	(Xxena N. Rush) Group Director William R.A. Rush (WINNER) (Grace Galarraga) As A Girl Director Linnan Liu	
BEST ACTOR	BEST ACTRESS	
(Bruce Bellocchi) Patch Director Bruce Bellocchi (WINNER) (Jeff Tideswell) The Silent Treatment Director Steven Lancefield (Roberto Oliveira) Suddendly Director Pedro Oliveira	(Rita Jagpal-Mohan) The Silent Treatment Director Steven Lancefield (WINNER) (Jade Cao) Patience Director Alex Chen	
BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR	BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS	
(Samson Zilic) The Scene Director Connor Morley (WINNER)	(Roma Malik) The Silent Treatment Director Steven Lancefield (WINNER)	
BEST ACTING ENSEMBLE	BEST ACTING DUO	
Pepper Chicken and Tostones Combination Director Javier Java Santiago (WINNER)	(Taylor Dupuis, Tyler Weisenauer) The Stars in New Mexico Director Kyle Rankin (WINNER) (Rita Jagpal-Mohan and Roma Malik) The Silent Treatment Director Steven Lancefield (Shuming Lu Cen, Jimmy K Fung Yeev) Pepper Chicken and Tostones Combination Director Javier Java Santiago	

BEST MONOLOGUE	BEST ACTING DEBUT	
(Haulston Mann) Group Director William R.A. Rush (WINNER) (Yazmin Perez) If not now, when Director Yazmin Perez	(Logan Stanzione) 12 Steps to Recovery Director Ryan Watson (WINNER)	
BEST STUNT PERFORMER	BEST SOUNDTRACK	
(Jimmy K Fung Yeev) Pepper Chicken and Tostones Combina- tion Director Javier Java Santiago (WINNER)	(Federico Ricci) Ozmar Director Joshua Urquhart (WINNER) (Roanoke) The Stars in New Mexico Director Kyle Rankin (Liam Phan) Paloma Submitter Liam Phan (Casey Lee Ball) Ram's Head Director Casey Lee Ball	
BEST MAIN THEME	BEST SONG	
(Liam Phan) Paloma Submitter Liam Phan (WINNER)	(Jaane Doe) Pawns Director Elizabeth Gowan Berliner (WINNER)	
BEST SOUND DESIGN	BEST FIGHT CHOREOGRAPHY	
(Jose A. Ibanez Reynes) Pepper Chicken and Tostones Combination Director Javier Java Santiago (WINNER)	(Javier Java Santiago) Pepper Chicken and Tostones Combi- nation Director Javier Java Santiago (WINNER)	
BEST DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY	BEST SCREENPLAY	
(Zhihan Yang) As A Girl Director Linnan Liu (WINNER)	(Keith Large) The Silent Treatment Director Steven Lancefield (WINNER)	
BEST POSTER	BEST SHORT SCRIPT	
(Ali Cattini) The Silent Treatment Director Steven Lancefield (WINNER)	Lunchtime - A Love Story Writer Matt Margrett (WINNER)	
BEST HORROR SCRIPT	BEST HISTORICAL SCRIPT	
The Screecher Writer Lazar Karov (WINNER) Seek Only The Protection of Death Writer Marcus Johnson	The Locksmith Writer Julian Poulter (WINNER)	
BEST INSPIRATIONAL SCRIPT	BEST 1ST TIME SCREENWRITER	
Ñuñuyachiy: Breastfeeding with Affection and Care Writer Jose Miguel Soriano (WINNER)	Fireflies Writer Lauryna Heck (WINNER)	

GRAND JURY AWARDS	HONORABLE MENTIONS
Lament Director Jason Chu (1st time Director – Short) The Girl Who Faded Away Director Brent Heise (Music Video) Shadow Director Jae Won Jung (Thriller Film)	Ram's Head Director Casey Lee Ball (1st time Director – Short) Pawns Director Elizabeth Gowan Berliner (Music Video) Rock Creek Express Director Elijah Gordon Young (Indie Feature) Lucy Is Awake Director Joeseph Coleman (Short Film) Seek Only The Protection of Death Writer Marcus Johnson (Horror Script)