

*Alternative Film Festival*

**Summer 2023 Edition**

**SHORT CATEGORY**

**Winners in RED, Nominees in BLACK**

**Nominees for Best Action**

**Kung-Fu Cops - Dir. by Austin Johnson, Nico Jopio (USA)**

Sheltered from Time - Dir. by Sadie Duarte (Spain)

On / Off - Dir. by Nicolas P. Villarreal (Argentina)

Into The Mainframe: Safehouse - Dir. by Ryan Rajcoomar (Canada)

**Nominees for Best Animation Canada**

**Mr. Poe, Memory and Nightmares - Dir. by Neil Hamilton Warren (Canada)**

Gerald - Dir. by Kasha Rae Malinowski (Canada)

PolyGone - Dir. by Maxwell A. Dowie (Canada)

**Nominees for Best Animation International**

Dobermann 50 - Dir. by Santoro Procopio (Italy)

The Family Roots - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (Taiwan)

**Lyfe - Dir. by Daniel Roche (USA)**

**Nominees for Best Comedy International**

**Parabens - Dir. by Michael Bukovanský (Czech Republic)**

Kennedy Park - Dir. by Thierry Balshaw (UK)

P.P.S. The Support Group - Dir. by Dave Inglis (UK)

**Nominees for Best Comedy North America**

**Bike Cops - Dir. by Jesse Womack (USA)**

Settle the Score - Dir. by Jesse Womack (USA)

Hardwood Heroes - Dir. by Austin Lauer, Colin Louis Kissel (USA)

Supah Kupuna Heroes - Dir. by Robert Barclay (USA)

A Lot Going on at 34 Maple Drive - Dir. by Jameson Kovar (Canada)

**Threesome - Dir. by Brandon DeLany (USA)**

**Nominees for Best Dance Film**

Dream of the Return - Dir. by Yew Weng Ho (UK)

**FootAge - Dir. by Bill Richardson (USA)**

Follicular Images - Dir. by Ludivine Large-Bessette (France)

### **Nominees for Best Documentary**

Spoken Reflections: One Punch to Break Free - Dir. by Antony Popov (UK)

Harbour of Nevermore - Dir. by Darrell Varga (Canada)

Animated Diaries of War: COFFEE - Dir. by Sophia Kornienko (USA)

Katabatic Flight - Dir. by Matt Costa (USA)

**3 Hours Per Frame: Creating Of Wood - Dir. by Morgan Jones (USA)**

Paddled Pandemic Paradise - Dir. by Lisa Domin-Alouane (Germany)

### **Nominees for Best Drama International**

The Corner Man - Dir. by Manoj Adhikari (India)

Sidelines - Dir. by Fiori Miari (UK)

**Annavespa - Dir. by Clelia Di Briggido (Italy)**

Who Did It? - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (Taiwan)

Canvas - Dir. by Sanjai Chandrasekaran (India)

Penélope - Dir. by Ricardo G. Santos (Portugal)

Sur Le Chemin du Retour - Dir. by Christophe Guyoton (France)

Perfect Timing - Dir. by Wilson Louis (India)

### **Nominees for Best Drama USA**

The Cost Of Money - Dir. by Robbie Ryde (USA)

Without - Dir. by Christopher Orangeo (USA)

**Fili - Dir. by Peter Filimaua (USA)**

Reverb - Dir. by Minkyu Kang (USA)

Advanced Placement- Dir. by Sam Hyatt (USA)

A Twisted Path - Dir. by Ray Thompson (USA)

### **Nominees for Best Drama Canada**

Heartless - Dir. by Patrick Mulligan (Canada)

Pot Bound - Dir. by Hingman Leung (Canada)

**Fresh Catch - Dir. by Anastasiia Klymova (Canada)**

Rise Against the Beats - Dir. by Swaroop Elamon (Canada)

Silhouette - Dir. by Steven Rohrer (Canada)

### **Nominees for Best Experimental Canada**

Over Head Lines - Dir. by David Sandor Miklos (Canada)

The Dream Has Ended - Dir. by Robert Andrew Thomson Taylor (Canada)

