

ONIROS FILM AWARDS

FINALISTS & WINNERS - MARCH 2026

BEST SHORT FILM

The Red Book Director Kyprianos Dimosthenous (WINNER)

Sacred Isolation Director Maxwell Wijaya

Blood Will Have Blood Director John Kestner

Block Director Ignacio Silva

Surabaya Line Director Budi Santoso Montevideo

BEST UNDER 5 MINUTE FILM

Sacred Isolation Director Maxwell Wijaya (WINNER)

The Permit Director George Halstead

An Unexpected Call Director Zhiying Deng

BEST INDIE SHORT

Elle Director Robert Michalke (WINNER)

Slumber Director John Theodore Corday

Ceci n'est pas une arme. Director Anthony Noto

Sacred Isolation Director Maxwell Wijaya

The Permit Director George Halstead

Block Director Ignacio Silva

BEST SERIES PILOT

The Village Under the Sea Directors Kayah George, Danielle Da Silva (WINNER)

BEST ANIMATION

Little Navel Orange Prince Director Weidong Zhang (WINNER)

Legend of Little Xuanzang Director Yongjun Su

BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE

Kuleana Directors Zaya Benazzo, Maurizio Benazzo (WINNER)

The Showmen Director Daryl Scott Granger

BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT

Sacred Isolation Director Maxwell Wijaya (WINNER)

I Belong Director Mariia Rudenko

Screen Time Director Oleksii Stepanenko

BEST STUDENT FILM

Sacred Isolation Director Maxwell Wijaya (WINNER)

De la pata de la mesa Director Felipe Díaz Breyo

Someone Will Love Me. Director Bianca Rozsa

Killing Time Director Karl Fleet

Monster Director Muming Yang

Block Director Ignacio Silva

Má Má & me Director Kristine Liang

BEST AI FILM

Make A Wish Director Hakan Kemixiz (WINNER)

Strange Attractor Director Ben Dubow

I Once Had It All Director Max Kitaev

(L)ight eat (L)ight Director Berry Bahk

Shine Director Jesse Weglein

BEST MUSIC VIDEO

Sám Sebou Directors Lanigan McCulty, Martin Horváth (WINNER)

One Night Director Coco Bigles

The Permit Director George Halstead

BEST COMMERCIAL	BEST DARK COMEDY FILM
Dear Dance Director Rachel Hunter (WINNER)	Examination Assassination Director Ethan McCarron (WINNER)
BEST SCI-FI FILM	BEST DRAMA FILM
Slumber Director John Theodore Corday (WINNER)	Tri-Colère Director Soo Jin Lee (WINNER) <i>The Caseworker Director Emily Dawson</i>
BEST LGBTQ FILM	BEST NATURE FILM
Our Family Pride Directors Glen Evelyn, Dominic Giannetti (WINNER) <i>The Caseworker Director Emily Dawson</i>	The Village Under the Sea Directors Kayah George, Danielle Da Silva (WINNER)
BEST INSPIRATIONAL FILM	BEST 1ST TIME DIRECTOR
Astral Director Henri Bargès (WINNER)	Slumber Director John Theodore Corday (WINNER) <i>Hotdog Kim Director Nikolaj Secher</i> <i>Astral Director Henri Bargès</i> <i>Girlhood Director Sydney Couture</i> <i>Surabaya Line Director Budi Santoso Montevideo</i>
BEST STUDENT DIRECTOR	BEST PRODUCER
Sacred Isolation Director Maxwell Wijaya (WINNER) <i>Someone Will Love Me. Director Bianca Rozsa</i> <i>Monster Director Muming Yang</i> <i>Block Director Ignacio Silva</i> <i>The Caseworker Director Emily Dawson</i>	Astral Director Henri Bargès (WINNER) <i>Surabaya Line Director Budi Santoso Montevideo</i>
BEST 1ST TIME PRODUCER	BEST ACTOR
(Mille Ardahl Kjeldgaard) Hotdog Kim Director Nikolaj Secher (WINNER) <i>(Hirokazu Takei) Everette's Love Letter Director Ryo Ichikawa</i>	(Jack Stone) Basileus Director Connor Heilig (WINNER) <i>(Wong Chi-keung) Night Shift, Kowloon Director Wong Chi-keung</i>
BEST ACTRESS	BEST ACTING DUO
(Katy Ann Maplesden) The Red Book Director Kyprianos Dimosthenous (WINNER)	(Caylyn Wan-Creager, Trell Marciano) Ceci n'est pas une arme. Director Anthony Noto (WINNER) <i>(Nick Bella, Olivia Martin) Slaps Director Joseph Bodner</i>

BEST MONOLOGUE	BEST VOICE OVER
<p>(Stephen Borello) Slumber Director John Theodore Corday (WINNER) <i>(Wong Chi-keung) Night Shift, Kowloon Director Wong Chi-keung</i></p>	<p>(Stephen Borello) Slumber Director John Theodore Corday (WINNER)</p>
BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY	BEST ORIGINAL PROP
<p>(Pascal Ridaou) Astral Director Henri Bargès (WINNER) <i>(Wong Chi-keung) Night Shift, Kowloon Director Wong Chi-keung</i> <i>Quito Registry Director Andres Paredes</i></p>	<p>(Evan Hyde) Slumber Director John Theodore Corday (WINNER)</p>
BEST SOUNDTRACK	BEST ORIGINAL STORY
<p>(John Theodore Corday) Slumber Director John Theodore Corday (WINNER) <i>Quito Registry Director Andres Paredes</i></p>	<p>Slumber Director John Theodore Corday (WINNER) <i>Quito Registry Director Andres Paredes</i></p>
BEST FEATURE SCRIPT	BEST SERIES PILOT SCRIPT
<p>The Last Minstrel Show Writer LaShawn Evans (WINNER) <i>ShaFun Writer Andrés Fígoli</i> <i>Expiration Date Writers Tobias Notarianni, Jade Dowdy</i></p>	<p>Windy Writer Adam Edward Sherman (WINNER) <i>Ulsan Yard Writer Choi Min-kyu</i></p>
BEST DARK COMEDY SCRIPT	BEST HORROR SCRIPT
<p>Tempting Fate Writer Terry Luke Podnar (WINNER)</p>	<p>And God Made The Devil Writer Mike Brislee (WINNER)</p>
BEST DRAMA SCRIPT	BEST LGBTQ SCRIPT
<p>Welcome to Hollywood Writer Gary Miceli (WINNER) <i>Ulsan Yard Writer Choi Min-kyu</i></p>	<p>Julian & Writer Derek Ho (WINNER)</p>
BEST 1ST TIME SCREENWRITER	BEST ORIGINAL SCRIPT
<p>A Class of Numbers Writer Gregory Fletcher (WINNER - Feature) The Boy and The Dog Writer Andrew James Bleidner (WINNER - Short) <i>Emmaline Writer Nina Moyer</i> <i>Sparrow Writer Andrew James Bleidner</i> <i>La Paz Records Writer Daniela Choque</i> <i>The Zoning Board Writer Patrick Sweeney</i> <i>Kota Bharu Office Writer Hafiz Ismail</i></p>	<p>The Iditarod Band Writer Michael Meyers (WINNER) <i>The Ithaca Project Writer Nathan Tosoni</i> <i>The Zoning Board Writer Patrick Sweeney</i> <i>La Paz Records Writer Daniela Choque</i> <i>The Spirit Field Writer Terri Bea-Sopher</i></p>
HONORABLE MENTIONS	
<p>Someone Will Love Me. Director Bianca Rozsa (Student Director – Short)</p> <p>Monster Director Muming Yang (Student Film)</p>	