

ONIROS FILM AWARDS

FINALISTS & WINNERS - SEPTEMBER 2026

BEST FEATURE FILM	BEST SHORT FILM
The Strange Case of Credence Copperfield Director Rydder Johnston (WINNER) <i>The Last Voice Message Director Andrew Fletcher</i>	Boatlift 9/11 Director Dale Fabrigar (WINNER) <i>Hidden Password Director Yunzhi Sun</i> <i>A Stroke Gone Astray Director Junyao Liu</i> <i>Double Payday Director Taro Donatella</i> <i>A Seat Near the Window Director Laura Mendoza</i>
BEST UNDER 5 MINUTE FILM	BEST INDIE FEATURE
A Brief Account of Three Lost Scouts Director Nicholas Wong Tanner (WINNER) <i>Sweet Lies Director Linda Stoyanova</i> <i>A Black Box Director Peiyi Yao</i> <i>Waiting for Thursday Director Kim Hae-jin</i>	The Paper Flower Director Chezhiyan Ramalingam (WINNER) <i>The Last Voice Message Director Andrew Fletcher</i>
BEST SERIES PILOT	BEST ANIMATION
The Year of Small Changes Director Matthew Collins (WINNER) <i>Orvieto: What Lasts Director Gianni Ferrara</i>	Stomachache Directors Malika Sultansikhova, Erica Kim Schreiber (WINNER) <i>An Ordinary Day Director Zhaoyu Gu</i> <i>Vanishing Tide Director Yu Chenjie</i> <i>A Seat Near the Window Director Laura Mendoza</i> <i>Home Sweet Home Directors Evfrosiniya Oskolkova, Samantha Arribas</i>
BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE	BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT
Venezuela After Maduro Director Marcos Schotgues (WINNER) <i>Forever Chapter Director Omid Romal</i>	Hidden Password Director Yunzhi Sun (WINNER) <i>Ping Pong Boy Director Phoebe Sun</i> <i>My Uncle's Camera Director Takumi Arai</i> <i>The Year of Small Changes Director Matthew Collins</i>
BEST STUDENT FILM	BEST EXPERIMENTAL FILM
Fish Scale Director Yunhan Wang (WINNER) <i>Hidden Password Director Yunzhi Sun</i> <i>A Journey Handing Over the Light: The Children We Met in Nepal Directors Siah Shin, Jun Lee, Jongsori Kim</i> <i>Cycle Director Justin Xu</i> <i>Ping Pong Boy Director Phoebe Sun</i> <i>The Final Record Director Tingyue Zhang</i> <i>Beyond the Sea Director Yumin Kim</i> <i>I want to be her Director Juliana Seida Maniquis Hernandez</i> <i>A Brief Account of Three Lost Scouts Director Nicholas Wong Tanner</i> <i>To Learn To Sow Directors Briar Ku, Nicholas Wong Tanner</i> <i>Butterfly Director Guan Fang</i> <i>Leap, Dandelion Director Ziming Li</i>	To Learn To Sow Directors Briar Ku, Nicholas Wong Tanner (WINNER) <i>My Uncle's Camera Director Takumi Arai</i>

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

BEST DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY	BEST EDITING
(Guan Fang) Butterfly Director Guan Fang (WINNER) <i>(Christina Paap) Bollywood - Costa Blanca Director Benny Schmidt</i>	(Radu Ion) Boatlift 9/11 Director Dale Fabrigar (WINNER)
BEST POSTER	BEST FEATURE SCRIPT
Home Director Calloway (WINNER)	Brice Writer Jeff Goldstein (WINNER) <i>The Alliance 3 The Devil in Disguise Writer Robert L Butler</i> <i>Our First Winter Here Writer Elena Vargas</i>
BEST SERIES PILOT SCRIPT	BEST SHORT SCRIPT
This Is The Fun Part Writer Stacey Harman (WINNER) <i>Grant Street Writer Sara Manion</i>	The Cut Writer R. J. Pineiro (WINNER) <i>Before You Go Writer Mark Buerck</i> <i>Big Mistake Writer Jackie Fiorillo</i> <i>The Man Who Missed the Meeting Writer Jonathan Pierce</i>
BEST MYSTERY SCRIPT	BEST FANTASY SCRIPT
Whispers of Paris Writer Michelle Lynn Taubman (WINNER)	Elusive Writer Erik R. Huska (WINNER)
BEST WESTERN SCRIPT	BEST 1ST TIME SCREENWRITER
Ballads of a Western Tragedy Writer LX Scott (WINNER)	Love Off The Track Writer Sara Manion (WINNER) <i>Our First Winter Here Writer Elena Vargas</i>
HONORABLE MENTIONS	
Ping Pong Boy Director Phoebe Sun (Doc Short) Binding Covenants Director Eddie Clay Thompkins III (AI Film) Forever Chapter Director Omid Romal (Doc Feature) Home Sweet Home Directors Evfrosiniya Oskolkova, Samantha Arribas (Animation)	