

Couch Film Festival Spring 2025 Edition

BEST of the FESTIVAL

BEST FILM: Nothing But Wind dir PH Debiès, Canada
1st RUNNER UP: Fresh Meat dir Andrew Robert MacLennan, Canada
2nd RUNNER UP: Big Nose Society dir Hugo van Essen, Canada

HONOURABLE MENTIONS for BEST FILM:
Fine Girl dir Fatimah Binta Gimsay, Nigeria
Treasure Imagination dir Scott Rice, USA
Francine dir Jordan Johnsen, Canada

AUDIENCE CHOICE: Big Nose Society dir Hugo van Essen, Canada

CATEGORY AWARD NOMINEES

1:00-5:00 MINUTES

Winners in RED, Nominees in BLACK

Nominees for Best Animation Canada

22 Doors dir Robert David Duncan, Canada
Diver Dot Exe dir Marie-Anne Decarie, Canada
Little Robot Stories: I'm ROE dir Roger Gallant, Canada

Nominees for Best Animation International

Heat and Love dir Michał Kucharski, Poland
Flying Colors dir Kimberly Bounnik, Florian Garcia, Estelle Hacquart, Pitchayapa To-Che, France
Clocking Dawn dir Etienne Caillat, Gaïa Locque, Isaure Noel du Paryat, Joséphine Schapira, Noémie Retaud, France
Lullaby dir Mama Ocon, Indonesia

Nominees for Best Animation UK

Nurture dir Livvy Seabrook-Wilkins, UK
Pomegranate dir Livvy Seabrook-Wilkins, UK

Climatocalypse dir Justin Capes, UK
Xmas! with Imagination Jack dir James Pyle, UK

Nominees for Best Animation USA

Cut Sick : Product Dreams dir Patrick Yaney, USA
Ordinary People - Pilot dir Anthony Wendelboe, USA
A Quilt for Eadweard Muybridge dir Meg Cook, USA
Don't Shoot The President dir Niven Wilson, USA

Nominees for Best Comedy

Sports! dir Jesse Womack, USA
Finding Chino dir Temba Msezane
Suburb Showdown dir Allison Wan, Canada
Sizzle Bitch 🗡️ The Fairy Tale dir George Thelen, USA

Nominees for Best Dance Film

The North Wind and The Sun dir Anat Pollack, USA
Radiance dir Theo Gottlieb, France
Seeking Tranquility dir Ysabelle Taylor, UK

Nominees for Best Dark Comedy

The Truth Between Us dir Larry Rosen, USA
Ordinary People - Pilot dir Anthony Wendelboe, USA
Grinning is Winning | Vol. 1 dir Michael Jacoby, Christina Morris, USA
A Bruja Thingamajig dir Isaias Zai Gallardo, USA

Nominees for Best Documentary

Abstract Skies dir Roger Gallant, Canada
The Pantanal's Vanishing Giants dir Bryan Hiveley, USA
Cycles dir Renata Monteiro, Brazil
Daphne Always dir Amanda Mustard, USA
Listening with Fire dir Kimberly Danek Pinkson, USA

Nominees for Best Drama International

Now We Are Two dir Justin Walker, UK
Press the Trigger dir Ariel Podemski, Israel
It's All About YOU dir Kristina Tomic, Graciela Ingold, Croatia
A Life Bet dir Marwan Tinhougga, France
Good Luck / Rastgele dir Meltem Altay, Turkey

Nominees for Best Drama North America

It Will Be Okay dir Nolan Schmidt, USA
People Watching dir Matthew Chiarelli, Canada
Rooftop Runner dir Rose Kreider, USA

