

# NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL FILM AWARDS

FINALISTS & WINNERS - JUNE 2023

## BEST FEATURE FILM

**Smokes and Fires Director Jordan Sun (WINNER)**  
*Freaky Profiling* Director Cam Marshall  
*A Fantasy of Companionship between Human and Inanimate* Directors  
Susan Mey Lee Lim, Samudra Kajal Saikia, Christina Teenz Tan  
*Devil's Men* Director Dave Bresnahan

## BEST SHORT FILM

**Cornerboy Director Kai Kurve (WINNER)**  
*A Day Out* Director Conor Champley  
*Navel* Director Elsa Xu  
*An Italian Action Story* Director Tommaso Gorani  
*The Interrogation* Director Leon P Jackson  
*i am* Director Marcus Graham  
*Bags* Director Mitch Ray  
*The Invisible Musical Note* Director Yuanhao Deng

## BEST UNDER 5 MINUTE FILM

**Hide and Seek Director Pengyu Lyu (WINNER)**  
*Ode From Malum* Director Kelton White  
*A Wordless Dream* Director Ale Cetrangolo  
*Rabbit on the Moon* Director Lezhi Yu  
*Atta* Director Yahssir M

## BEST INDIE FEATURE

**A Time For Summer Director Jacek Raginis (WINNER)**  
*The Criminal* Director Hayden Endicott

## BEST INDIE SHORT

**Jet Lag Director Sergey Khromykh (WINNER)**  
*Cornerboy* Director Kai Kurve  
*The Survivor* Director Rajath Rajanikanth  
*The Promise* Director Pierre Marais  
*Assassins Guild Of America* Director Chad Daniel Ayinde  
*Guru* Director Soroush Hosseini

## BEST SERIES PILOT

**Futsal Frenemies (Kaki Bola) Directors Yahssir M, K Rajagopal (WINNER)**

## BEST ANIMATION

**Motherboard Director Igor Santos Bastos (WINNER)**  
*A Fantasy of Companionship between Human and Inanimate* Directors  
Susan Mey Lee Lim, Samudra Kajal Saikia, Christina Teenz Tan

## BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE

**Rockie Lynne: Where I Belong Director JC Summerford (WINNER)**  
*Nguyen* Director Sean James Spencer

## BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT

**The Making of Smarter Cars Directors Susie Song, Vanessa Leng (WINNER)**  
*Woman, Life, Freedom | Iran's Revolution Amidst the 2022 FIFA World Cup* Director Auctus Productions  
*Mix* Director Ron Gozzo  
*Aris Demetrios: Sculpture From The Heart* Director Josh Aronson  
*The Invisible Musical Note* Director Yuanhao Deng

## BEST STUDENT FILM

**Motherland Director Lijie Xie (WINNER)**  
*Mother Dearest* Director Eugénia Neto  
*Starchaser* Director Anne Elise Domning  
*Mr. What's It To ya* Director Ryan Jachetta  
*Jamie's Pond* Director Reid Sandlund  
*Tu Casa es Mi Casa* Director Adrian Casado Perez  
*Bigger* Director Melissa Morales  
*Mortals* Director Yunwen Chen  
*Burn The Flower* Submitter Peipei Liu

