

ONIROS FILM AWARDS

FINALISTS - SEPTEMBER 2026

BEST FEATURE FILM

The Strange Case of Credence Copperfield Director Rydder Johnston
The Last Voice Message Director Andrew Fletcher

BEST SHORT FILM

Boatlift 9/11 Director Dale Fabrigar
Hidden Password Director Yunzhi Sun
A Stroke Gone Astray Director Junyao Liu
Double Payday Director Taro Donatella
A Seat Near the Window Director Laura Mendoza

BEST UNDER 5 MINUTE FILM

A Brief Account of Three Lost Scouts Director Nicholas Wong Tanner
Sweet Lies Director Linda Stoyanova
A Black Box Director Peiyi Yao
Waiting for Thursday Director Kim Hae-jin

BEST INDIE FEATURE

The Paper Flower Director Chezhiyan Ramalingam
The Last Voice Message Director Andrew Fletcher

BEST SERIES PILOT

The Year of Small Changes Director Matthew Collins
Orvieto: What Lasts Director Gianni Ferrara

BEST ANIMATION

Stomachache Directors Malika Sultansikhova, Erica Kim Schreiber
An Ordinary Day Director Zhaoyu Gu
Vanishing Tide Director Yu Chenjie
A Seat Near the Window Director Laura Mendoza
Home Sweet Home Directors Evfrosiniya Oskolkova, Samantha Arribas

BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE

Venezuela After Maduro Director Marcos Schotgues
Forever Chapter Director Omid Romal

BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT

Hidden Password Director Yunzhi Sun
Ping Pong Boy Director Phoebe Sun
My Uncle's Camera Director Takumi Arai
The Year of Small Changes Director Matthew Collins

BEST STUDENT FILM

Fish Scale Director Yunhan Wang
Hidden Password Director Yunzhi Sun
A Journey Handing Over the Light: The Children We Met in Nepal
Directors Siah Shin, Jun Lee, Jongsori Kim
Cycle Director Justin Xu
Ping Pong Boy Director Phoebe Sun
The Final Record Director Tingyue Zhang
Beyond the Sea Director Yumin Kim
I want to be her Director Juliana Seida Maniquis Hernandez
A Brief Account of Three Lost Scouts Director Nicholas Wong Tanner
To Learn To Sow Director Briar Ku
Butterfly Director Guan Fang
Leap, Dandelion Director Ziming Li

BEST EXPERIMENTAL FILM

To Learn To Sow Director Briar Ku
My Uncle's Camera Director Takumi Arai

BEST AI FILM		BEST MUSIC VIDEO	
The Finding Director Vincenzo Lo Re The Wrong Groom The Right Hero Director Eng Teck Lau Binding Covenants Director Eddie Clay Thompkins III		Not Like You Director Coco Bigles Naked In Your Bed Director Gao	
BEST TRAILER		BEST COMMERCIAL	
Cassandra Director Simone Sarantuya Vasata The Other Tenant Director Daniel Herrera		Chunghwa Telecom Brand Film: Resilient Taiwan. Sustainable Future. Submitter Chunghwa Telecom	
BEST HISTORICAL FILM		BEST NOIR FILM	
November Men Director Jake Alda Candles for Silence: The Armenian stories Director Emma Q Zhou		Valley Magenta Director Dominic Ryan Gabriel	
BEST INSPIRATIONAL FILM		BEST DIRECTOR	
Chunghwa Telecom Brand Film: Resilient Taiwan. Sustainable Future. Submitter Chunghwa Telecom Just After Midnight Director Rebecca Shaw		The Paper Flower Director Chezhiyan Ramalingam Boatlift 9/11 Director Dale Fabrigar Just After Midnight Director Rebecca Shaw The Lost Contact Director Hiroki Watanabe Forever Chapter Director Omid Romal	
BEST 1ST TIME DIRECTOR		BEST STUDENT DIRECTOR	
Venezuela After Maduro Director Marcos Schotgues November Men Director Jake Alda The Last Voice Message Director Andrew Fletcher The Lost Contact Director Hiroki Watanabe		Cycle Director Justin Xu Headphones Director Yujia Liang Just After Midnight Director Rebecca Shaw	
BEST 1ST PRODUCER		BEST ACTOR	
(Yunzhi Sun) Hidden Password Director Yunzhi Sun The Lost Contact Director Hiroki Watanabe		(Dominic Ryan Gabriel) Valley Magenta Director Dominic Ryan Gabriel (Christopher LeMonda) Blue Director Alec Trent Dominguez	
BEST CHILD ACTOR		BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY	
(Victor Kozlowski) Lebedynske Director Artur Kedzierski		(Chezhiyan Ramalingam) The Paper Flower Director Chezhiyan Ramalingam Waiting for Thursday Director Kim Hae-jin The Other Tenant Director Daniel Herrera	
BEST SOUNDTRACK		BEST SONG	
(Simone Sarantuya Vasata) Apollo & Cassandra Director Simone Sarantuya Vasata Waiting for Thursday Director Kim Hae-jin		(Simone Sarantuya Vasata) Apollo & Cassandra Director Simone Sarantuya Vasata	

BEST DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY	BEST EDITING
(Guan Fang) Butterfly Director Guan Fang (Christina Paap) Bollywood - Costa Blanca Director Benny Schmidt	(Radu Ion) Boatlift 9/11 Director Dale Fabrigar
BEST POSTER	BEST FEATURE SCRIPT
Home Director Calloway	Brice Writer Jeff Goldstein The Alliance 3 The Devil in Disguise Writer Robert L Butler Our First Winter Here Writer Elena Vargas
BEST SERIES PILOT SCRIPT	BEST SHORT SCRIPT
This Is The Fun Part Writer Stacey Harman Grant Street Writer Sara Manion	The Cut Writer R. J. Pineiro Before You Go Writer Mark Buerck Big Mistake Writer Jackie Fiorillo The Man Who Missed the Meeting Writer Jonathan Pierce
BEST MYSTERY SCRIPT	BEST FANTASY SCRIPT
Whispers of Paris Writer Michelle Lynn Taubman	Elusive Writer Erik R. Huska
BEST WESTERN SCRIPT	BEST 1ST TIME SCREENWRITER
Ballads of a Western Tragedy Writer LX Scott	Love Off The Track Writer Sara Manion Our First Winter Here Writer Elena Vargas