

# *Alternative Film Festival*

## **Spring 2024 Edition**

### **SHORT CATEGORY AWARD NOMINEES**

#### **Nominees for Best Animation**

In Spate - Dir. by Sarah Skyrme (UK)  
It Will Pass Away - Dir. by Nan Yao (China)  
PoPart1a (single) - Dir. by Luis Carlos Rodriguez Garcia (Spain)  
Five Songs of Magic, Milk, Space - Dir. by Michael Trigilio (USA)

#### **Nominees for Best Comedy Canada**

The Safe House - Dir. by Sanket Joshi (Canada)  
Numbers Men - Dir. by Emma L.R. Hogg (Canada)  
Mouse Man - Dir. by Michael Kontzamanis (Canada)

#### **Nominees for Best Comedy USA**

Sonshine - Dir. by Corey Podell (USA)  
Internal - Dir. by Winter Tomisato (USA)  
Secret Menu Beauty Pageant - Dir. by Frankie Campisano, SG Egan (USA)  
Sliced - Dir. by Jay Nagjee (USA)

#### **Nominees for Best Dance Film**

Cascade - Dir. by Gülsen Ozer, Vanessa Liane White (Australia)  
Cosmic Love - Dir. by Maria Clara Sarem (Canada)  
Hairy Dreams - Dir. by Lina Cruz (Canada)  
Dance Therapy - Dir. by Juan C. Ortiz (USA)

#### **Nominees for Best Documentary Canada**

There's No Place Like Home - Dir. by Pooja Sethi (Canada)  
Worthy of Honour - Dir. by Eric Cervania (Canada)  
In It For The Long Haul - Dir. by Gavin Stuart Taylor (Canada)  
Shorebirds - Dir. by Khushil Doshi, Emily Chae (Canada)  
Retrocitcity - Dir. by Jude Dauphin (Canada)

#### **Nominees for Best Documentary USA**

Vaccinus - Dir. by Daniel Michael Tomcik (USA)  
Exodus - Dir. by Halley Raynes (USA)  
The Black Knight - Dir. by Chris Aronoff, Annmarie Aronoff (USA)

**Nominees for Best Drama International**

La Salvezza - Dir. by Andrea Recchia (Italy)  
Be You Tiful - Dir. by Sameena Mohamad (India)  
Lost In Thought - Dir. by Omar Salhi (UK)  
Dilemma - Dir. by Edgar Innazarov (Russia)  
Wretched - Dir. by Massimo Mancini (Croatia)

**Nominees for Best Drama Canada**

Cosmic Love - Dir. by Maria Clara Sarem (Canada)  
Watermelon Social - Dir. by Cynthia Cepeda (Canada)  
First Love - Dir. by KP Singh (Canada)

**Nominees for Best Drama USA**

Blood Alone - Dir. by Brian Nestor (USA)  
Kiddo - Dir. by Rob Gonzalez Freedman, Dustin Lee (USA)  
Crazy For Laynes - Dir. by Pearce James Barnes (USA)  
The Road Not Taken - Dir. by Sarthwik Bollu (USA)  
Speak - Dir. by Jada Emily Silverstein, Emily Morgan Marcello (USA)

**Nominees for Best Experimental International**

The Beginning - Dir. by Alessandra Guarino (Italy)  
Mama, Why Are They Killing Us? - Dir. by Dima Proykova (Bulgaria)  
We'll Go Down the Abyss in Silence - Dir. by Vincent Guilbert (Japan)  
Falling Into Place - Dir. by Flip Kwakkel (Netherlands)

**Nominees for Best Experimental North America**

The Double Room - Dir. by Martin Del Carpio (USA)  
Rain - Dir. by Mike Hoolboom (Canada)  
Hairy Dreams - Dir. by Lina Cruz (Canada)  
Insect Theory - Dir. by Michael Giannaris (Canada)  
On One Leg Only - Dir. by Yordanis Dominguez Baez, Hugo F. Zamora Lopez (Cuba)

