

# ONIROS FILM AWARDS

FINALISTS - APRIL 2026

## BEST FEATURE FILM

**My boyfriend, a mannequin** Director Dmitry Nikolenko  
**From falling petals to new bloom** Director Dao Xi

## BEST SHORT FILM

**Desperately Seeking Commitment** Submitter Lulu Oparanozie  
**Too Closely Dublin** Directors Jason H Munden, Ashlieya Mariano  
**Sofia** Director Samy Chaffai  
**The Compliance Review** Director Hannah Scott

## BEST UNDER 5 MINUTE FILM

**Interrogation** Director Gyeongju Park  
**A World Class Superpower** Director Mikael Genachte-Le Bail  
**Rosario Unit** Director Federico Acosta  
**Tijuana Route** Director Sergio Beltrán

## BEST INDIE SHORT

**Diamond** Director Deshon Hardy  
**Too Closely Dublin** Directors Jason H Munden, Ashlieya Mariano  
**The Records Office** Director Philip Warren  
**San Salvador Intake** Director Luis Enrique Mejía

## BEST WEB-SERIES

**Late Bloomer** Director Owen Squire Smith  
**Guayaquil Sector** Director Diego Zambrano

## BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE

**UNbecoming** Director Patrick Moreau  
**The Engineer** Director Sam Alexander Reynard

## BEST STUDENT FILM

**Miguel** Director Samir Mayhua  
**The Records Office** Director Philip Warren  
**San Salvador Intake** Director Luis Enrique Mejía  
**Kaohsiung Terminal** Director Lin Yu-chen  
**Busan Logistics** Director Kang Min-jae

## BEST EXPERIMENTAL FILM

**Cailleach** Director Heather Bentley  
**Train at Sunset** Directors Matthew Ferraro, Nicole Bell  
**Combination** Director Max Gabriel Chalik

## BEST AI FILM

**Behind the mask: Jerry** Director Soegimitro Boom  
**Interrogation** Director Gyeongju Park  
**Timberland** Director Soslan Chekhoev  
**Combination** Director Max Gabriel Chalik

## BEST MUSIC VIDEO

**Sculpture** Director Coco Bigles  
**As Strong as the Stars** Director Steve A. Hall

## BEST COMEDY FILM

**A World Class Superpower** Director Mikael Genachte-Le Bail

## BEST DARK COMEDY FILM

**Family Game Night** Director Steve Blackwood

<b>BEST HORROR FILM</b>	<b>BEST DRAMA FILM</b>
Doomscrolling Director Richard Gordon	The Darkness Within Director Munna Ahmed Rosario Unit Director Federico Acosta
<b>BEST ROMANCE FILM</b>	<b>BEST FAN FILM</b>
My boyfriend, a mannequin Director Dmitry Nikolenko	Reprise Director Felix Gray A World Class Superpower Director Mikael Genachte-Le Bail
<b>BEST DIRECTOR</b>	<b>BEST 1ST TIME DIRECTOR</b>
My boyfriend, a mannequin Director Dmitry Nikolenko Desperately Seeking Commitment Submitter Lulu Oparanozie Wake Up Director Anthony Azarcon Too Closely Dublin Directors Jason H Munden, Ashlieya Mariano	My boyfriend, a mannequin Director Dmitry Nikolenko Phnom Penh District Director Sok Dara A World Class Superpower Director Mikael Genachte-Le Bail
<b>BEST PRODUCER</b>	<b>BEST ACTOR</b>
(Ashlieya Mariano) Too Closely Dublin Directors Jason H Munden, Ashlieya Mariano Phnom Penh District Director Sok Dara	(Steve Blackwood) Family Game Night Director Steve Blackwood
<b>BEST ACTRESS</b>	<b>BEST ACTING ENSEMBLE</b>
(Anastasiya Panova) My boyfriend, a mannequin Director Dmitry Nikolenko (Ashlieya Mariano) Too Closely Dublin Directors Jason H Munden, Ashlieya Mariano	My boyfriend, a mannequin Director Dmitry Nikolenko Late Bloomer Director Owen Squire Smith Desperately Seeking Commitment Submitter Lulu Oparanozie
<b>BEST ACTING DUO</b>	<b>BEST COSTUMES</b>
(Ashlieya Mariano, Amanda Reed) Too Closely Dublin Directors Jason H Munden, Ashlieya Mariano	(Elle Mae Ryan) Desperately Seeking Commitment Submitter Lulu Oparanozie
<b>BEST VISUAL EFFECTS</b>	<b>BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY</b>
(Sawyer Q. Smith) Late Bloomer Director Owen Squire Smith	My boyfriend, a mannequin Director Dmitry Nikolenko (Mariia Rudenko) Parallel Reality of New York Director Mariia Rudenko (Connor Lawson) Desperately Seeking Commitment Submitter Lulu Oparanozie
<b>BEST PRACTICAL EFFECTS</b>	<b>BEST SONG</b>
My boyfriend, a mannequin Director Dmitry Nikolenko	My boyfriend, a mannequin Director Dmitry Nikolenko (Cristi Dobrica) Desperately Seeking Commitment Submitter Lulu Oparanozie (Steve A. Hall) As Strong as the Stars Director Steve A. Hall

