

ONIROS FILM AWARDS

FINALISTS & WINNERS - AUGUST 2026

BEST FEATURE FILM

ISIS Made Me Lonely Director Salar Raza (WINNER)

A Different Kind of Silence Director Seo Ji-won

BEST SHORT FILM

Devour Trauma Director Jae Grind (WINNER)

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 (WINNER)

A Different Kind of Silence Director Seo Ji-won

BEST INDIE SHORT

Yellow Brick Road Director Sofi Dawalibi (WINNER)

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 (WINNER)

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 (WINNER)

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 (WINNER)

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 (WINNER)

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 (WINNER)

The Blue Notebook Director Yuki Nakamura

BEST MUSIC VIDEO

Invisible Wars Directors Kaique Alves, Thiago Eva (WINNER)

Pop Lies Directors Alessandro Orlandi, Camilla Martini

BEST ACTION FILM

Pony Director Bobby Hammel (WINNER)

BEST HORROR FILM

Bruleferum Director Martin De La Cruz (WINNER)

Feathered Guilt Director Madison Helmick

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

BEST DARK COMEDY SCRIPT	BEST THRILLER SCRIPT
Time 4 Revenge Writer Marc L Schneider (WINNER) <i>The League for Endangered Animals Writer Conor William Powell</i>	On Your Left Writer Heath Papkov (WINNER) <i>The Missing Receipt Writer Camila Fuentes</i>
BEST FANTASY SCRIPT	BEST 1ST TIME SCREENWRITER
Under The Bed, In The Closet Writer Bret McCormick (WINNER)	IMP Writer Adesola Stewart (WINNER) <i>The New Neighbor Writer Choi Hyun-woo</i>
BEST STUDENT SCREENWRITER	HONORABLE MENTIONS
Keep The Doctor Away Writer Elizabeth Harden (WINNER) <i>The New Neighbor Writer Choi Hyun-woo</i>	Feathered Guilt Director Madison Helmick (Horror Film) Starlight Path Director Ruining Xin (Doc Short) Float Director Yam Presberg (Indie Short) Redemption Director Zesheng Zheng (Student Film) (Roshni Datta) First World Directors Ritendra Datta, Paul Heller (Actress) An Inconvenient Study Director Kris Armstrong (Doc Feature) Pop Lies Directors Alessandro Orlandi, Camilla Martini (Music Video)