Anemoia - Dir. by Eduardo Guerra (Canada)

Just A Day - Dir. by Jacob Ronald Barrieau (Canada)

**Physical Destiny - Dir. by Nika (Canada)**

### **Nominees for Best Experimental International**

**An Operatic Life of a Woman - Dir. by Susan Kouguell (USA)**

The Autotelic Notebook - Dir. by Francesc Font Andreu, Jordi Márquez Puig (Spain)

Dream of the Return - Dir. by Yew Weng Ho (UK)

Obsidian Dream - Dir. by Scotty Hardwig, Claudia Lavista (Mexico)

The Last Drama Part 2 - Dir. by Jon Clark (USA)

### **Nominees for Best Horror**

Manic Pixie Dream Girl - Dir. by Abigail Jarvis (USA)

Vetr - Dir. by Guilherme Queiroz (Canada)

**Facsimile - Dir. by Rebecca Carole, Madison Hughes (Canada)**

Little Black Dog - Dir. by Cem Deniz Karakoçoğlu (Turkey)

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

Mirrorty - Dir. by Serkan Aktaş (Turkey)

Parabens - Dir. by Michael Bukovanský (Czech Republic)

Mr. Covid - Dir. by Abhishek Chatterjee (India)

Stage of War - Dir. by Matej Brekalo (Slovenia)

**Osiris - Dir. by Elliott Reeves (UK)**

John Burrows - Dir. by Liaan Ferreira (South Africa)

### **Nominees for Best Mystery/Suspense/Thriller North America**

Butterfly - John Mercenary Gutteriez (Canada)

**The Unfortunate Tale of David Jacobs - Dir. by Anwar Ansari (Canada)**

3 Nights - Dir. by Guillermo Pastor (Canada)

A Cursed Story - Dir. by Delia Voicu (Canada)

### **Nominees for Best Romance**

Nant - Dir. by Tom Chetwode Barton (UK)

Pollen - Dir. by Mia Martinez (Canada)

**Sapphic Dating For Rural Victorians - Dir. by Elissa Weir (Canada)**

The Heart's Eye - Dir. by Sriram Thiruvengadam (USA)

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

Fantastic Restaurant - Dir. by Min-a Kim (Korea)

Madeleine - Dir. by Alain Kulmburg (France)

The World Has En Dead - Dir. by Mudasir Zafar Batt (India)

Arthon - Dir. by Nawal Kaffouf (France)

**The Five Hundredth - Dir. by Ian Killick (UK)**

Monsters - Dir. by Dane McCusker (Australia)

### **Nominees for Best Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Supernatural Canada**

Walkman - Dir. by Ana Guedes (Canada)

Darkvision - Dir. by Rico Espinoza (Canada)

Lady at Number 16 - Dir. by James Newhook (Canada)

**Into The Mainframe: Safehouse - Dir. by Ryan Rajcoomar (Canada)**

### **Nominees for Best Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Supernatural USA**

Backlash - Dir. by Troy Fortenberry (USA)

**Foreign Planetary - Dir. by Tiffany Lin (USA)**

Image Transfer - Dir. by Rio Dell (USA)

Mass Teleportation Authority - Dir. by Geoff Smeltzer (USA)

Lyfe - Dir. by Daniel Roche (USA)

### **Nominees for Best Web / New Media Film**

**Star Track - Anna Storm - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (USA)**

Star Track - Roberto Melgar - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (USA)

Climate Emergency - Dir. by Robert Menefee (USA)

### **Nominees for Best Student Film Canada**

Boxed - Dir. by Abril Andrea Arnauda Appel (Canada)

**Stay Alone - Dir. by Lukas Wojcicki (Canada)**

Maboroshi - Dir. by Mingyu Li (Canada)

Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up To Be Cowboys - Dir. by Marty Long (Canada)

### **Nominees for Best Student Film International**

**The Librarian - Dir. by Serkan Aktaş (Turkey)**

The Milkman - Dir. by Huzeifa Essaji (UK)

Release - Dir. by Disha Agarwaal (Sweden)