Loving Disaster dir Dayo Ade, USA

Nominees for Best Experimental International

Essence dir Vladimir Rumata, Russia

DISTRANCO (Disaggregate/Transform/Encode) dir Robert Sirvent Tolsa, Spain

Life Path dir Ioulia Lymperopoulou, Greece

Boundless Moment dir Yu Li, China

Bangkok Note dir Jian Xing Mao, Thailand

Nominees for Best Experimental North America

Toxic Femininity dir Jennifer Mosier, USA

Abstract Skies dir Roger Gallant, Canada

A Quilt for Eadweard Muybridge dir Meg Cook, USA

Breaking Free: A Marionette's Journey dir Mauricio Meneses, USA

Be-Living in The Ocean dir Craig Sim Webb, Canada-USA

Nominees for Best Horror

Dissimulator dir Holland Kerr, Australia

Diver Dot Exe dir Marie-Anne Decarie, Canada

Modern Times dir Gyurim Lee, Korea

Nominees for Best Music Video

Cut Sick : Product Dreams dir Patrick Yaney, USA

Everything Is Shattered dir Walter Santucci, USA

Strawberry Sensation dir Michela Maria, USA

Buy My Stuff! dir Liam MacDonald, Canada

Daphne Always dir Amanda Mustard, USA

Nominees for Best Mystery/Suspense/Thriller

Firewood dir Elynn Starkey, UK

School's Out dir Warren Dean Fulton, Canada

Grinning is Winning | Vol. 1 dir Michael Jacoby, Christina Morris, USA

Our Little Secret dir Maddy Ginn, Canada

Nominees for Best One-Minute Film

Star Pilot Error dir James Pyle, UK

Is it Cake? dir Bill Doty, USA

To Dinner dir Roberto Rabanal, Spain

Crabsassin dir Danielle Cole, Canada

Mikey's Night In dir Isaias Zai Gallardo, USA

Nominees for Best Original Story

Bodies dir Maria Maya, USA

Spectre of Embers dir Kieran Persaud, Canada

Space Cadet dir Maddy Ginn, Canada
Meat dir Tegan Rane Dobrich, Canada
Stop Di Cap dir Tyler Townsend, USA

Nominees for Best Romance

The Wrong Date dir Jon Osei, Oluwatunsayo Daniel Joda, Canada
Strawberry Sensation dir Michela Maria, USA
Golden dir Emerald Nguyen, UK
Bride to Be dir Racheal Leigh, Australia

Nominees for Best Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Supernatural

Lost In Galactic Translation dir Rasmus Lindkvist, Sweden
The Sifter dir Alexander Daniels, USA
Terminus dir Robert Buratti, Australia
Super Savage dir Michael Krsovsky, Baptiste Caux, France
Here dir Amanda J. Fleming, UK

Nominees for Best Student Film

Unforgettable dir Jack Fabrizio, Canada
Quasar dir Théodora Pittaluga, France
Lulu Dreams of Him dir Elvire Zinai, France
Get Out of Your Shell dir Léa Fourgeaud, France
Donation for the Wedding dir Darya Bogachkina, Russia

Nominees for Best Actor

Stefano Fusaro - Don't Gamble Your Life Away, Italy
Andy Love - The Supermarket, UK
Pahaan Padhiar - Stop Di Cap, USA
Bruno Rabanal - To Dinner, Spain

Nominees for Best Actress

Maria Etkeyr - Researcher, Russia
Rose-Marie Durand - The Letter, Canada
Elizaveta Oreshko - The Invisible Cord, Germany
Verity Alexis - Here, UK

Nominees for Best Cast

The Boys of La Brea dir Hayden James Black, Angelo Scotto, USA
SuperNanar dir Aymar Nzondo, France
Golden dir Emerald Nguyen, UK
Loving Disaster dir Dayo Ade, USA

Nominees for Best Cinematography

Andy Maser - Listening with Fire, USA

Lucas Higham, Jay Kwan - Golden, UK
Josep Hernandez - To Dinner, Spain

Nominees for Best Writer

Suhyeon Scholastica Jin, Aria Suhyun Kim - 胡蝶之夢: The Butterfly Dream, Korea
Brandi Self - Bride to Be, Australia
Amanda J. Fleming - Here, UK
Meltem Altay - Good Luck / Rastgele, Turkey

Nominees for Best Director

Tegan Rane Dobrich - Bubblegum Ice Cream, Canada
Tyler Townsend - Stop Di Cap, USA
Alexandre Tarek Bougja, Ahmed Dendane - Voice of the Arena, France, Morocco
Amanda Mustard - Daphne Always, USA

5:01-20:00 MINUTES

Winners in RED, Nominees in BLACK

Nominees for Best Animation

Boys Night in Sidera Institute dir Adam Musa Othman, USA
OFFWORLD: The Journey of Sasha dir Jules Richeux, France
Image Whisperers dir Antoine Greco, Canada
First Contact dir James Crang, UK
Chthonic dir Tremayne LaMont, USA

