

# ONIROS FILM AWARDS

FINALISTS & WINNERS - JANUARY 2026

## BEST FEATURE FILM

## BEST SHORT FILM

**A Quiet Morning in Varanasi Director Sanjay Kulkarni (WINNER)**  
*Our flag Director Johannes Ujo Müller*

**Slay The She-Wolves Director Philippe Cormier (WINNER)**  
*Branch On A Tree Director Chris Zarb*  
*El Polvo y la Distancia Director Renata Figueroa*  
*The Quiet Harbour Director Eleanor Whitfield*  
*El Camino de las Aguas Altas Director Rafael Contreras*  
*Midnight in Daegu Director Jung Seong-ho*

## BEST UNDER 5 MINUTE FILM

## BEST INDIE FEATURE

**Their Sky Director Yuexin Fa (WINNER)**  
*Man of Another Time Director Yi Lu*  
*After the Lotus Bloom Director Siriporn Chaiyasit*

**Our flag Director Johannes Ujo Müller (WINNER)**

## BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE

## BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT

**Our flag Director Johannes Ujo Müller (WINNER)**  
*215 Branch of Death Director Obadah Al-Baghdadi*  
*Trials: Jamila Bouhired Director Ahmed Aboufotouh*  
*Road of dreams Director Simone Cicalò*  
*Unbroken: A Shen Yun Story Director Fiona Young*

**The Newlyweds Director Hau Nguyen (WINNER)**  
*Boonie, Bano Director Ziming Li*  
*Where Care Breaks Director Kevin Cheng*  
*El Camino de las Aguas Altas Director Rafael Contreras*  
*Ink and Inspiration Director Andrew Vilange*

## BEST STUDENT FILM

## BEST SILENT FILM

**Man of Another Time Director Yi Lu (WINNER)**  
*Where Care Breaks Director Kevin Cheng*  
*El Polvo y la Distancia Director Renata Figueroa*  
*The Quiet Harbour Director Eleanor Whitfield*  
*Marked Director Andrew Vilange*

**A caregiver Director Alberto Martín-Aragón (WINNER)**

## BEST AI FILM

## BEST MUSIC VIDEO

**Before My Silence Director Axel Schilling (WINNER)**  
*Chelsea Fan Tribute AI Video Director Soslan Chekhoev*  
*Filmway. Made with AI. Shaped by People Directors Eradzh Nidoev,*  
*Alexander Zarshchikov*  
*Marked for Snuff Director Pavel Karusev*  
*The Pornographer Directors Milla Cummings, Marie-Josée Saint-Pierre*

**Strolling Down Brighton Pier Submitter Zach Stevens (WINNER)**  
*No Error Director Alex Semikopenko*  
*Mr Casual Directors Jazzie Young, Shelby Parks Parks*  
*The Long Breath of Winter Director Eunhye Lee*  
*Just Like Selma Submitter Nolan Williams, Jr.*

BEST TRAILER	BEST COMMERCIAL
Turn Me On Director Boyuan Si (WINNER)	Omi Director Josh Kirk (WINNER)
BEST DRAMA FILM	BEST HISTORICAL FILM
Slay The She-Wolves Director Philippe Cormier (WINNER) A Quiet Morning in Varanasi Director Sanjay Kulkarni The Pine Ridge Letters Director Thomas R. Callahan	Inherited Shame Directors Fruzsina Skrabski, Sándor Kiss (WINNER)
BEST MUSICAL FILM	BEST BIOGRAPHICAL FILM
Strolling Down Brighton Pier Submitter Zach Stevens (WINNER)	Professor Maria Kopp Director István Borsody (WINNER)
BEST INSPIRATIONAL FILM	BEST SOCIAL JUSTICE FILM
Luke Warm Directors Chantelle A Richards, Redrick Shamall Dean (WINNER) Moving Past Trauma Director Fruzsina Skrabski After the Lotus Bloom Director Siriporn Chaiyasit	Where Care Breaks Director Kevin Cheng (WINNER)
BEST SPORT FILM	BEST DIRECTOR
The Silver Team and the '38 World Cup Final Director István Borsody (WINNER)	Willow's Tree Director Darius L Francis (WINNER - Feature) Slay The She-Wolves Director Philippe Cormier (WINNER - Short) Branch On A Tree Director Chris Zarb The Pine Ridge Letters Director Thomas R. Callahan
BEST 1ST TIME DIRECTOR	BEST STUDENT DIRECTOR
Our flag Director Johannes Ujo Müller (WINNER - Feature) Man of Another Time Director Yi Lu (WINNER - Short) Cool Headed Girl Director Lisa Nagy Isaacson After the Lotus Bloom Director Siriporn Chaiyasit The Pine Ridge Letters Director Thomas R. Callahan	Where Care Breaks Director Kevin Cheng (WINNER) Man of Another Time Director Yi Lu After the Lotus Bloom Director Siriporn Chaiyasit
BEST ART DIRECTOR	BEST ACTOR
(Gabriel Sirard) Slay The She-Wolves Director Philippe Cormier (WINNER)	(Roger La Rue) Slay The She-Wolves Director Philippe Cormier (WINNER) (Johan Wickholm) Letters Of Love Director Johan Wickholm
BEST ACTRESS	BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR
(Marilou Morin) Slay The She-Wolves Director Philippe Cormier (WINNER) (Rose Jones) Cool Headed Girl Director Lisa Nagy Isaacson	(Rémy Girard) Slay The She-Wolves Director Philippe Cormier (WINNER)