BEST EXPERIMENTAL FILM	BEST MUSIC VIDEO
<p><b>Cornerboy Director Kai Kurve (WINNER)</b>  <i>Merano goes on stage Director Carlo Guttadauro</i>  <i>BlindSight: Homeless Director Marc Travanti</i>  <i>Mortals Director Yunwen Chen</i></p>	<p><b>Sinful Betty's Band "Forgotten" Directors Damian Wisniewski, Beata Wisniewska (WINNER)</b>  <i>Tangon Director Anwar Johari Ho</i>  <i>Love is my gun Submitter Valerie Verseau</i>  <i>Beyond Farewell Director Jackie Shijie Xing</i>  <i>Henge - Self Repair Protocol Directors Katy-Anne Bellis, Collen Chandler</i>  <i>Talk Director Zishan Sun</i>  <i>Hold Your Head Up Submitter Cathy Carlson</i></p>
BEST TRAILER	BEST COMEDY FILM
<p><b>June Director Dwayne Cameron (WINNER)</b>  <i>Bags Director Mitch Ray</i></p>	<p><b>Freaky Profiling Director Cam Marshall (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST DARK COMEDY FILM	BEST FANTASY FILM
<p><b>Assassins Guild Of America Director Chad Daniel Ayinde (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>June Director Dwayne Cameron (WINNER)</b>  <i>Maluna Director Jason Gonzalez</i></p>
BEST DRAMA FILM	BEST HISTORICAL FILM
<p><b>Assisted Living Director Ken Kimura (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>Standing Strong: Elizabeth Catlett Director Kevin J Kelley (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST WAR FILM	BEST MUSICAL FILM
<p><b>Smokes and Fires Director Jordan Sun (WINNER)</b>  <i>Devil's Men Director Dave Bresnahan</i></p>	<p><b>A Fantasy of Companionship between Human and Inanimate Directors Susan Mey Lee Lim, Samudra Kajal Saikia, Christina Teenz Tan (WINNER)</b>  <i>Hymn &amp; Her Director Adam Nightingale</i></p>
BEST LGBTQ FILM	BEST ETHNOGRAPHIC FILM
<p><b>Motherland Director Lijie Xie (WINNER)</b>  <i>Jamie's Pond Director Reid Sandlund</i></p>	<p><b>Tangon Director Anwar Johari Ho (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST INSPIRATIONAL FILM	BEST SOCIAL JUSTICE FILM
<p><b>The Thursday Night Club Director Valerie Smaldone (WINNER)</b>  <i>We ARE Distance Runners: The Marathon Hat Trick Director Anthony Renard Reed</i></p>	<p><b>Freaky Profiling Director Cam Marshall (WINNER)</b></p>

BEST DIRECTOR	BEST 1ST TIME DIRECTOR
<p><b>Freaky Profiling Director Cam Marshall (WINNER - Feature)</b>  <b>June Director Dwayne Cameron (WINNER - Short)</b>  <i>North Cold Wind Director Cristian Felipe Miranda Melo</i>  <i>The Promise Director Pierre Marais</i>  <i>The Invisible Musical Note Director Yuanhao Deng</i></p>	<p><b>Smokes and Fires Director Jordan Sun (WINNER - Feature)</b>  <b>Assisted Living Director Ken Kimura (WINNER - Short)</b>  <i>Devil's Men Director Dave Bresnahan</i>  <i>Stolen Dough Director Stefano Da Frè</i>  <i>The Interrogation Director Leon P Jackson</i>  <i>Assassins Guild Of America Director Chad Daniel Ayinde</i>  <i>Bags Director Mitch Ray</i></p>
BEST STUDENT DIRECTOR	BEST ART DIRECTOR
<p><b>Bigger Director Melissa Morales (WINNER)</b>  <i>Motherland Director Lijie Xie</i></p>	<p><b>Mortals Director Yunwen Chen (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST PRODUCER	BEST ACTOR
<p><b>(Dwayne Cameron, Sarah James) June Director Dwayne Cameron (WINNER)</b>  <i>(Adriana Kostetskaya) Receding Director Renee Garcia</i></p>	<p><b>(Ben Li) Smokes and Fires Director Jordan Sun (WINNER)</b>  <i>(Caleb Hafen) Devil's Men Director Dave Bresnahan</i>  <i>(Shanthnu Bhagyaraj) Raavana Kottam Director Vikram Sugumaran</i>  <i>(Charles Mayer) i am Director Marcus Graham</i>  <i>(Dwayne Cameron) June Director Dwayne Cameron</i>  <i>(Dominique Owen) Freaky Profiling Director Cam Marshall</i></p>
BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR	BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS
<p><b>(Casey Elliott) Devil's Men Director Dave Bresnahan (WINNER)</b>  <i>(Jeremy Hu) Smokes and Fires Director Jordan Sun</i></p>	<p><b>(Emma Andreasen Moore) Devil's Men Director Dave Bresnahan (WINNER)</b>  <i>(Mei Ling Chen) Smokes and Fires Director Jordan Sun</i></p>
BEST ACTING DUO	BEST VISUAL EFFECTS
<p><b>(James Dickey, Dominique Owen) Freaky Profiling Director Cam Marshall (WINNER)</b>  <i>(Kabir McNeely and Brian Doolittle) Rebel Director Kabir McNeely</i></p>	<p><b>(Charlie Tait) June Director Dwayne Cameron (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY	BEST SOUNDTRACK
<p><b>(Adam Clark) June Director Dwayne Cameron (WINNER)</b>  <i>(D.R. Harris) Devil's Men Director Dave Bresnahan</i></p>	<p><b>(Joi Barua, Ron Josef Danziger, Manu Martin, Mathieu Eymard) A Fantasy of Companionship between Human and Inanimate Directors Susan Mey Lee Lim, Samudra Kajal Saikia, Christina Teenz Tan (WINNER)</b>  <i>(Jordan Paul Rousseau) Day9 Director Dastan Khalili</i></p>

