# ONIROS FILM AWARDS

## FINALISTS - OCTOBER 2026

### BEST SHORT FILM

Her Hair Director Xiangqian Meng
A Gift To Remember Directors Royce Lundquist, Lucas Adria
A Corner of the world Director Zihang Zhang
Birthday Cake Director Jiaxin He
You ‘n’ Me Director Rahul Goenka
Luster Director Vijay Bosco

### BEST UNDER 5 MINUTE FILM

Half Cat Directors Linden Morris, Riley Pulliam
Seat Covers Directors John Norris Ray, Maria Victoria Sanchez
The Day After Graduation Director Tanaka Emi
The Perfect Candidate Director Ana Beltrán
Nobody’s Favorite Director Claire Donovan

### BEST INDIE FEATURE

My Chemical Wedding Director Tracy Lucca
An Honest Mistake Director David Lawson

### BEST SERIES PILOT

End of the Line, Brotherhood Director Lamont Fountain

### BEST ANIMATION

Till Death Does His Part Director Nathan RJ Fox
Oasis Director Aspen
Fido Directors John Norris Ray, Maria Victoria Sanchez

### BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT

Dolphins, Where They Belong Director Jooyoon Park
Confetti Star-ion: The NASA COSI & Cosmic Rhapsody Initiative Director Susan Mey Lee Lim
Nothing to Declare Director Martin Walsh

### BEST STUDENT FILM

Till Death Does His Part Director Nathan RJ Fox
As It Was Director Haonan Shu
The Stakes Director Ruojin Ding
A Matter of Trust Director Chen Yifan
The Wedding Photographer Director Rafael Ibarra
A Glimpse Misread Director Xiaoyu Xie

### BEST AI FILM

Vakhtang Gorgasali Director Levani Shalolashvili
The Man in the Family Photo Director Lee Soo-jin

### BEST COMEDY FILM

Hearing Noises Director Wayne Kelly
A Difficult Conversation Director Isabel Fuentes

### BEST DARK COMEDY FILM

Earning a Living Director Jackson Bonds
Till Death Does His Part Director Nathan RJ Fox

### BEST SCI-FI FILM

Confetti Star-ion: The NASA COSI & Cosmic Rhapsody Initiative Director Susan Mey Lee Lim

### BEST HORROR FILM

Nothing Feels Director Kseniia Klever

### BEST NOIR FILM

Love Loaded Director Jan Miller Corran

### BEST WESTERN FILM

Dr Goodfellow Directors Manuela Schneider, Robert Craighead

| BEST ROMANCE FILM | BEST MUSICAL FILM |
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| A Gift To Remember Directors Royce Lundquist, Lucas Adria<br>All the Things We Forgot Director Nakamura Shota | Confetti Star-ion: The NASA COSI & Cosmic Rhapsody Initiative Director Susan Mey Lee Lim<br>Here's to Jane Director E Lockleis |
| **BEST FAN FILM** | **BEST INSPIRATIONAL FILM** |
| Avatar: The Last Airbender Director Jonathan Gallo | Confetti Star-ion: The NASA COSI & Cosmic Rhapsody Initiative Director Susan Mey Lee Lim<br>All the Things We Forgot Director Nakamura Shota |
| **BEST DIRECTOR** | **BEST 1ST TIME DIRECTOR** |
| Dr Goodfellow Directors Manuela Schneider, Robert Craighead<br>An Honest Mistake Director David Lawson | A Glimpse Misread Director Xiaoyu Xie<br>The Day After Graduation Director Tanaka Emi<br>Nothing to Declare Director Martin Walsh |
| **BEST STUDENT DIRECTOR** | **BEST 1ST TIME PRODUCER** |
| A Brief Account of Three Lost Scouts Director Nicholas Wong Tanner<br>As It Was Director Haonan Shu<br>Mirror Director Jiarui Li | (Dilip Prasad, Rahul Goenka) You 'n' Me Director Rahul Goenka |
| **BEST ACTOR** | **BEST ACTRESS** |
| (Adam Huss) Love Loaded Director Jan Miller Corran<br>(Tom Vale) The Wrong Birthday Director Thomas Fletcher | (Monica Young) Love Loaded Director Jan Miller Corran<br>(Sophie Hosna) Here's to Jane Director E Lockleis |
| **BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR** | **BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS** |
| (Curt Lambert) Dr Goodfellow Directors Manuela Schneider, Robert Craighead<br>(Terry Ike Clanton) Dr Goodfellow Directors Manuela Schneider, Robert Craighead<br>(Rich Ceraulo Ko) Love Loaded Director Jan Miller Corran | (Erin Chambers) Love Loaded Director Jan Miller Corran |
| **BEST ACTING DEBUT** | **BEST CHILD ACTOR** |
| (Keith Large) Hearing Noises Director Wayne Kelly | (Reece Jagpal-Mohan) Hearing Noises Director Wayne Kelly |
| **BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY** | **BEST SOUNDTRACK** |
| (Derek J. Carlson) Dr Goodfellow Directors Manuela Schneider, Robert Craighead<br>(Venji Bobovnikov) Chameleon Director Taylor Morales<br>(Venji Bobovnikov) Gang of One Director Sam Hamad | (Iros Young) Pride and Prejudice Submitter Iros Young<br>(Manu Martin, Robert Ziegler, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, London Voices, Jerome Buigues, Frederic Riviere, Jean-Luc Veran) Confetti Star-ion: The NASA COSI & Cosmic Rhapsody Initiative Director Susan Mey Lee Lim<br>My Sister's New Life Director Elena Morales |

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| **BEST SOUND DESIGN** | **BEST POSTER** |
| (Athul Vijayan, Ajay Surya) EyesCandy Director Bharath KS | (Richard McCarthy) Hearing Noises Director Wayne Kelly |
| **BEST SERIES PILOT SCRIPT** | **BEST TELEVISION SCRIPT** |
| Growing Nowhere Writer James Kelly<br>Naval Aviators Writer T.W. Elliott | Growing Nowhere Writer James Kelly |
| **BEST SHORT SCRIPT** | **BEST DARK COMEDY SCRIPT** |
| The Mask Comes Off Writer Mary Beth McDaniel<br>Memobook Writer Steven Sarao<br>The Last Good Decision Writer Park Min-seok<br>A Week Without Sundays Writer Mariana Costa | Purgattorney Writer Avraham Azrieli |
| **BEST THRILLER SCRIPT** | **BEST 1ST TIME SCREENWRITER** |
| Whispers of Italia Writer Michelle Taubman | Memobook Writer Steven Sarao |
| **BEST ORIGINAL SCRIPT** | |
| Whispers of Italia Writer Michelle Taubman<br>The Other Half of the Story Writer James Whitmore | |