

# ONIROS FILM AWARDS

FINALISTS & WINNERS - OCTOBER 2025

## BEST FEATURE FILM

**The Ashes of A Dream Director Joe Nuzzolo (WINNER)**

*La Casa de los Relojes* Director Ana María Cortez

## BEST SHORT FILM

**Daddy Daze Director Phil Ossai (WINNER)**

*Scar* Director He Ran

*Char Siu* Director Xiaotong

*Unacceptable* Directors Armin Dzafic, Joel Stephen Fleming

*The Widow's Harbour* Director Jonathan McAllister

*La Rosa e la Polvere* Director Chiara Valenti

## BEST UNDER 5 MINUTE FILM

**Egoli - Place of Gold Director Martin Miron (WINNER)**

*Chihiro* Director Rebekah Brodsky

*Brothers of the Apocalypse* Director Luke Tatro

*Sous le Vent du Nord* Director Camille Durand

## BEST INDIE SHORT

**The Sharp Point of Time Director Andrew Acedo (WINNER)**

*You!* Director Ashish Chaitanya

*The Show* Director R

*The Widow's Harbour* Director Jonathan McAllister

*La Rosa e la Polvere* Director Chiara Valenti

## BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE

**The women in security Documentary Director Yvette Freeman (WINNER)**

*Field of Fears The Haunting of Randolph County Asylum* Director Matthew Sorge

*Across The Years* Director Smith Yewell

*Dawn of Cyberwarfare* Directors Fabrizio Dublino, Alisha Merkle

## BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT

**Home on the Border Director Yifan Liu (WINNER)**

*Kites Are Fun* Director Jiafan Lin

## BEST STUDENT FILM

**Fire Source Director Tao Shuowen (WINNER)**

*Between The Lines* Director Chundi Wang

*Kites Are Fun* Director Jiafan Lin

*The Widow's Harbour* Director Jonathan McAllister

*Madeline* Director Asher Anderson Frémont

*Paint Me Invisible* Director Amanda Xiao

## BEST AI FILM

**The Paywall Director Will Bakke (WINNER)**

*Echoes in the Grey: The Stardust Drifter* Director Misha George

*Pyrrhic Victory* Director Brendan Young

*Leviathan* Director Andre Surya Wiyono

## BEST MUSIC VIDEO

**Pyrrhic Victory Director Brendan Young (WINNER)**

*Gold and Dim* Director Piero Fragola

*Single for Life (Ava Della Pietra - official music video)* Director Luke Orlando

*Turn Off The News* Director Paul Cruz

*Side Effects* Director Malgorzata Zofia Findysz

## BEST COMEDY FILM

**The Independent Director John Kestner (WINNER)**

<b>BEST THRILLER FILM</b>	<b>BEST SCI-FI FILM</b>
<b>Pactum Director Reese T. Lightfoot (WINNER)</b>	<b>Lost in Time Director Henry Colin (WINNER)</b>
<b>BEST HORROR FILM</b>	<b>BEST DRAMA FILM</b>
<b>Pactum Director Reese T. Lightfoot (WINNER)</b> <i>Dreamers Director Jaden Jajuan Fields</i>	<b>A Bottle's Echo Director Ronny Law (WINNER)</b> <i>La Casa de los Relojes Director Ana María Cortez</i>
<b>BEST HISTORICAL FILM</b>	<b>BEST MUSICAL FILM</b>
<b>The Drive Director David Arrow (WINNER)</b>	<b>The Jade Palace's Lament Director Xiaoxiao Ma (WINNER)</b>
<b>BEST NATURE FILM</b>	<b>BEST DIRECTOR</b>
<b>Egwa Director V K Raju (WINNER)</b> <i>Sous le Vent du Nord Director Camille Durand</i>	<b>The Drive Director David Arrow (WINNER)</b> <i>The Sharp Point of Time Director Andrew Acedo</i> <i>Butterfly Director Claryn Scott</i> <i>Fire Source Director Tao Shuowen</i> <i>The Natural Born Actor Director Diako Ravandi</i>
<b>BEST 1ST TIME DIRECTOR</b>	<b>BEST STUDENT DIRECTOR</b>
<b>Field of Fears The Haunting of Randolph County Asylum Director Matthew Sorge (WINNER)</b> <i>La Casa de los Relojes Director Ana María Cortez</i>	<b>Dreamers Director Jaden Jajuan Fields (WINNER - Feature)</b> <b>Home on the Border Director Yifan Liu (WINNER - Short)</b> <i>Fire Source Director Tao Shuowen</i> <i>Piano Director Fangke</i> <i>Foreign Affinity Director Xinyu</i> <i>Die Farbe des Regens Director Ulrich Meier</i>
<b>BEST PRODUCER</b>	<b>BEST 1ST TIME PRODUCER</b>
<b>(Leon Derrrey) The Drive Director David Arrow (WINNER)</b> <i>(Richard Doran Ticho) The women in security Documentary Director Yvette Freeman</i>	<b>(Ramesh Chindam) You! Director Ashish Chaitanya (WINNER)</b> <i>Die Farbe des Regens Director Ulrich Meier</i>
<b>BEST ACTOR</b>	<b>BEST ACTRESS</b>
<b>(Joe Nuzzolo) The Ashes of A Dream Director Joe Nuzzolo (WINNER)</b>	<b>(Amber Paul) The Drive Director David Arrow (WINNER)</b> <i>(Pinky Albea) The Sharp Point of Time Director Andrew Acedo</i> <i>(Alexa Morden) Lost in Time Director Henry Colin</i>

