

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
Wampui by Maarten Isaäk de Heer

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

Assassinators: 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
Assassinators: 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