BEST SOUND DESIGN	BEST DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY
<p><b>(Cristi Dobrica) Desperately Seeking Commitment Submitter</b>  <b>Lulu Oparanozie</b></p>	<p><b>(Mya Murphy, Owen Squire Smith) Late Bloomer Director Owen Squire Smith</b>  <b>(Heather Bentley) Cailleach Director Heather Bentley</b></p>
BEST EDITING	BEST SCREENPLAY
<p><b>(Vladimir Oksanich) My boyfriend, a mannequin Director Dmitry Nikolenko</b>  <b>(Luis Lagera) Desperately Seeking Commitment Submitter Lulu Oparanozi</b>  <b>The Night Clerk Director Oliver Stanton</b></p>	<p><b>(Ashlieya Mariano) Too Closely Dublin Directors Jason H Munden, Ashlieya Mariano</b>  <b>Nagoya Platform Director Ito Haruki</b>  <b>The Case File Director Robert H. Dixon</b></p>
BEST ORIGINAL STORY	BEST FEATURE SCRIPT
<p><b>(Haley Bella Seda) Juniper's Playbook Director Sydney Rose Schmieder</b>  <b>Nagoya Platform Director Ito Haruki</b>  <b>The Case File Director Robert H. Dixon</b></p>	<p><b>Broken Worlds Writer Terry Luke Podnar</b>  <b>The Tender Process Writer Stephen Wallace</b>  <b>Cael Writer Christian Dalton</b></p>
BEST SHORT SCRIPT	BEST COMEDY SCRIPT
<p><b>Lights Out Writers Brandon Geer, Andrew Akbari, Will Lerberg</b>  <b>Too Closely Dublin Script Writer Ashlieya Mariano</b>  <b>Johor Bahru Shift Writer Azlan Yusof</b></p>	<p><b>Too Closely Dublin Script Writer Ashlieya Mariano</b>  <b>Cusco Office Writer Miguel Cárdenas</b></p>
BEST SCI-FI SCRIPT	BEST HORROR SCRIPT
<p><b>Broken Worlds Writer Terry Luke Podnar</b>  <b>Alpha Chase Writer Chuck Gordon</b></p>	<p><b>Escape to Alcatraz Writer Eugene Hattingh</b></p>
BEST 1ST TIME SCREENWRITER	BEST STUDENT SCREENWRITER
<p><b>Escape to Alcatraz Writer Eugene Hattingh</b>  <b>Too Closely Dublin Script Writer Ashlieya Mariano</b>  <b>The Shape of Quiet Writer Teddy Andrews</b></p>	<p><b>Time After Time Writer Sadie Love Frederick</b></p>