

# 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 Director Finise Avery (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)**

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

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