

ALTFW WINTER 2020

Category Semi-Finalists (Nominees) for the Short Category

Best Animation

Incognito by Júlia Lantos

Times of Plenty by Claudio Costa

Mother by Gal Kinan

The Choice by Aneek Ray

Secrets of the Self-Help Illuminati by Dusty White

Best Comedy

Game Night by Penelope Berkemeier

The Wizarding World of White Claw by Elliot White and Harry White

Le Noir Vivant by Vittorio Adinolfi, Umberto Santacroce and Carmine Freeman

2020 Presidential Debate by Shihyun Wang

Social Media Rehab by Kelly Fuls

The Plot by Vamshi Srinivas

Santa For Hire by Blake Ridder

Electric Worms by William Stancik

SirCooly's Christmas Special Yo! by Nolan Schmidt

Best Dance Film

Covidtime TH SR by Mimi Garrard

Unspeakable by Luís Damas

Bória by Iwona Pasińska

Entre Puerto Rico y Richmond: Women in Resistance Shall Not Be Moved by Alicia Diaz

The Leaving Room by Aly Rose

Best Dark Comedy

GOLF - Tee Shot by Zeff Lawless

PKD9000 by Brandon Boudreaux

Benjamin by William Stancik

Just a Friendly Obsession by George Ayvazyan

The Entrails of Our Mind by Matthew Diulus

Best Documentary International

My Honeysuckle Beekeeper by Vince Breheny and Denisa Formánková

Painted Love by Shihyun Wang

Coronavirus: Overcoming Adversity as a Community by Aodhán Roberts

Millennial View on Prophecies by Shihyun Wang

Eporedia by Andrea Lazzari

RCEP in Chinese Prophecy by Shihyun Wang
Tita by Nate Van Dore
Virus vs Vaccine by Shihyun Wang

Best Documentary North America

2020 Presidential Election According to Nostradamus by Shihyun Wang
Doomed Ant IPO in Chinese Prophecy by Shihyun Wang
You Rock by Beth Ashbrook
Reincarnated Avengers by Shihyun Wang
[Secrets of the Self-Help Illuminati by Dusty White](#)

Best Drama International

[Remnants of Love by Malas Twins](#)
The Twins by Shihyun Wang
The Choice by Manuel Juri Vitali
Don't Talk by Volkan Girgin
Life Thieves by Miguel Zavala Matteini
Innocence by Raul De La Rosa
[2 Sons by Shihyun Wang](#)
Casual Workers by Keagan Afonso

Best Drama North America

8 3/4 by Shawn Cheatham
[In A Hopeless Place by Victoria Pilot](#)
Isolation by Justin MacGregor
Infinite 8 by Mostafa Keshvari
Forbidden Truth by Audrey Cuff
Preservation by Benjamin L. Connell
[Oh, For a Pack of Gum by Alex Malcolm Mills](#)
Big Grey Sun #4 by Death Hags

Best Experimental International

Miracle! Mother Nature Has Appeared to Me by Mario Pascariello and Tommaso Miceli Malaguti
Katalinka 16 by András Attila Farkas
[Flowing into the River by Hanxuan Jiang](#)
Hairless by Madyha Jan Leghari
The Vibes by Mark Tyler Rénfro
The Glowing Swamp by Victor Oonk
The Bridge by Fahad Mulhiyah
Stockman by Leo Gack

Best Experimental North America

[Tartarus by Mathew Ouzounis](#)
The Fart by Vishnu Rajan

Too Close to the Sun by Michelle Taft
Am I Here Now? by Steven Siegel
Momentum of Isolation by David Cooper and Shay Kuebler
Two by Genna Edwards

Best Horror

Lot 69 by Dave Inglis
Anna by Éric Pinéda
The House at the End by Neil Harget
1+1=1 by Cesar Serena

Best Romance Film

Manasanamaha by Deepak Reddy
Sawa by Harinarayan Rajeev
A Date in the Dark by Singara Mohan
Raging Love by Suresh Ommi
Flushed by Alon Newman

Best Sci-Fi/Fantasy

2050: Marine Chronicles by Luca Paolassini
Calling All The Occupants (Visitation, Part I) by Patrick Devaney
Dreams Aren't Made by the Wind by Elvert Bañares
Strange Breathin by Adrienne Gystere Peskine and Anthony Peskine
Fragments by Andrea Ratti
Isolation by Justin MacGregor

Best Student Film

Encounter with a Young Man by Levente Szutor
Voice Box by Eamon Kelly
A Conversation With E by Esabella Anna Karena Strickland, Taylor Mitchell and Skylar A
Out of the Blue by Mathieu Gauvreau
Weightless by Dominik Rüedi
Cheating Death by Suraj Savkoor
Humphrey by Hannah Shippen

Best Thriller

Assassins: Retribution by Amrik Pabla
A Brother's Homecoming by Kenny Vazquez
In Memoriam by Dimitrios Karas
For Bobby by Joseph McGee
Monte Creek by Jim Henry
Dart by Tamo Zaen
Santa For Hire by Blake Ridder
Check the Back by Brennan Martignoni

