

ONIRO'S FILM AWARDS

FINALISTS - AUGUST 2026

BEST FEATURE FILM

ISIS Made Me Lonely Director Salar Raza
A Different Kind of Silence Director Seo Ji-won

BEST SHORT FILM

Devour Trauma Director Jae Grind
I'm Yours Director Anthony Azarcon
The Last Summer Job Director Mateo Rivas
The Second Interview Director David Mercer
The Woman with the Green Bag Director Akiko Fujita
Two Seats from the Exit Director Andrés Velasco

BEST INDIE FEATURE

Baby Daddy Blues Director Benet Embry
A Different Kind of Silence Director Seo Ji-won

BEST INDIE SHORT

Yellow Brick Road Director Sofi Dawalibi
Float Director Yam Presberg
The Last Summer Job Director Mateo Rivas
Lunch Break Director Ethan Gallagher
The Woman with the Green Bag Director Akiko Fujita
Blue House Director Sophia Chambers

BEST ANIMATION

Womb Service Director Andi Pearson
Feathered Guilt Director Madison Helmick
Her Own Hand Director Zhuofan Li
My Cat is Huge Director Taufiq Permana
Pop Lies Directors Alessandro Orlandi, Camilla Martini

BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE

Northern Venture Director Daryl Scott Granger
See Through The Darkness: Your Life Matters Director Frank X Panico
An Inconvenient Study Director Kris Armstrong

BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT

Silk Road Echoes Director Yifu Xing
Starlight Path Director Ruining Xin
While Others Fly Director Cole Timothy Park
El Vidente Director Krissiha Lagos
A Good Day for Leaving Director Benjamin Cole

BEST STUDENT FILM

Womb Service Director Andi Pearson
Blood Drive Director Catherine Joo
Starlight Path Director Ruining Xin
Redemption Director Zesheng Zheng
Where Memory Stays Director Enze Xiang
Silk Road Echoes Director Yifu Xing

BEST EXPERIMENTAL FILM

Crisis Director Alberto Martín-Aragón
The Blue Notebook Director Yuki Nakamura

BEST MUSIC VIDEO

Invisible Wars Directors Kaique Alves, Thiago Eva
Pop Lies Directors Alessandro Orlandi, Camilla Martini

BEST ACTION FILM

Pony Director Bobby Hammel

BEST HORROR FILM

Bruleferum Director Martin De La Cruz
Feathered Guilt Director Madison Helmick

BEST DRAMA FILM	BEST MUSICAL FILM
Baby Daddy Blues Director Benet Embry Nothing Special Happened Director Sofia Gutierrez	Silk Road Echoes Director Yifu Xing
BEST FAN FILM	BEST INSPIRATIONAL FILM
Kirok Director Glen L Wolfe	Damascus Director John Kestner Nothing Special Happened Director Sofia Gutierrez
BEST DIRECTOR	BEST 1ST TIME DIRECTOR
Baby Daddy Blues Director Benet Embry An Inconvenient Study Director Kris Armstrong First Ladies Director Yuanting Tina Luo Nothing Special Happened Director Sofia Gutierrez The Unclaimed Package Director Marcus Doyle	An Inconvenient Study Director Kris Armstrong A Different Kind of Silence Director Seo Ji-won Silk Road Echoes Director Yifu Xing Float Director Yam Presberg Before We Go Home Director Yuxuan Wang The Unclaimed Package Director Marcus Doyle
BEST STUDENT DIRECTOR	BEST ACTOR
Womb Service Director Andi Pearson Paradox Director Yuanwen Lu Redemption Director Zesheng Zheng Meurdona Director Coby Jaden Rosario Silk Road Echoes Director Yifu Xing	(Brandon Medlock) Baby Daddy Blues Director Benet Embry
BEST ACTRESS	BEST VISUAL EFFECTS
(Stacy Okafor) Baby Daddy Blues Director Benet Embry (Roshni Datta) First World Directors Ritendra Datta, Paul Heller (Roshni Datta) Life and Debt Director Ritendra Datta	(Madison Helmick) Feathered Guilt Director Madison Helmick
BEST SOUNDTRACK	BEST SONG
(Pavel M. Mirga) Beyond the Quiet Visual Director Pavel Mirga My Mother's Voice Director Lin Wei-jie The Long Way Home Director Sarah Holloway	(Alessandro Orlandi, Alberto Varano) Pop Lies Directors Alessandro Orlandi, Camilla Martini
BEST SCREENPLAY	BEST ORIGINAL STORY
(Benet Embry) Baby Daddy Blues Director Benet Embry The Long Way Home Director Sarah Holloway	(Andi Pearson) Womb Service Director Andi Pearson My Mother's Voice Director Lin Wei-ji
BEST FEATURE SCRIPT	BEST SHORT SCRIPT
Freewill 2.0 Writer Heath Papkov Before We Knew Better Writer Hannah Cooper	Afterimage Writer Melvin Lima The Missing Receipt Writer Camila Fuentes

BEST DARK COMEDY SCRIPT	BEST THRILLER SCRIPT
Time 4 Revenge Writer Marc L Schneider The League for Endangered Animals Writer Conor William Powell	On Your Left Writer Heath Papkov The Missing Receipt Writer Camila Fuentes
BEST FANTASY SCRIPT	BEST 1ST TIME SCREENWRITER
Under The Bed, In The Closet Writer Bret McCormick	IMP Writer Adesola Stewart The New Neighbor Writer Choi Hyun-woo
BEST STUDENT SCREENWRITER	
Keep The Doctor Away Writer Elizabeth Harden The New Neighbor Writer Choi Hyun-woo	