Nominees for Best Comedy

Piano Man dir Ryan Matteo, USA
Pizza Hunt dir Thomas Lorber, Naomi Frenette, Canada
Trainer Code dir Q. Will, USA
Turkey, Interrupted dir Daniel Sadler, USA
One Punch dir Christopher Nunez, USA

Nominees for Best Dark Comedy

The Dreamboats, dir Kaden Rogers, USA
The Trees Can Hear You dir Marc-Andre Blouin, Canada
Hurry Up and Wait dir Miguel Corado, USA

Nominees for Best Documentary International

Lasting Trace dir Guy Wilkinson, Australia

Sinkhole, 2024 dir Kate Liston, UK
[Father in Flux](#) dir Zhao Jingjing, South Korea
Home in Fujian dir Shihyun Wang, Hong Kong

Nominees for Best Documentary North America

Vito-Man dir Jack Fabrizio, Canada
Image Whisperers dir Antoine Greco, Canada
[\(An Attempt to Be\) A Modern Explorer](#) dir Matthew Mirowski, Canada
Life After dir Olivia Keoughan, Canada
SR Home dir Zack Focker, Canada

Nominees for Best Drama International

[Silent Cries](#) dir Zeraly Saromines, Philippines
開另一扇窗 Fighting For Life dir Ming Chuan Fu, Taiwan
An Ordinary Evening dir Markus Johansson, Sweden
The Trigger dir Dmitriy Shcherbakov, Ukraine

Nominees for Best Drama North America

Marriage is Bliss dir Mike Messier, USA
[The Boys in Drag](#) dir Arturo Bravo, Canada
Till Death Do Us Part dir Jasmine Quirk, Canada
I Won't Go Home Empty-Handed dir Ryan Akler-Bishop, Canada
Through The Bathroom Door dir Emma Harkin, Nicole Dane, Canada

Nominees for Best Experimental

Salus dir Monica Buriola, Italy
The Woman In The Plastic Skin dir Thomas George, UK
Pic Pic dir Carol-Ann Belzil-Normand, Canada
[Sinkhole, 2024](#) dir Kate Liston, UK
Mama Loves Molding Baby dir Greyson Duncan, USA

Nominees for Best Mystery/Suspense/Thriller Canada

The Portrait of Anthony LaRosa dir Ava Chyung, Grace Chen, Canada
Pizza Hunt dir Thomas Lorber, Naomi Frenette, Canada
The White Envelope dir Loïc Ky, Canada
[Seeker](#) dir Steve Chambers, Canada

Nominees for Best Mystery/Suspense/Thriller USA

Double Play dir Christopher Tait, USA
[Murray's Affair](#) dir Caillou Wang, USA
Beyond Time dir Geoffrey de Valois, USA

Nominees for Best Original Story

The Clay Horse dir Vishal Kumar Patil, India

Wolf: Cuirass Animal dir Thiago Lessa, Brazil
Boy Mom dir Reese Carmen Vilella, USA
Blood Circulation dir Jiahao Miao, China
Infectious Spirit dir Emma Jocelyn Thornton, New Zealand

Nominees for Best Romance

DaddyLove dir Henry Baker, USA
Piano Man dir Ryan Matteo, USA
Better Boyfriend dir Eliana D'Assisi, Canada
Promises dir Kayla Neves, Canada
Dreams of Desire dir Shihyun Wang, India

Nominees for Best Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Supernatural International

The Sleeping Wizards Inside Us dir Damian Schürmann, Switzerland
OFFWORLD: The Journey of Sasha dir Jules Richeux, France
LEVEL 664 - To Get Rid of Conscience dir Gábor Klacsán, Hungary
In Her Skin dir Kazım Mutlu, Turkey

Nominees for Best Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Supernatural North America

Always Forever dir Tibet Karayazgan, Canada
Over My Dead Body dir Daniel Sadler, Erica Rowe USA
Beyond Time dir Geoffrey de Valois, USA
Deep Time dir William Barrios, USA