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS	BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY
<p><b>(Holly Stevens) Lost in Time Director Henry Colin (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>(Donnie Shields) The Stand at Alder Creek Director Chase Morgan Hulett (WINNER)</b>  <i>Fiume di Sale Director Matteo De Lauro</i></p>
BEST MAKE-UP	BEST SOUNDTRACK
<p><b>(Ashley Di Sarro and Jennifer Hargrove) The Drive Director David Arrow (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>(Smith Yewell) Across The Years Director Smith Yewell (WINNER)</b>  <i>(Teoni) Under the shadows Submitter Teoni</i>  <i>(Kennard Ramsey) The women in security Documentary Director Yvette Freeman</i>  <i>Sleeping in Silence Director Nate Pierce</i></p>
BEST MAIN THEME	BEST SONG
<p><b>(Celine Egan) Wake Submitter Celine Egan (WINNER)</b>  <i>(Kennard Ramsey) The women in security Documentary Director Yvette Freeman</i></p>	<p><b>Single for Life (Ava Della Pietra - official music video) Director Luke Orlando (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY	BEST EDITING
<p><b>(Rebekah Brodsky) Chihiro Director Rebekah Brodsky (WINNER)</b>  <i>(Yinou Wang) I have no time for grief Director Yinou Wang</i>  <i>(Dante Zanini-Sassani, Hannah Kirkby) A Soul Never Lost Director Gabriella Hanna</i></p>	<p><b>(Andrew Acedo) The Sharp Point of Time Director Andrew Acedo (WINNER)</b>  <i>Fiume di Sale Director Matteo De Lauro</i></p>
BEST SCREENPLAY	BEST POSTER
<p><b>(Andrew Acedo) The Sharp Point of Time Director Andrew Acedo (WINNER)</b>  <i>Die Farbe des Regens Director Ulrich Meier</i>  <i>Fiume di Sale Director Matteo De Lauro</i></p>	<p><b>The Natural Born Actor Director Diako Ravandi (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST FEATURE SCRIPT	BEST SERIES PILOT SCRIPT
<p><b>The Children of No Light Director Katherine Doyle (WINNER)</b>  <i>Seoul Searching Writer Nancy Kimmell</i>  <i>Baked Alaska Writers Drew Simpson, Daniel Simpson</i></p>	<p><b>Unspoken Writer Robyn Babina (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST SHORT SCRIPT	BEST THRILLER SCRIPT
<p><b>Long Way Home Writer Terry Luke Podnar (WINNER)</b>  <i>The Microphone Writer Dušan Davidov</i>  <i>Les Portes du Silence Director Adrien Lefèvre</i>  <i>La Notte dei Vetri Blu Director Elena Carminati</i></p>	<p><b>Behind the Algorithm Writer Michelle Lynn Taubman (WINNER)</b></p>

BEST HORROR SCRIPT	BEST DRAMA SCRIPT
<p><b>Death By Night</b> Writer Kristian James (WINNER)</p>	<p><b>Seoul Searching</b> Writer Nancy Kimmel (WINNER)  <i>The pull of gravity</i> Writer David Wolff  <i>The Children of No Light</i> Director Katherine Doyle</p>
BEST WESTERN SCRIPT	BEST ROMANCE SCRIPT
<p><b>Sunka Wakan</b> Writer David Raastad (WINNER)</p>	<p><b>Love Expectations</b> Writer Cecilia Agatha Scorezese (WINNER)  <i>La Notte dei Vetri Blu</i> Director Elena Carminati</p>
BEST 1ST TIME SCREENWRITER	BEST ORIGINAL SCRIPT
<p><b>Holding the Moon</b> Writer Kelli Seegers (WINNER)  <i>The Children of No Light</i> Director Katherine Doyle  <i>El Horizonte de las Almas</i> Director Rodrigo Menéndez</p>	<p><b>Death in Poland</b> Writer Grant Huffman (WINNER)  <i>Behind the Algorithm</i> Writer Michelle Lynn Taubman  <i>El Horizonte de las Almas</i> Director Rodrigo Menéndez</p>
HONORABLE MENTIONS	
<p><b>(Richard Doran Ticho) The women in security</b> Documentary  Director Yvette Freeman (Producer)</p> <p><b>Fire Source</b> Director Tao Shuowen  (Director – Short)</p> <p><b>Char Siu</b> Director Xiaotong  (Short Film)</p> <p><b>Foreign Affinity</b> Director Xinyu  (Student Director - Short)</p> <p><b>Kites Are Fun</b> Director Jiafan Lin  (Doc Short)</p> <p><b>Leviathan</b> Director Andre Surya Wiyono  (AI Film)</p>	