BEST SONG	BEST POSTER
<p><b>(Joi Barua, Ron Josef Danziger, Manu Martin, Mathieu Eymard)</b>  <b>A Fantasy of Companionship between Human and Inanimate</b>  <b>Directors Susan Mey Lee Lim, Samudra Kajal Saikia, Christina</b>  <b>Teenz Tan (WINNER)</b>  <i>(Casey Elliott, Kathryn Elliott, Robert Allen Elliott) Devil's Men Director</i>  <i>Dave Bresnahan</i></p>	<p><b>(Taylor Bourque) Bags Director Mitch Ray (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST FEATURE SCRIPT	BEST DARK COMEDY SCRIPT
<p><b>Sven Writer Jesse Dorian (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>Wildwood Writer Damon Fabbo (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST THRILLER SCRIPT	BEST FANTASY SCRIPT
<p><b>The Girl in the Glacier Writer Catherine Schandl (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>Sven Writer Jesse Dorian (WINNER)</b>  <i>Dadlord Writer Julian Hoxter</i></p>
BEST SCI-FI SCRIPT	BEST HORROR SCRIPT
<p><b>Sven Writer Jesse Dorian (WINNER)</b></p>	<p><b>Sven Writer Jesse Dorian (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST DRAMA SCRIPT	BEST SOCIAL JUSTICE SCRIPT
<p><b>Sven Writer Jesse Dorian (WINNER)</b>  <i>Cherished Writer Mitchell Moldofsky</i></p>	<p><b>Sven Writer Jesse Dorian (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST 1ST TIME SCREENWRITER	BEST STUDENT SCREENWRITER
<p><b>Black Sunday Writer Katreana Bellew (WINNER)</b>  <i>Reloved Writer Ossie Sharon</i></p>	<p><b>Black Sunday Writer Katreana Bellew (WINNER)</b></p>
BEST ORIGINAL SCRIPT	
<p><b>Sven Writer Jesse Dorian (WINNER)</b>  <i>Reloved Writer Ossie Sharon</i></p>	

GRAND JURY AWARDS	HONORABLE MENTIONS
<p><b>Assassins Guild Of America Director Chad Daniel Ayinde (1st time Director – Short)</b></p> <p><b>Navel Director Elsa Xu (Short Film)</b></p> <p><b>Jamie’s Pond Director Reid Sandlund (LGBTQ Film)</b></p> <p><b>The Promise Director Pierre Marais (Director – Short)</b></p> <p><b>Nguyen Director Sean James Spencer (Doc Feature)</b></p> <p><b>The Invisible Musical Note Director Yuanhao Deng (Doc Short)</b></p> <p><b>Dadlord Writer Julian Hoxter (Fantasy Script)</b></p> <p><b>Hymn &amp; Her Director Adam Nightingale (Musical Film)</b></p> <p><b>Merano goes on stage Director Carlo Guttadauro (Experimental Film)</b></p> <p><b>Burn The Flower Submitter Peipei Liu (Student Film)</b></p>	<p><b>Maluna Director Jason Gonzalez (Fantasy Film)</b></p> <p><b>The Interrogation Director Leon P Jackson (1st time Director – Short)</b></p> <p><b>(Charles Mayer) i am Director Marcus Graham (Actor)</b></p> <p><b>Reloved Writer Ossie Sharon (1st Time Screenwriter – Feature)</b></p> <p><b>Aris Demetrios: Sculpture From The Heart Director Josh Aronson (Doc Short)</b></p> <p><b>The Criminal Director Hayden Endicott (Indie Feature)</b></p> <p><b>Bags Director Mitch Ray (Trailer)</b></p> <p><b>The Invisible Musical Note Director Yuanhao Deng (Director - Short)</b></p> <p><b>Mortals Director Yunwen Chen (Experimental Film)</b></p> <p><b>(D.R. Harris) Devil’s Men Director Dave Bresnahan (Cinematography)</b></p> <p><b>(Casey Elliott, Kathryn Elliott, Robert Allen Elliott) Devil’s Men Director Dave Bresnahan (Song)</b></p> <p><b>We ARE Distance Runners: The Marathon Hat Trick Director Anthony Renard Reed (Inspirational Film)</b></p> <p><b>Starchaser Director Anne Elise Domning (Student Film)</b></p> <p><b>(Adriana Kostetskaya) Receding Director Renee Garcia (Producer)</b></p>