

FILM INDEPENDENT SPIRIT AWARDS

2025 Nominees

Film Categories

BEST FEATURE

(Award given to the producer)

ANORA

PRODUCERS: Sean Baker, Alex Coco, Samantha Quan

I SAW THE TV GLOW

PRODUCERS: Ali Herting, Luca Intili, Dave McCary, Emma Stone, Sarah Winshall

NICKEL BOYS

PRODUCERS: Joslyn Barnes, Dede Gardner, Jeremy Kleiner, David Levine

SING SING

PRODUCERS: Clint Bentley, Greg Kwedar, Monique Walton

THE SUBSTANCE

PRODUCERS: Tim Bevan, Coralie Fargeat, Eric Fellner

BEST FIRST FEATURE

(Award given to the director and producer)

DIDI

DIRECTOR/PRODUCER: Sean Wang
PRODUCERS: Valerie Bush, Carlos López Estrada, Josh Peters

IN THE SUMMERS

DIRECTOR: Alessandra Lacorazza Samudio
PRODUCERS: Janek Ambros, Lynette Coll, Alexander Dinelaris, Cynthia Fernandez De La Cruz, Cristóbal Güell, Sergio Alberto Lira, Rob Quadrino, Jan Suter, Daniel Tantalean, Nando Vila, Slava Vladimirov, Stephanie Yankwitt

JANET PLANET

DIRECTOR/PRODUCER: Annie Baker
PRODUCERS: Andrew Goldman, Dan Janvey, Derrick Tseng

THE PIANO LESSON

DIRECTOR: Malcolm Washington
PRODUCERS: Todd Black, Denzel Washington

PROBLEMISTA

DIRECTOR/PRODUCER: Julio Torres
PRODUCERS: Ali Herting, Dave McCary, Emma Stone

JOHN CASSAVETES AWARD

(Award given to the best feature made for under \$1,000,000; award given to the writer, director, and producer)

BIG BOYS

WRITER/DIRECTOR/PRODUCER: Corey Sherman
PRODUCER: Allison Tate

GHOSTLIGHT

WRITER/DIRECTOR: Kelly O'Sullivan
DIRECTOR/PRODUCER: Alex Thompson
PRODUCERS: Pierce Cravens, Ian Keiser, Chelsea Krant, Eddie Linker, Alex Wilson

GIRLS WILL BE GIRLS

WRITER/DIRECTOR/PRODUCER: Shuchi Talati
PRODUCERS: Richa Chadha, Claire Chassagne

JAZZY

WRITER/DIRECTOR/PRODUCER: Morrisa Maltz
WRITER/PRODUCER: Lainey Shangreaux
WRITERS: Andrew Hajek, Vanara Taing
PRODUCERS: Miranda Bailey, Tommy Heitkamp, John Way, Natalie Whalen, Elliott Whitton

