

AltFF Alternative Film Festival

Spring 2026 Edition

SHORT CATEGORY AWARD NOMINEES

Winners in RED, Nominees in BLACK

Nominees for Best Comedy

Roadkill & Dirtbag dir Christian Arsenault (Canada)

Providence, New Jersey dir Francisco Lobo (Portugal)

Locked In dir Sam Hoggarth (UK)

And Seven Times Never Kill Man! dir Jordan Farrell (UK)

Nominees for Best Coming-Of-Age Film

A Better Day dir Zack Hankins (USA)

Damo's Intervention dir Leo Larmer (Australia)

Early Autumn dir Bootz (Dominick Avila) (Canada)

In The Meantime dir James Godred (UK)

Nominees for Best Documentary

On The Flip Side dir Charlie Ann Ensinger (USA)

A Song For My Father dir Shona Buschlen (Canada)

Les Noces d'Or'Hara dir Eric Tremblay (Canada)

La Mia Parte dir Emanuele Gabrieli, Antinea Radomska (Italy)

Anatomy dir Ivana Salvador (Canada)

Nominees for Best Drama Canada

Go Girl dir Ahmed Al Noor (Canada)

The Sunset dir Dami Daramola (Canada)

Cake dir Gui Queiroz (Canada)

Take Me Down With You dir Dami Daramola (Canada)

Absent dir Kayla Neves (Canada)

Nominees for Best Drama International

Lola dir Quentin Overtoom (France)

The Mermaids dir Elena Viggiano (Italy)

The Struggle dir James Godred (UK)

The Sound dir Pezhhan Ziaian (Iran)

Nothing to Lose dir Erifili Davis (Australia)

Nominees for Best Drama USA

Lamb of God dir Audrey Deitz (USA)
Underdong dir Madina Zhalgas (USA)
Pat & Matrice dir Audrey Noone (USA)

Nominees for Best Experimental Canada

Magic Tricks dir Anna Holmen (Canada)
Rover dir Tessa Leier (Canada)
Of Breath and Touch dir Shannon Litzenberger (Canada)
From a World to Another dir Justine Lalonde (Canada)

Nominees for Best Experimental International

Dark Algae dir Nathan Vaillant (France)
Aghbash dir Samad Ghorbanzadeh (Iran)
Moabit XXVIII dir Ian Charles Lister (Italy)
Dynamics dir Teo Baehler (Netherlands)
Poetrix dir Ioulia Lympelopoulou (Greece)

Nominees for Best Experimental USA

Untitled Journal Entry_words dir Paula Stuttman (USA)
The Mitten/Rukavychka/Rękawica dir Anne Ciecko (USA)
Murphy dir Rich Drees (USA)
Year Of The Catfish dir Gary Steven Fisher (USA)
Postmodern Romance dir Wheeler Winston Dixon (USA)

Nominees for Best Horror

My Mother Margaret dir Jaxon Moore (Canada)
Picnic from Hell dir Nathaniel Navarro (Canada)
Seasons Blooming dir Alexander Vincent Negrete (USA)
I Exist dir Martin Del Carpio (USA)
Hereafter dir Jake VanHuss (USA)

Nominees for Best Mystery/Suspense/Thriller International

No Mercy dir Sophiane Afroun (France)
The Waywareda dir Tommy Peter Walton (UK)
The Tales of Montefuoco: Darkwater dir Riccardo Lancialonga (Italy)
The Third Dream dir Mohammadhossein Nikzad (Iran)

Nominees for Best Mystery/Suspense/Thriller North America

If You Are Reading This... dir Clive Hawkins (USA)
Watching The Vista dir Nikky Persaud (Canada)
For Honor dir Jacob St. John (USA)
The Last Ride dir Wen Leng (USA)
Chemical Toilet dir Max Panahi (Canada)

Nominees for Best Original Story

Old Tomorrow dir Kane Stewart (Canada)

Bury Your Gaze dir Jarred Yarberry (USA)

Higher dir Michael Carlo Allen (Italy)

Ca\$h Cow\$ dir Harley Collar (USA)

Echoes Under Skin dir John C. Christian, Gabriella Katsourpoulou (Brazil)

Nominees for Best Romance

Nocturne in Dissonance dir Laura Sessi-Knott (UK)

Before You Go dir Connor Wilton McCartney (Canada)

Early Autumn dir Bootz (Dominick Avila) (Canada)

Exit Interview dir Vasil Dzhambazov (Bulgaria)

Nominees for Best Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Supernatural

Last Chance dir Mathéo Clary (France)

Inside Her dir Beatriz Elena Aranguren (USA)

The Contribution dir Sofia Riascos Gonzalez (USA)

Wattleseed dir William Chai (Canada)

Sheltered Spaces dir Danny Cotton (UK)

Nominees for Best Student Film International

Burgundiak dir Susanna Prummer (Austria)

The Ark dir Yaode Lu (China)

The Uncaught Culprit dir Aswin Kumar P (India)

The Child Offered to the Blossoms dir Yuri Tsujikawa (Japan)

Nominees for Best Student Film North America

A Will To Kill dir Karthic Janarth (Canada)

Love Machine dir Nicholas Gearin (USA)

The Occupant dir Jason Yao (Canada)

Spike! dir Maya Chariandy (Canada)

The One Who I Adore dir Adam G. Levine, Sebastian Silvestri (Canada)

Nominees for Best First-Time Filmmaker

Izac Chen lee, Rick Peters - MisJudgment (USA)

Adam Hill - Stagefright (Canada)

Alice M. Horta - The Egotist (Portugal)

Ehab Mounir - Echo of The Souls (Canada)

Nominees for Best Actor

Maven The Poet - The Rules of Life (UAE)

Bob Nairn - The One Who I Adore (Canada)

Anthony Arcuri - Backroad Genesis (Canada)

Marcio Rosario - Echoes Under Skin (Brazil)

Nominees for Best Actress

Mai Youa Xiong - 37 Dollars (Canada)

Kathy LaShay Berenson - Pat & Matrice (USA)

Schuyler Girion - The Contribution (USA)

Rosy Addison - And Seven Times Never Kill Man! (UK)

Nominees for Best Cast

The Tales of Montefuoco: Darkwater dir Riccardo Lancialonga (Italy)

The Waywarede dir Tommy Peter Walton (UK)

The Bounty Hunter dir Enrique Novials (Spain)

Save The Date dir Spencer Litzinger (Canada)

Nominees for Best Cinematography

John C. Christian - Echoes Under Skin (Brazil)

Willes Lau - 37 Dollars (Canada)

Eric Tremblay - Les Noces d'Or'Hara (Canada)

Ella Fraser - Damo's Intervention (Australia)

Nominees for Best Writer

Carlos Eduardo Kraft Hang - Bitter (Switzerland)

William A. Rugama - The Audition (Canada)

Enrique Novials - The Bounty Hunter (Spain)

Jordan Farrell - And Seven Times Never Kill Man! (UK)

Nominees for Best Director

Tommy Peter Walton - The Waywarede (UK)

Spencer Litzinger - Save The Date (Canada)

Gui Queiroz - Cake (Canada)

Sarah Leon - Love Thy Neighbor (USA)