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS	BEST COSTUMES
<p><b>(Eve Lemieux) Slay The She-Wolves Director Philippe Cormier (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>(Sara Karel Chiasson) Slay The She-Wolves Director Philippe Cormier (WINNER)</b>  <i>(Fraggle Jury) Strolling Down Brighton Pier Submitter Zach Stevens</i>  <i>Sombras del Viento Seco Director Valeria Quintana</i></p>
BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY	BEST MAKE-UP
<p><b>(Martin Amiot) Slay The She-Wolves Director Philippe Cormier (WINNER)</b>  <i>(Ryusei Emi) The Fox Bride Dance Director Ryusei Emi</i>  <i>Sombras del Viento Seco Director Valeria Quintana</i>  <i>Midnight in Daegu Director Jung Seong-ho</i></p>	<p><b>(Katleen Venne) Slay The She-Wolves Director Philippe Cormier (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST PROSTHETIC MAKE-UP	BEST PRACTICAL EFFECTS
<p><b>(Rémy Couture) Slay The She-Wolves Director Philippe Cormier (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>Slay The She-Wolves Director Philippe Cormier (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST SOUNDTRACK	BEST SONG
<p><b>(Lauren Bélec) Slay The She-Wolves Director Philippe Cormier (WINNER)</b>  <i>Oblivion Submitter Teoni</i>  <i>Illusion Submitter Teoni</i>  <i>Sombras del Viento Seco Director Valeria Quintana</i></p>	<p><b>(Kurt Rosenberg) Strolling Down Brighton Pier Submitter Zach Stevens (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY	BEST EDITING
<p><b>Unbroken: A Shen Yun Story Director Fiona Young (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>(Myriam Tremblay-Sher) Slay The She-Wolves Director Philippe Cormier (WINNER)</b>  <i>Midnight in Daegu Director Jung Seong-ho</i></p>
BEST SCREENPLAY	BEST FEATURE SCRIPT
<p><b>(Philippe Cormier, Arthur Bussières-Gallant) Slay The She-Wolves Director Philippe Cormier (WINNER)</b>  <i>Sombras del Viento Seco Director Valeria Quintana</i></p>	<p><b>A Close Divide Writer Jesse Dorian (WINNER)</b>  <i>What Ships Are For Writer Connie Jean McGill</i>  <i>Shooting to Lose Writer Michael Wein</i>  <i>The Mad Dog and Miss Effie Writer Bret McCormick</i></p>
BEST SERIES PILOT SCRIPT	BEST SHORT SCRIPT
<p><b>Sly Writer Jesse Dorian (WINNER)</b>  <i>Bathroom Ep. 1 "Adam" Writer Jack Dalrymple</i>  <i>The River Beyond Chiang Rai Writer Nattapong Suksawat</i></p>	<p><b>12 Minutes Writer Ben Havis (WINNER)</b>  <i>A Personal Friend Writer Yi Lu</i>  <i>Shattered Writer Dara Cohen</i></p>

BEST COMEDY SCRIPT	BEST DARK COMEDY SCRIPT
<p><b>Renewal Day Writers Jamie Lokoff, Catherine Bown (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>A Close Divide Writer Jesse Dorian (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST ADVENTURE SCRIPT	BEST THRILLER SCRIPT
<p><b>What Ships Are For Writer Connie Jean McGill (WINNER)</b>  <i>The Long Walk Home</i> Writer Michael O'Donnell</p>	<p><b>The Straw: That Broke America's Back Writer Tracy Leon Streeter (WINNER)</b>  <i>The Long Walk Home</i> Writer Michael O'Donnell</p>
BEST DRAMA SCRIPT	BEST ROMANCE SCRIPT
<p><b>A Close Divide Writer Jesse Dorian (WINNER)</b>  <i>The Long Wake: Two Men. One Night. Fifty Years Ago.</i> Writer Tracy Leon Streeter  <i>What Ships Are For</i> Writer Connie Jean McGill</p>	<p><b>Renewal Day Writers Jamie Lokoff, Catherine Bown (WINNER)</b>  <i>La Casa del Cerro Azul</i> Writer Daniela Paredes</p>
BEST LGBTQ SCRIPT	BEST 1ST TIME SCREENWRITER
<p><b>Bathroom Ep. 1 "Adam" Writer Jack Dalrymple (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>Rostam Writer Ben Havis (WINNER)</b>  <i>12 Minutes</i> Writer Ben Havis  <i>A Personal Friend</i> Writer Yi Lu</p>
BEST STUDENT SCREENWRITER	BEST ORIGINAL SCRIPT
<p><b>A Personal Friend Writer Yi Lu (WINNER)</b>  <i>La Casa del Cerro Azul</i> Writer Daniela Paredes</p>	<p><b>A Close Divide Writer Jesse Dorian (WINNER)</b>  <i>A Season of Falling Leaves</i> Writer Andrew Whitaker</p>
HONORABLE MENTIONS	
<p><b>Cool Headed Girl Director Lisa Nagy Isaacson (1st Time Director - Short)</b></p> <p><b>A Personal Friend Writer Yi Lu (Short Script)</b></p> <p><b>Trials: Jamila Bouhired Director Ahmed Aboufotouh (Doc Feature)</b></p> <p><b>Oblivion Submitter Teoni (Soundtrack)</b></p> <p><b>Branch On A Tree Director Chris Zarb (Short Film)</b></p> <p><b>What Ships Are For Writer Connie Jean McGill (Feature Script)</b></p> <p><b>Ink and Inspiration Director Andrew Vilange (Doc Short)</b></p>	