THE PEOPLE'S JOKER

WRITER/DIRECTOR: Vera Drew
WRITER: Bri LeRose
PRODUCER: Joey Lyons

BEST DIRECTOR

ALI ABBASI - The Apprentice

SEAN BAKER - Anora

BRADY CORBET - The Brutalist

ALONSO RUIZPALACIOS - La Cocina

JANE SCHOENBRUN - I Saw the TV Glow

BEST SCREENPLAY

SCOTT BECK, BRYAN WOODS - Heretic

JESSE EISENBERG - A Real Pain

MEGAN PARK - My Old Ass

AARON SCHIMBERG - A Different Man

JANE SCHOENBRUN - I Saw the TV Glow

BEST FIRST SCREENPLAY

JOANNA ARNOW - The Feeling That the Time for Doing Something Has Passed

ANNIE BAKER - Janet Planet

INDIA DONALDSON - Good One

JULIO TORRES - Problemista

SEAN WANG - Didi

BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY

DINH DUY HUNG - Inside the Yellow Cocoon Shell

JOMO FRAY - Nickel Boys

MARIA VON HAUSSWOLFF - Janet Planet

JUAN PABLO RAMÍREZ - La Cocina

RINA YANG - The Fire Inside

BEST EDITING

LAURA COLWELL, VANARA TAING - Jazzy

OLIVIER BUGGE COUTTÉ, OLIVIA NEERGAARD-HOLM - The Apprentice

ANNE MCCABE - Nightbitch

HANSJÖRG WEISSBRICH - September 5

ARIELLE ZAKOWSKI - Didi

BEST LEAD PERFORMANCE

AMY ADAMS - Nightbitch

RYAN DESTINY - The Fire Inside

COLMAN DOMINGO - Sing Sing

KEITH KUPFERER - Ghostlight

MIKEY MADISON - Anora

DEMI MOORE - The Substance

HUNTER SCHAFFER - Cuckoo

JUSTICE SMITH - I Saw the TV Glow

JUNE SQUIBB - Thelma

SEBASTIAN STAN - The Apprentice

BEST SUPPORTING PERFORMANCE

YURA BORISOV - Anora

JOAN CHEN - Didi

KIERAN CULKIN - A Real Pain

DANIELLE DEADWYLER - The Piano Lesson

CAROL KANE - Between the Temples

KARREN KARAGULIAN - Anora

KANI KUSRUTI - Girls Will Be Girls

BRIGETTE LUNDY-PAINE - I Saw the TV Glow

CLARENCE "DIVINE EYE" MACLIN - Sing Sing

ADAM PEARSON - A Different Man

BEST BREAKTHROUGH PERFORMANCE

ISAAC KRASNER - Big Boys

KATY O'BRIAN - Love Lies Bleeding

MASON ALEXANDER PARK - National Anthem

RENÉ PÉREZ JOGLAR - In the Summers

MAISY STELLA - My Old Ass

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ROBERT ALTMAN AWARD

HIS THREE DAUGHTERS

DIRECTOR: Azazel Jacobs

CASTING DIRECTOR: Nicole Arbusto

ENSEMBLE CAST: Jovan Adepo, Jasmine Bracey, Carrie Coon, Jose Febus, Rudy Galvan, Natasha Lyonne, Elizabeth Olsen, Randy Ramos Jr., Jay O. Sanders

BEST INTERNATIONAL FILM

ALL WE IMAGINE AS LIGHT, France, India, Netherlands, Luxembourg - Payal Kapadia

BLACK DOG, China - Guan Hu

FLOW, Latvia, France, Belgium - Gints Zilbalodis

GREEN BORDER, Poland, France, Czech Republic, Belgium - Agnieszka Holland

HARD TRUTHS, United Kingdom - Mike Leigh

BEST DOCUMENTARY

(Award given to the director and producer)

GAUCHO GAUCHO

DIRECTORS/PRODUCERS: Michael Dweck, Gregory Kershaw
PRODUCERS: Christos Konstantakopoulos, Cameron O'Reilly, Matthew Perniciaro

HUMMINGBIRDS

DIRECTORS: Silvia Del Carmen Castaños, Estefanía "Beba" Contreras
CO-DIRECTORS/PRODUCERS: Miguel Drake-McLaughlin, Diane Ng, Ana Rodriguez-Falco, Jillian Schlesinger
PRODUCERS: Leslie Benavides, Rivkah Beth Medow

NO OTHER LAND

DIRECTORS/PRODUCERS: Yuval Abraham, Basel Adra, Hamdan Ballal, Rachel Szor
PRODUCERS: Fabien Greenberg, Bård Kjøge Rønning

PATRICE: THE MOVIE

DIRECTOR: Ted Passon

PRODUCERS: Kyla Harris, Innbo Shim, Emily Spivack

SOUNDTRACK TO A COUP D'ETAT

DIRECTOR: Johan Grimont

PRODUCERS: Rémi Grellety, Daan Milius

Emerging Filmmaker Awards



PRODUCERS AWARD PRESENTED BY BULLEIT FRONTIER WHISKEY

The Producers Award, now in its 28th year, honors emerging producers who, despite highly limited resources demonstrate the creativity, tenacity and vision required to produce quality, independent films.

ALEX COCO

SARAH WINSHALL

ZOË WORTH

SOMEONE TO WATCH AWARD

The Someone to Watch Award, now in its 31st year, recognizes a talented filmmaker of singular vision who has not yet received appropriate recognition.

NICHOLAS COLIA, director of *GRIFFIN IN SUMMER*

SARAH FRIEDLAND, director of *FAMILIAR TOUCH*

PHAM THIEN AN, director of *INSIDE THE YELLOW COCOON SHELL*

TRUER THAN FICTION AWARD

The Truer Than Fiction Award, now in its 30th year, is presented to an emerging director of non-fiction features who has not yet received significant recognition.