Blind Corners by Catherine Nickson

Best First-Time Filmmaker International

Tasha Sanders - I Am Julius

Yubin Lee - The Other: Religion and Korean Society

Roxane Llanque - Aberration

Brent Roofthoof - Amygdala

James Crawley - In Somnia

Paolo Milocco - The Heart Has No BOUNDARIES

Best First-Time Filmmaker North America

Andrew Daley and Josh Winrow - Aces and Action

Sarah McDaniel and Courtney Carter - Septaria

Martin Blanco - In Passing

Brandon Brumm - Angel Dust

Andrea Rescigno - Good Friday

Best Actor International

Raphaël Mondon - Sandier by Michael Chereau

Ivaylo Grancharov - Mr. Self by Teodor Stamboliev

Marcel Romeijn - The BIG Part by Nataliya Trusova

Pedro José - Insomnia by Paulo Macedo

Oswaldo Salas - Holestepper by Sergio Fernández Muñoz

Roy Barker - Blind Corners by Catherine Nickson

Best Actor North America

Bryant del Toro - The Dream's Gates by Mauro A. Diaz and Jesus Rouco

Joseph R. Porter - Assassimators: Stryker by Amrik Pabla

Suresh Ommi - Traces Echoed by Suresh Ommi and Kelvin Rabella

Britton Webb - Preservation by Benjamin L. Connell

Cliff Mirabella - A COVID Carol by Marshall White

Best Actress International

Denise Tantucci - Close Your Eyes and Look at Me by Andrea Castoldi

Carlotta Oggioni - The Choice by Manuel Juri Vitali

Tracy Gabbitas - Lot 69 by Dave Inglis

Justine Allame - Anna by Éric Pinéda

Isabel Sutton - Fragments by Andrea Ratti

Best Actress North America

Ariel Santerelli - Pins and Needles by Kyle Marra

Judy Millar - The Entrails of Our Mind by Matthew Diulus

Leah Skay - Voice Box by Eamon Kelly

Maggie Montville - For Bobby by Joseph McGee

Jordan Thompson - Monte Creek by Jim Henry

Best Cast International

Create Your Killer by Sarah Giercksky

Temporary Regressions by Valentina Tomada

[Hairless by Madyha Jan Leghari](#)

Manasanamaha by Deepak Reddy

Encounter with a Young Man by Levente Szutor

Best Cast North America

SirCooly's Late Halloween Special by Nolan Schmidt

Beyond Limits by Amrik Pabla

Calling All The Occupants (Visitation, Part I) by Patrick Devaney

[A Conversation With E by Esabella Anna Karena Strickland, Taylor Mitchell and Skylar A](#)

Assassins: Retribution by Amrik Pabla

Best Cinematography International

Sandeep Abraham - Weightless by Dominik Rüedi

Eresha Sale - Red Loam by Eresha Sale

[Victor Oonk - The Glowing Swamp by Victor Oonk](#)

Shihyun Wang - China's Most Beautiful Poems by Shihyun Wang

Márk Herpai - Katalinka 16 by András Attila Farkas

Best Cinematography North America

[Lief Thomason - Pins and Needles by Kyle Marra](#)

David Baldini - No One Left by Morgan Hamilton-Lee, Brendan Smith and Jen Brown

Chris Da - Cheating Death by Suraj Savkoor

Santiago 'Chipi' Garcia - Good Friday by Andrea Rescigno

Andrew Ouzounis - Tartarus by Mathew Ouzounis

Best Writer International

Marcin Skruch - Infant by Marcin Skruch

Leander Behal - Murderface by Leander Behal

[Piero Cannata - Script by Piero Cannata](#)

Alireza Mirasadollah - The Girl with Blue Eyes by Alireza Mirasadollah

[Amin Maher - Letter to My Mother by Amin Maher](#)

Nirozen Thavarajah and John Ward - Solus by Nirozen Thavarajah

Keagan Afonso and Nala Tshibubudze - Casual Workers by Keagan Afonso

Gareth Brierley and Fiona Creese - People Show 138: Last Day by Gareth Brierley

Best Writer North America

Danielle Leblanc - I Care, But I'm Done Trying by Ian Rayburn

[Ana Barredo - Perfect Strangers by Ana Barredo](#)

Paul Chan and Shihyun Wang - Vaccine Against Virus by Shihyun Wang

Elliot White and Harry White - The Wizarding World of White Claw by Elliot White and Harry White

Mostafa Keshvari - Infinite 8 by Mostafa Keshvari

Gary O. Bennett - The Exchange by Chris Lee

Best Director International

Manoj Adhikari - The Supers

Aleksandra Panisko - The Last Time

Shihyun Wang - The Fight is On - Vaccine Against Virus

Shigeru Hirai - Bazaar in Nicosia

Andrew Liulko - Not Now

Massimiliano Nocco - Faula

Keagan Afonso - Casual Workers

Gareth Brierley - People Show 138: Last Day

Alon Newman - Flushed

Best Director North America

Kenny Vazquez - A Brother's Homecoming

Victoria Pilot - In A Hopeless Place

Luiza Galina, Cissa Tarasconi, Joe Zumba and William Stancik - Three Calls

Vamshi Srinivas - The Plot

Beth Ashbrook - You Rock

Carlos Perdomo - Elsewhere

Alex Malcolm Mills - Oh, For a Pack of Gum