

ONIROS FILM AWARDS

FINALISTS & WINNERS - JUNE 2025

BEST SHORT FILM

Pool of Light Director Derek Groulx (WINNER)

Praying For Love Director Sofia Tonin
Made Men Director Sommy Sebastian Krause
Fly on the Wall Director Mar Novo
Walking With Elephants Director Yuqing Jiao

BEST UNDER 5 MINUTE FILM

¡Alegre! Director Andrea Cecilia Civetta (WINNER)

Last Ferry to Istanbul Director Mehmet Arslan
Glass Between Us Director Aaron Whitmore

BEST INDIE SHORT

Dual Agency Director Frank Blake (WINNER)

Race Car Director Johannes Klein
Anamika - Chapter III: Remnants of the future Director Saji Aravind
Genizas del Sol Director Luis Fernando Rocha
The Drowned Garden Director Elena Márquez

BEST SERIES PILOT

Paradise Directors Armaan Rochlani, Nick Romagnolo (WINNER)

The Clinic on Washington Street Director Freddy Moyano

BEST ANIMATION

Dogs of Bishkek Director Viktor Niksdorf (WINNER)

Praying For Love Director Sofia Tonin
Unbearable Director Samantha Ho
Total Opposites Director Afek Felix Eyal
¡Alegre! Director Andrea Cecilia Civetta
Holy Cow Director Karthik Swaminathan
Un-Brella Director Kaixi Cathy Yang

BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE

Rigged Director Matt Zodrow (WINNER)

Buried Cries: Endangered Children of the Amazon Director Yutaka Hagihara
Metamorphosis: Women's Resilience to Oppression in Türkiye Director Aslihan Kas

BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT

Yangtze River Migrants Director Sireng Meng (WINNER)

That Paradise Place Director Tim Griffin Allan
Walking With Elephants Director Yuqing Jiao
Night Train Last Stop Director Gina Margillo
Weight Of Stone Director Rakhi Jain

BEST STUDENT FILM

Praying For Love Director Sofia Tonin (WINNER)

Yangtze River Migrants Director Sireng Meng
Almost Perfect Director Daniel Krastek
Second Spring Directors Jennifer Y. Sun, Ailla R. Crossman
Walking With Elephants Director Yuqing Jiao

BEST EXPERIMENTAL FILM

Shallow Dream Director Yuyang Liu (WINNER)

Last Ferry to Istanbul Director Mehmet Arslan

BEST AI FILM

Animalz - Part One Directors Luca Ontino, Simone Bocchino (WINNER)

Channel Zero Director Luca Ontino
Anamika - Chapter III: Remnants of the future Director Saji Aravind

BEST MUSIC VIDEO	BEST ACTION FILM
I'm back Director Ilya Noyabrev (WINNER) <i>When You Love Me Director Coco Bigles</i>	Dual Agency Director Frank Blake (WINNER)
BEST FANTASY FILM	BEST SCI-FI FILM
The Angel's tears Director Chris Garcia (WINNER)	Unplug Director Francesca Nora Bateman (WINNER) <i>Anamika - Chapter III: Remnants of the future Director Saji Aravind</i>
BEST MUSICAL FILM	BEST FAN FILM
Can't Stop Director Radek Belina (WINNER)	Can't Stop Director Radek Belina (WINNER) <i>The Hidden Director Eddie Soto</i>
BEST PARODY	BEST NATURE FILM
Can't Stop Director Radek Belina (WINNER)	Walking With Elephants Director Yuqing Jiao (WINNER)
BEST SOCIAL JUSTICE FILM	BEST 1ST TIME DIRECTOR
Arulvaan Director Ganesh Vinayakan (WINNER) <i>The Inventors Director Ryan Egypt ElHosseiny</i>	Yangtze River Migrants Director Sireng Meng (WINNER) <i>Can't Stop Director Radek Belina</i> <i>Opera Posthuma Director Naïm Merzouki</i> <i>Pool of Light Director Derek Groulx</i>
BEST 1ST TIME PRODUCER	BEST ACTOR
(Kenya Ture', Pete Maddocks) Diamond Director Matthew Panepinto (WINNER)	(Corentin Masson) The Angel's tears Director Chris Garcia (WINNER) <i>(Nick Casal) No Such Thing As Peace Director Adrian Gonzalez</i>
BEST ACTRESS	BEST ACTING ENSEMBLE
(Mailys Gilet-Couraud) The Angel's tears Director Chris Garcia (WINNER)	Made Men Director Sommy Sebastian Krause (WINNER) <i>Where the Wind Knows Director Anya Petrova</i>
BEST COSTUMES	BEST VISUAL EFFECTS
(Radek Belina) Can't Stop Director Radek Belina (WINNER)	The Hidden Director Eddie Soto (WINNER)

BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY	BEST DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY
<p>(Nafen Wu) Confessions Submitter Nafen Wu (WINNER) <i>(Marilyne Dufourg) The Angel's tears Director Chris Garcia</i></p>	<p>(Andela Kubatova) Can't Stop Director Radek Belina (WINNER)</p>
BEST EDITING	BEST ORIGINAL STORY
<p>(Lu Li) Azul Director Santos Arrué (WINNER) <i>L'homme de cendres Director Julien Morel</i></p>	<p>(Cristian Felipe) Winged Dreams: A Tribute to the Heart Director Cristian Felipe (WINNER)</p>
BEST POSTER	BEST FEATURE SCRIPT
<p>Can't Stop Director Radek Belina (WINNER)</p>	<p>When Pigs Fly Writers Terry Luke Podnar, Ed Charles Learner (WINNER) <i>The Last Heir Writer Kurt Weicher</i></p>
BEST SERIES PILOT SCRIPT	BEST SHORT SCRIPT
<p>The Proxy Mom Writer Marie Smalley (WINNER) <i>Paco Writer Cresencio S. Medina</i></p>	<p>Doll Boy Writer Mackenzie Pursel (WINNER) <i>Otoño Roto Writer Camila Vergara</i> <i>Silence Under Neon Writer Takumi Ishida</i> <i>Jefferson in Paris Writer Robert Michael Benn</i></p>
BEST HORROR SCRIPT	BEST ORIGINAL SCRIPT
<p>The Perfect Man Writer Jessie Jalee (WINNER)</p>	<p>Through The Grapevine Writer Phoebe Michaelides (WINNER) <i>Otoño Roto Writer Camila Vergara</i></p>
GRAND JURY AWARDS	HONORABLE MENTIONS
<p>Holy Cow Director Karthik Swaminathan (Animation)</p> <p>Walking With Elephants Director Yuqing Jiao (Doc Short)</p>	<p>Praying For Love Director Sofia Tonin (Short Film)</p> <p>Unbearable Director Samantha Ho (Animation)</p> <p>When You Love Me Director Coco Bigles (Music Video)</p> <p>Second Spring Directors Jennifer Y. Sun, Ailla R. Crossman (Student Film)</p> <p>Race Car Director Johannes Klein (Indie Short)</p> <p>Anamika - Chapter III: Remnants of the future Director Saji Aravind (Sci-Fi)</p> <p>Anamika - Chapter III: Remnants of the future Director Saji Aravind (AI Film)</p>