JULIAN BRAVE NOISECAT, EMILY KASSIE, directors of *SUGARCANE*

CARLA GUTIÉRREZ, director of *FRIDA*

RACHEL ELIZABETH SEED, director of *A PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY*

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Television Categories

BEST NEW NON-SCRIPTED OR DOCUMENTARY SERIES

(Award given to the Creator, Executive Producer, Co-Executive Producer)

ERASED: WW2'S HEROES OF COLOR

EXEC PRODUCERS: Idris Elba, Johanna Woolford Gibbon, Jamilla Dumbuya, Jos Cushing, Khaled Gad, Matt Robins, Chris Muckle, Sean David Johnson, Simon Raikes
CO-EXEC PRODUCER: Annabel Hoble

HOLLYWOOD BLACK

EXEC PRODUCERS: Shayla Harris, Dave Sirulnick, Stacey Reiss, Jon Kamen, Justin Simien, Kyle Laursen, Forest Whitaker, Nina Yang Bongiovi, Jeffrey Schwarz, Amy Goodman Kass, Michael Wright, Jill Burkhart
CO-EXEC PRODUCERS: David C. Brown, Laurens Grant

PHOTOGRAPHER

EXEC PRODUCERS: Elizabeth Chai Vasarhelyi, Jimmy Chin, Pagan Harleman, Betsy Forhan
CO-EXEC PRODUCERS: Anna Barnes, Brent Kunkle

REN FAIRE

EXEC PRODUCERS: Ronald Bronstein, Benny Safdie, Josh Safdie, Eli Bush, Dani Bernfeld, Lance Oppenheim, David Gauvey Herbert, Nancy Abraham, Lisa Heller, Sara Rodriguez
CO-EXEC PRODUCERS: Abigail Rowe, Christian Vasquez, Max Allman

SOCIAL STUDIES

CREATOR/EXEC PRODUCER:
Lauren Greenfield
EXEC PRODUCERS: Wallis Annenberg, Regina K. Scully, Andrea van Beuren, Frank Evers, Caryn Capotosto

BEST NEW SCRIPTED SERIES

(Award given to the Creator, Executive Producer, Co-Executive Producer)

BABY REINDEER

CREATOR/EXEC PRODUCER: Richard Gadd
EXEC PRODUCERS: Wim De Greef, Petra Fried, Matt Jarvis, Ed Macdonald

DIARRA FROM DETROIT

CREATOR/EXEC PRODUCER:
Diarra Kilpatrick
EXEC PRODUCERS: Kenya Barris, Miles Orion Feldsott, Darren Goldberg
CO-EXEC PRODUCERS: Ester Lou, Mark Ganek

ENGLISH TEACHER

CREATORS/EXEC PRODUCER:
Brian Jordan Alvarez
EXEC PRODUCERS: Paul Simms, Jonathan Krisel, Dave King
CO-EXEC PRODUCERS: Kathryn Dean, Jake Bender, Zach Dunn

FANTASMAS

CREATOR/EXEC PRODUCER: Julio Torres
EXEC PRODUCERS: Emma Stone, Dave McCary, Olivia Gerke, Alex Bach, Daniel Powell
CO-EXEC PRODUCER: Ali Herting

SHŌGUN

CREATORS/EXEC PRODUCERS:
Rachel Kondo, Justin Marks
EXEC PRODUCERS: Edward L. McDonnell, Michael De Luca, Michaela Clavell
CO-EXEC PRODUCERS: Shannon Goss, Andrew Macdonald, Allon Reich, Jamie Vega Wheeler

BEST LEAD PERFORMANCE IN A NEW SCRIPTED SERIES

BRIAN JORDAN ALVAREZ -
English Teacher

RICHARD GADD - Baby Reindeer

LILY GLADSTONE - Under the Bridge

KATHRYN HAHN - Agatha All Along

CRISTIN MILIOTI - The Penguin

JULIANNE MOORE - Mary & George

HIROYUKI SANADA - Shōgun

ANNA SAWAI - Shōgun

ANDREW SCOTT - Ripley

JULIO TORRES - Fantamas

BEST SUPPORTING PERFORMANCE IN A NEW SCRIPTED SERIES

TADANOBU ASANO - Shōgun

ENRICO COLANTONI - English Teacher

BETTY GILPIN - Three Women

CHLOE GUIDRY - Under the Bridge

MOEKA HOSHI - Shōgun

STEPHANIE KOENIG - English Teacher

PATTI LUPONE - Agatha All Along

NAVA MAU - Baby Reindeer

RUTH NEGGA - Presumed Innocent

BRIAN TEE - Expats

BEST BREAKTHROUGH PERFORMANCE IN A NEW SCRIPTED SERIES

JESSICA GUNNING - Baby Reindeer

DIARRA KILPATRICK - Diarra from Detroit

JOE LOCKE - Agatha All Along

MEGAN STOTT - Penelope

HOA XUANDE - The Sympathizer

BEST ENSEMBLE CAST IN A NEW SCRIPTED SERIES

HOW TO DIE ALONE

ENSEMBLE CAST: Melissa DuPrey, Jaylee Hamidi, KeiLyn Durrel Jones, Arkie Kandola, Elle Lorraine, Michelle McLeod, Chris "CP" Powell, Conrad Ricamora, Natasha Rothwell, Jocko Sims