Nominees for Best Student Film International

Foreigners dir Benjamin Martin, South Africa
LÁZARO dir Marco Pinheiro, Brazil
Hidden Inner Self dir Iman Roshanayee, Iran

Nominees for Best Student Film North America

Where the Water Meets the Sand dir Josiah Erwin, Canada
10 Min More dir Atoosa Moshashae, Canada
Popcorn dir Fangjian Li, USA

Nominees for Best First-Time Filmmaker

Dasha Palagut - The Sands of Time, Canada
Csaba Szuchy - Children of Hope, Hungary
Luca Charles - Sous la Chair, Switzerland
Sonia Nouri - For Sale, Iran
Liv Corriveau - When You Come, Canada

Nominees for Best Actor

Nabil Thouri - La Mer Bleue, France
Dr. Parvinder Singh Lubana - Sorry Maa, India

Jared Kittlitz - The Crossing Guard, Canada
Essoh Aime Cesaire Elekou - P  p  , M  xico
David Prottas - Popcorn, USA

Nominees for Best Actress

Milla Mastronardi - A Plus, Canada
Camilla Ward - Nobody's Business (Australia)
Jess Blackwell - Seeker, Canada
Rebecca MacLeay - Scam Magnet, USA
Calista Jay - Lily, Australia

Nominees for Best Cast

Arthur Ave. dir Joey Medina, USA
Falling Rocks dir William Sash, UK
Open House dir Julie Fergus, USA
Wait dir Jared Jacobsen, USA
Through The Bathroom Door dir Emma Harkin, Nicole Dane, Canada

Nominees for Best Cinematography

Jos   Pablo Cede  o Trevi  o - P  p  , M  xico
Zhang Hongyi - Blood Circulation, China
Leo Carden - Nature Valley, UK
Dmitriy Shcherbakov - The Trigger, Ukraine

Nominees for Best Writer

Aaron Murtagh - Man Baby, USA
Denise Taylor - The Funeral, Canada
Jim Henry, Jared Kittlitz - The Crossing Guard, Canada
Leo Carden - Nature Valley, UK
Alex Rodriguez - Lockdown, USA

Nominees for Best Director

Pezhan Ziaian - Follow, Iran
Alexandre Tarek Bougja, Ahmed Dendane - Voice of the Arena, France, Morocco
Edgar Ruiz Hern  ndez - The Call of Combat, Canada
Emma Jocelyn Thornton - Infectious Spirit, New Zealand
Liv Corriveau - When You Come Over, Canada

20:01-45:00 MINUTES

Winners in RED, Nominees in BLACK

Nominees for Best Comedy

Staten Island Ghost Story dir Vincent J. Mazella, USA

Thanks Diabetes dir Devon Daniel Green, USA

The Auteurs dir Fin Bowles, Jack Marshall, UK

Nominees for Best Documentary

Invisible Machines, dir Yelena Gluzman, USA

Midnight Milonga dir Guy Wilkinson, Australia

Beat Keepers: The Next Chapter dir Cindy Goldberg, Canada

MAMARUMI - A Chase of Liberty dir Jérémie Reuiller, France

Nominees for Best Drama International

The Unseen Wound dir Parag Chhapekar, India

To Be dir Maurizio Forestiero, Italy

ÀSAKA dir D (Eduardo Viera), Spain

Hrudayam dir Srinivas Kasturi, India

Nominees for Best Drama North America

10 Minutes dir Meshach O'Brien, Canada

Weekending dir Farhan Abdalla Rashid, Canada

Solace dir Max Matheus Zimmermann, Canada

Finding Hero dir Matt Coole, USA

Nominees for Best Experimental

Coddess Variations, dir Herve Martin Delpierre, France

Me dir Lee Min Kyu, Korea

35 Pieces Not Again dir Ram Mallik, India

Nominees for Best Horror

Stay Close to Me dir Josh Pearson, USA

Your Husband Was a Good Man dir Jamie Alvey, USA

Say My Name dir Bruce David Janu, USA

Colourless dir Amberdawn Sese, Canada

Nominees for Best Mystery/Suspense/Thriller

Murder of Minus dir William Chai, Artyom Gabtraupov, Canada

Unmasked dir Dimitris Galatas, Fragkiskos Arapai, Greece

The Girl dir Alizay Rizwan, UAE

Jane and the Rose dir Evyh Cerhus, USA

Nominees for Best Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Supernatural