**Nominees for Best Horror**

Showpiece - Dir. by Mathew Ouzounis (Canada)  
Draculacra - Dir. by Aidan Rynne (Australia)  
Velours Rouge - Dir. by Frankie Bee Price, Thomas Joseph Pilling (UK)  
There's No Werewolves in Newark - Dir. by Fiona Kane (USA)  
Lei - Dir. by Huiru Shi (Canada)

**Nominees for Best Mystery/Suspense/Thriller**

The Heir - Dir. by Nikita Tuzov (Russia)  
Camp X Scene 18 - Dir. by Nathaniel Zidner (Canada)  
Unsettled - Dir. by Taylor Hanley (Canada)  
Welcome Home - Dir. by Thomas Inglis  
We Will Find YOU - Dir. by Judson Vaughan (Spain)

**Nominees for Best Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Supernatural International**

Connected - Dir. by Simona Calo (UK)  
MindBreaker - Dir. by Antony Popov (UK)  
Kiseru - Dir. by Igor Neljak (Croatia)

**Nominees for Best Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Supernatural North America**

Starbound - Dir. by Madison Thomas (Canada)  
Doomsday: Password - Dir. by Stephen A. Schrum (USA)  
Monsters, Money, and a Little Girl - Dir. by Delia Voicu (Canada)  
The Greater Good - Dir. by Tobias Elmore (USA)

**Nominees for Best Student Film**

Drifting Clouds - Dir. by Alizé Benavides (USA)  
Draft Night - Dir. by Sajeev Bhagowtee, Victoria Bilinski (Canada)  
Mr. Blanks - Dir. by Sanjana Bhambhani (India)  
The Remedied - Dir. by Jake Edward Pittore (USA)  
Dance Therapy - Dir. by Juan C. Ortiz (USA)

**Nominees for Best First-Time Filmmaker**

Ricardo Garcia - I Loved to See You (Brazil)  
Kelsea MacKay - One to Five Minutes (Canada)  
Sanjana Bhambhani - Mr. Blanks (India)  
Kenny Godinho - Knife Fight (Canada)  
Jose Lizama - Blue (Peru)

**Nominees for Best Actor**

Alex Aguirre - Trevor Hurt Someone (USA)  
Yonas Kibreab - Sonshine (USA)  
Fabian Arámbula - Finding Memories (Mexico)  
Tom Lovegrin - Shadows (USA)  
Crispin Glancy - MindBreaker (UK)

**Nominees for Best Actress**

Serena Lehman - Unlived Life (Cyprus)  
Elif Öner - Crybaby (Turkey)  
Nina Bábòyómà Kunst - Falling Into Place (Netherlands)  
Manon Clavel - Underwater (France)  
Manuela Boccanera - Rendezvous (Italy)

**Nominees for Best Cast**

Internal - Dir. by Winter Tomisato (USA)  
This Way To The Egress - Dir. by Rich Drees (USA)  
The Heir - Dir. by Nikita Tuzov (Russia)  
Sunrise Boulevard - Dir. by Mike Montagna (USA)  
Luz - Dir. by Alfonso Otero Mireles (Mexico)

**Nominees for Best Cinematography**

Everett Lemmon - The Villain (Canada)  
Rocket Scott - Sunrise Boulevard (USA)  
Carlos Sola - MindBreaker (UK)  
Matt Kleppner - Trevor Hurt Someone (USA)  
Jack Schurman - Rehearsal (USA)

**Nominees for Best Writer**

Marco Gistri - Inchiostro (The Ink) (Italy)  
Connor McLellan - Open Wide (Canada)  
Andrea Recchia - La Salvezza (Italy)  
Sejeong Lim, Taehun An, Yongjun Yongjun Park - January 2 (Japan)  
Alexis Rios, Arianna Hermosilla - Queen Size (Mexico)

**Nominees for Best Director**

Corey Podell - Rehearsal (USA)  
Alfonso Otero Mireles - Luz (Mexico)  
Patty M. Simon - From Darkness to the Lightness of Being (USA)  
Raphael Kichenama - Life : Mode 2.0 - VOST (France)  
Emilio Espino - Leviathan (Mexico)