

ONIROS FILM AWARDS

FINALISTS & WINNERS - APRIL 2026

BEST FEATURE FILM

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

BEST SHORT FILM

Desperately Seeking Commitment Submitter Lulu Oparanozie (WINNER)
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 (WINNER)
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 (WINNER)
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 (WINNER)
Guayaquil Sector Director Diego Zambrano

BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE

UNbecoming Director Patrick Moreau (WINNER)
The Engineer Director Sam Alexander Reynard

BEST STUDENT FILM

Miguel Director Samir Mayhua (WINNER)
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 (WINNER)
Train at Sunset Directors Matthew Ferraro, Nicole Bell
Combination Director Max Gabriel Chalik

BEST AI FILM

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

BEST MUSIC VIDEO

Sculpture Director Coco Bigles (WINNER)
As Strong as the Stars Director Steve A. Hall

BEST COMEDY FILM

A World Class Superpower Director Mikael Genachte-Le Bail (WINNER)

BEST DARK COMEDY FILM

Family Game Night Director Steve Blackwood (WINNER)

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

BEST SOUND DESIGN	BEST DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY
<p>(Cristi Dobrica) Desperately Seeking Commitment Submitter Lulu Oparanozie (WINNER)</p>	<p>(Mya Murphy, Owen Squire Smith) Late Bloomer Director Owen Squire Smith (WINNER) <i>(Heather Bentley) Cailleach Director Heather Bentley</i></p>
BEST EDITING	BEST SCREENPLAY
<p>(Vladimir Oksanich) My boyfriend, a mannequin Director Dmitry Nikolenko (WINNER) <i>(Luis Lagera) Desperately Seeking Commitment Submitter Lulu Oparanozi</i> <i>The Night Clerk Director Oliver Stanton</i></p>	<p>(Ashlieya Mariano) Too Closely Dublin Directors Jason H Munden, Ashlieya Mariano (WINNER) <i>Nagoya Platform Director Ito Haruki</i> <i>The Case File Director Robert H. Dixon</i></p>
BEST ORIGINAL STORY	BEST FEATURE SCRIPT
<p>(Haley Bella Seda) Juniper's Playbook Director Sydney Rose Schmieder (WINNER) <i>Nagoya Platform Director Ito Haruki</i> <i>The Case File Director Robert H. Dixon</i></p>	<p>Broken Worlds Writer Terry Luke Podnar (WINNER) <i>The Tender Process Writer Stephen Wallace</i> <i>Cael Writer Christian Dalton</i></p>
BEST SHORT SCRIPT	BEST COMEDY SCRIPT
<p>Lights Out Writers Brandon Geer, Andrew Akbari, Will Lerberg (WINNER) <i>Too Closely Dublin Script Writer Ashlieya Mariano</i> <i>Johor Bahru Shift Writer Azlan Yusof</i></p>	<p>Too Closely Dublin Script Writer Ashlieya Mariano (WINNER) <i>Cusco Office Writer Miguel Cárdenas</i></p>
BEST SCI-FI SCRIPT	BEST HORROR SCRIPT
<p>Broken Worlds Writer Terry Luke Podnar (WINNER) <i>Alpha Chase Writer Chuck Gordon</i></p>	<p>Escape to Alcatraz Writer Eugene Hattingh (WINNER)</p>
BEST 1ST TIME SCREENWRITER	BEST STUDENT SCREENWRITER
<p>Escape to Alcatraz Writer Eugene Hattingh (WINNER - Feature) Too Closely Dublin Script Writer Ashlieya Mariano (WINNER - Short) <i>The Shape of Quiet Writer Teddy Andrews</i></p>	<p>Time After Time Writer Sadie Love Frederick (WINNER)</p>
HONORABLE MENTIONS	
<p>A World Class Superpower Director Mikael Genachte-Le Bail (Under 5 Minute Film)</p> <p>(Ashlieya Mariano) Too Closely Dublin Directors Jason H Munden, Ashlieya Mariano (Actress)</p> <p>(Steve A. Hall) As Strong as the Stars Director Steve A. Hall (Song)</p> <p>Combination Director Max Gabriel Chalik (Experimental Film)</p>	