Hwando dir Will LeForestier, Korea

Animus dir James Lessard, Canada

The Last Hope dir Roberto Woodman, Spain
Me dir Lee Min Kyu, Korea
In Proximity: Activated dir Bobby Markov, USA

Nominees for Best Actor

Wenston Black - Finding Hero, USA
Anthony Diaz - In Proximity: Activated, USA
Joseph Ogunleye - Who We Were, Canada

Nominees for Best Actress

Harper Ross - Jane and the Rose, USA
Jonalyn Aguilar - Colourless, Canada
Nicole Anna-Lynne Smith - Drumbo Road, Canada

Nominees for Best Cast

Caccia Grossa dir Paolo Pier Luigi Guglielmetti, Italy
Say My Name dir Bruce David Janu, USA
Stay Close to Me dir Josh Pearson, USA

Nominees for Best Cinematography

Virendra Lalit - 35 Pieces Not Again, India
Andrew Zilch - Say My Name, USA
Jesil Okuefuna - Who We Were, Canada

Nominees for Best Writer

Fin Bowles, Jack Marshall - The Auteurs, UK
Nicole Anna-Lynne Smith - Drumbo Road, Canada
Mac Hightower, Keith Lawson, Alyson Renaldo - Finding Hero, USA

Nominees for Best Director

Jesly Okuefuna - Who We Were, Canada
Josh Pearson - Stay Close to Me, USA
Lee Min Kyu - Me, Korea

45:01-120:00 MINUTES

Winners in RED, Nominees in BLACK

Nominees for Best Comedy

I'd Rather Be Turned Into Cat Food dir Walter Santucci, USA
Diplomatika dir William Stancik, USA

Life, Once More dir Scott O'Keeffe, Ireland

Nominees for Best Documentary

Smile for the Dead dir Hamilton Young Ward, USA

Interpreting Erik dir Donald D'Haene, Canada

OH NO: A Cocodona 250 Story dir Seth Clarke, USA

Alberto Sordi Secret dir Igor Righetti, Italy

Nominees for Best Drama

The Wizard's Endearment dir Eric Edward Shook, USA

My Little Moon dir Ali Atshani, USA

Visharda dir Shubhraaj Gupta, India

Nominees for Best Mystery/Suspense/Thriller

The Mollusk Murders dir Joseph Edward De Leo, Canada

Trapped Inside My Sin dir Vincent Charles Vilardi, USA

Call It A Day dir Liang Ba, China

Trial of Injustice dir Tshombye K. Ware, USA

The Dark Factor dir Stuart G. Robertson, Canada

Nominees for Best Actor

Mark Agar - Life, Once More, Ireland

Brian Pollock - Trapped Inside My Sin, USA

Michael Lake - The Dark Factor, Canada

Nominees for Best Actress

April McDonald - Trial of Injustice, USA

Hannah Briercliffe - Life, Once More, Ireland

Natalia Polo - My Little Moon, USA

Nominees for Best Cast

Visharda dir Shubhraaj Gupta, India

Call It A Day dir Liang Ba, China

The Mollusk Murders dir Joseph Edward De Leo, Canada

Nominees for Best Cinematography

Ted Daly - Life, Once More, Ireland

Stuart G. Robertson - The Dark Factor, Canada

Joseph Edward De Leo - The Mollusk Murders, Canada

Nominees for Best Writer

Igor Righetti - Alberto Sordi Secret, Italy

Walter Santucci - I'd Rather Be Turned Into Cat Food, USA

Donald D'Haene - Interpreting Erik, Canada

Nominees for Best Director

Ali Atshani - My Little Moon, USA

Shubhraj Gupta - Visharda, India

Liang Ba - Call It A Day, China

15-SECOND STORY

Winner in RED, Nominees in BLACK

Best 15-Second Story: The End dir Jayleen S. Perez, USA

Nominees for Best 15-Second Story

Closer dir Kevin Lucero Less, USA

Bad Luck Babe dir Larry Rosen, USA

15 Seconds Business dir Susanne layla Petersen, Denmark

8XPR8SSO dir Rob Winward, UK