

Alternative Film Festival

Summer 2023 Edition

SUPER SHORT CATEGORY AWARD NOMINEES

Nominees for Best Animation International

Nessuna Guerra Fermera' La Musica - Dir. by Santoro Procopio (Italy)

Nose - Dir. by Julia Maria Marchowska (Poland)

The Eulogy - Dir. by Abdellah Kafile (Palestine)

Ball - Dir. by Enrico Mughetti (UK)

Nominees for Best Animation North America

The Adventures of Vomit Cat and Cat Vomit - Dir. by Erin Audley (Canada)

Briefly in Scenery - Dir. by Sara Mizannojehdehi (Canada)

Atomic Love - Dir. by Antoine Girard (Canada)

Cats & Dogs - Dir. by Wheeler Winston Dixon (USA)

Out of the Bag - Dir. by Ashley Ayeri, Weigeyuan Margaret Chen, Nick Tardiff (USA)

Making a Monster: A Fable - Dir. by Laura Lewis-Barr (USA)

Abnormal Adoration - Dir. by Mingyuan Ye (USA)

Nominees for Best Art Film

The Well - Visual Poem - Dir. by Shakir Dzheyranov (USA)

Move - Dir. by Bernardo Alevato (Brazil)

Inner Light - Dir. by Wheeler Winston Dixon (USA)

Blurring Afterimage - Dir. by Cheuk Wai Jolyne Chan (Australia)

Nominees for Best Comedy

Lucky Coin! - Dir. by Serkan Aktaş (Turkey)

The Drop of Champagne - Dir. by Gautier Piton (France)

The Sunshine Summit O'er the Mountain of Dishes - Dir. by James Kirby (USA)

Affordability - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (USA)

Head in the Clouds - Dir. by Kaylee Tian Lin Tan (USA)

Mindslip - Dir. by Swaroop Elamon (Canada)

Nominees for Best Dance Film

Turn On Your Light - Dir. by David Valverde, Merli V. Guerra (Spain)

Resurrection Under the Ocean - Dir. by Serkan Aktaş (Turkey)

Clima - Dir. by Brianna Saranchock (USA)

My Relationship with Red Yarn - Dir. by Lily Daroff (USA)

Nominees for Best Documentary

Waterfall - Dir. by Kazuya Ashizawa (Japan)

La Forza del Futuro (The Strength of the Future) - Dir. by Andrea Baglio (Italy)

Slip Stream - Dir. by Wheeler Winston Dixon (USA)

Climate Emergency - Dir. by Robert Menefee (USA)

Crop Circle Prophecy - Ukraine Dam Collapse - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (USA)

Central - Dir. by Michał Biliński (Poland)

From Play to Act - James Chen, A Basketball Player Turned Filmmaker - Dir. by James Chen (Taiwan)

Nominees for Best Drama

Coming Together - Dir. by Bella Rinsky (Cyprus)

The Will to Survive - Dir. by Robert Cole (Australia)

I Thought of You - Dir. by Sydney Strange (USA)

Hunting - Dir. by Maïa Aboualiten (France)

Elegy to Carla - Dir. by Jan Ivan Irapta Lagong (Philippines)

Dinosaur - Dir. by Alecs Román (USA)

Dumpsterfire - Dir. by Isla McKenna (USA)

Nominees for Best Experimental International

you _ me - Dir. by Yolanda Moreno Torrado (Spain)

I Dream My Dream - Dir. by Monique van Kerkhof, Bo Oudendijk (Netherlands)

Appreciate - Dir. by Navaneeth Reddy (India)

Paranoia - Dir. by Martina Lenti (Italy)

A Day in the Park - Dir. by Kevin Mantilla (Ecuador)

Shumisen Town - Dir. by 直隆 遠藤 (Japan)

Dagon - Dir. by Alan Koprivec (Switzerland)

Nominees for Best Experimental North America

Greatest Joy of Ever and All Time - Dir. by Fern Hignite (USA)

Sublimity - Dir. by Thomas J Bozalis (USA)

Amazon Man - Dir. by Wheeler Winston Dixon (USA)

Kuleshov Effect - Dir. by Marcelo Quiñones Altamirano (Mexico)

Plant - Dir. by Justin Roy, Léandre Lambert Lefebvre (Canada)

Wet - Dir. by Ned Daly (USA)

AI - Dir. by Wheeler Winston Dixon (USA)

Vox Pop - Dir. by Wheeler Winston Dixon (USA)

Nominees for Best Horror

Switch - Dir. by Bon Blossman (USA)

Downsizing - Dir. by Bil Richardson (USA)

Lucy - Dir. by Jayleen S. Perez (USA)

Concourse - Dir. by Jane Fleiss (USA)

Nominees for Best Music Video

Green - Dir. by Gabriela Dyminski (Brazil)
We Want to Be - Dir. by Lucas Carvalho Santos (Brazil)
I Don't Want to Live Without You - Dir. by Oscar Serio (Italy)
Sean Reyes - Won't (W.T.D) - Dir. by Kareen Mallon (Canada)

Nominees for Best Mystery/Suspense/Thriller

Psyche - Dir. by Manny Kargov (Canada)
Eidolon - Dir. by Amanda Hacksel (Canada)
The Algorithm - Dir. by James Boutcher (Canada)
Bath Time - Dir. by Dave Inglis (UK)
The Cave - Dir. by Max Carmona (USA)

Nominees for Best Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Supernatural

Dance For Two - Dir. by Matthew Gaines (Canada)
Serenade of the Soul - Dir. by Eissa Annam (Canada)
Downsizing - Dir. by Bil Richardson (USA)

Nominees for Best Student Film

Your Mother - Dir. by Thomas J Bozalis (USA)
The Right Move - Dir. by Ezekiel Canaan (USA)
Live to Death - Dir. by 雪儿 米 (China)
Hilltop Hike - Dir. by Robert Cunniff (USA)
Rabbit - Dir. by Zichen Lan (China)
Here - Dir. by Yenadi Aye (USA)

Nominees for Best First-Time Filmmaker

Denise Peda - Remembrance (Canada)
Gino delos Reyes - CopyKat (Canada)
Michelle Chen - Mon Ami (Canada)
Hanqing Ma - Break In (USA)
Shahbano Jawad - Redemption (USA)

Nominees for Best Actor

Ben Buchanan - The Release (USA)
Matt Shaw - Dumpsterfire (USA)
Sean Reyes - Won't (W.T.D) (Canada)
Kaushal Patel - The Cave (USA)

Nominees for Best Actress

Molly Cleary - Skin I Live In (USA)
Emily Fry - Psyche (Canada)
Veda Baldota - Lucy (USA)
Orla Saphron - Just Like Me (Australia)

Nominees for Best Cast

Allegro - Dir. by Vincent Bonet (France)

Escape - Dir. by Jane Fleiss (USA)

Watch Me on TV - Dir. by Emeric Gallego (France)

CopyKat - Dir. by Gino delos Reyes (Canada)

Nominees for Best Cinematography

Joe Nicklo - The Release (USA)

Jakub Dobiasz - Central (Poland)

Aron Melvin Santos Maallo, Maria Leslie Purpora Rey - Elegy to Carla (Philippines)

Yenadi Aye - Here (USA)

Nominees for Best Writer

David Collier - Just Like Me (Australia)

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Ye Zhong, Reyna Stephaanie - Escape (USA)

Jayleen S. Perez - Lucy (USA)

Nominees for Best Director

Kelton White - Ode From Malum (USA)

Matthew Thomas Tucker - The Release (USA)

Bill Richardson - Downsizing (USA)

Zichen Lan - Rabbit (China)