There Are No Saints in Hell - Dir. by Giorgio Desideri (Italy)

### **Nominees for Best Student Film USA**

thE RiNGiNG iN ouR EARS - Dir. by Sean Sanguinet (USA)

Look Away - Dir. by Yizhi Shi (USA)

**The Director - Dir. by Ryan Adolph, Alex J. Greenberg (USA)**

Schmeatulzeus - Dir. by Nicholas Kennedy (USA)

What It Takes - Dir. by Jonathan Byrne Denechaud (USA)

### **Nominees for Best First-Time Filmmaker Canada**

**Alessandro Montiel - Through Your Eyes (Canada)**

Carol-Anne Telenis - Eclipsed (Canada)

Carlos Javier Moreno - Rejects (Canada)

Riley Rheyman - Cherry Blossoms in March (Canada)  
Lydie Hwang - A Tale of Two Mothers (Canada)

### **Nominees for Best First-Time Filmmaker International**

Filippo Cristiano - Mr. Crazy (Italy)  
Nithya Gopalakrishnan - Two Worlds (India)  
**Michelle Pascal - Hats (UK)**  
Sevan Smolnik - How the Lake Became a River (Israel)  
Jonah Dickinson - And Then It Rained (Australia)  
Alberto Pompei - Invisible Beings (Italy)

### **Nominees for Best First-Time Filmmaker USA**

Francesca Brice-Martin - La Rupture (USA)  
Milan Smith - The Trash Man (USA)  
**Ember AutumnSkye Sheffer - You're So Shy (USA)**  
Adi Kalidindi - Traces of a Painted Lady (USA)  
William Macchia - Dust and Data (USA)

### **Nominees for Best Actor**

Pól Seoige - Butterfly (Canada)  
Dean Attari - Walter's Internal Battle  
Liam Rio - Antagonist (USA)  
Sten Ljunggren - Sunday Roast (Sweden)  
**Stephen Irom Gatphoh - The Last Chance Casino (Canada)**  
Liaan Ferreira - John Burrows (South Africa)

### **Nominees for Best Actress**

Leticia Catalá - My Love (Brazil)  
**Sabrina Knappett - Why Am I Like This? (Canada)**  
Hollie Barrett - Gift From Above (Canada)  
Julie Vallortigara - Mosquito (UK)  
Mathilde Freytet - Madeleine (France)  
Katharine Branham - A Twisted Path (USA)

### **Nominees for Best Cast**

**Spin The Bottle - Dir. by Stefanie Davis (USA)**  
Go Ask Alice - Dir. by Don Grace (USA)  
Seeking Bigshoe - Oregon - Dir. by Robert Barhite (USA)  
Hector Heat Stroke - Dir. by Micke (France)  
Return to Country - Dir. by Eric Cervania (Canada)  
Invisible Beings - Dir. by Alberto Pompei (Italy)

**Nominees for Best Cinematography**

Matt Costa - Katabatic Flight (USA)  
Ted Kutina - Antagonist (USA)  
Sam Powyer - Osiris (UK)  
Matt Gillan - The Five Hundredth (UK)  
Austin Buell - The Last Chance Casino (Canada)  
Stefan Kotze - John Burrows (South Africa)

**Nominees for Best Writer**

Raphaël Houde Belle-Isle - The King's Sacrifice (Canada)  
Joseph Rossi - Bitter Sun (Canada)  
David Grewe - Waking Up a Widower (USA)  
Nitin Sam - The Showbiz (India)  
Jonathan Davies - Strings Attached (Canada)  
Shihyun Wang - 2023's First 2 Crop Circles with Alarming Messages (USA)

**Nominees for Best Director**

Rémi Damecour, Pascal Phaneuf - Hot Tears (Canada)  
Anastasiia Klymova - Fresh Catch (Canada)  
Tamryn Speirs - @Christinetheactor (South Africa)  
Brandon Wheeler - Lover (Canada)  
Mike Buckendorf - Requiem For Lugosi (USA)  
Dean Bog - proTract Pittsburgh (USA)