

Couch Film Festival

Spring 2024 Edition

Best Film of the Festival Finalists

BEST FILM of the FESTIVAL: *The Last Goodbye* - Dir. by Gordon Yarley (Canada)

1st RUNNER-UP: *Monsters, Money, and a Little Girl* - Dir. by Delia Voicu (Canada)

2nd RUNNER-UP: *Aim Point* - Dir. by Keishi Suenaga (Japan)

3rd RUNNER-UP: *The Theory of Tomorrow* - Dir. by Siôn Eifion (UK)

AUDIENCE CHOICE: *The Theory of Tomorrow* - Dir. by Siôn Eifion (UK)

Category Award Nominees

WINNERS in RED, Nominees in Black

1:00-5:00 Minutes

Nominees for Best Animation International

I Wanna Be A Statue - Dir. by Harvey Auerbach-Dunn (UK)

Edgar - Dir. by Jeremy Niels Circus (France)

Ribbons - Dir. by Julia Sieczkowska (Poland)

The Child of Fire - Dir. by Charles Lévêque (France)

Happy Birthday - Dir. by Naya Filaou (Greece)

Nominees for Best Animation North America

Nico & Nickel - Dir. by Sky O'Connell (USA)

Bulletmode - Dir. by Marwan Zeid (Canada)

Eye of Jupiter - Dir. by Roger Gallant (Canada)

Nominees for Best Comedy

Call of Nature - Dir. by Donal O'Dea (Ireland)

Under Cover - Dir. by Guillaume Arnoulet (New Zealand)

Good Morning, My Dear - Dir. by Bella Trost (USA)

Let's Roast - Dir. by Petter Stang (Norway)

Nominees for Best Dance

The Dance of the Nain Rouge - Dir. by Eric Millikin (USA)

The Witching Hour - Dir. by Abigail Brenker (USA)

At the Completion - Dir. Rosie Marks (Canada)

Nominees for Best Drama

Aeon's Embrace - Dir. by Lanre Obisesan (USA)

The Hall - Dir. by Lea Ken Prevost (France)

The Little Romance of Will-o'-the-Wisp and Raindrop - Dir. by Baptiste Denuit, Johan Denis (Belgium)

The Inconsolables - Dir. by Hugo Roblin (France)

Dream Farm - Dir. by Bryce Mackie (USA)

Unbinding Heart - Dir. by Sydney Toni Ferguson (Canada)

Nominees for Best Documentary

Variations in Light and Shadows - Dir. by Roger Gallant (Canada)

Critical Moments in Chinese Prophecies - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (Taiwan)

Top 10 Chinese Prophecies - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (Taiwan)

Taiwan's Future in 3500 Year Old Prophecy - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (Taiwan)

FridgeTalk - Dir. by Sumin Kim (Korea)

2024 Taiwan Strait Confrontation in Prophecy - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (Taiwan)

Nominees for Best Experimental

Another You - Dir. by Theadora Shorrock Nedvins (USA)

Illusions (The Prologue) - Dir. by Justin Alzamora (Canada)

Five - Dir. by Scott David Petill (USA)

Sounds of Silence - Dir. by Mark Kravchenko (Ukraine)

Nominees for Best Music Video

Ain't So Hard - Dir. by Thomas G. Leary (USA)

Standing Waves - Dir. by Nolan Stolz (USA)

Magic Buzz - Dir. by Julia Müller (Germany)

Happy Birthday - Dir. by Naya Filaou (Greece)

Rise Above - Dir. by Aaron Jason Christiansen (New Zealand)

Nominees for Best One-Minute Film

He May Be a Bernard, But He's No Saint - Dir. by Jeff Vande Zande (USA)

Mommy Brain - Dir. by Luke Cheney (USA)

Over 21's - Dir. by Donal O'Dea (Ireland)

Intruder - Dir. by Martin Dominguez Ball (USA)

Nominees for Best Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Supernatural

Exoplanet - Dir. by Corrado Menegatti (Italy)
Darnell's Magic Book - Dir. by Antoine M. Dillard (USA)
Smile, Barbara! - Dir. by Facundo Gómez (Uruguay)

Nominees for Best Student Film

My Dog's Leg - Dir. by Ashton Polak (USA)
Kenzo - Dir. by Calvin Serrao (UAE)
She Knows - Dir. by Victor Gulley (USA)

Nominees for Best Actor

Josh Whites - Dance With Me! (USA)
Jeff Gallardo - Two In A Pack (USA)
Simeon Dillard - Darnell's Magic Book (USA)

Nominees for Best Actress

Haejin Jeong - The Play (Korea)
Flore Babled - The Inconsolables (France)
Pamela Brantley - She Knows (USA)

Nominees for Best Cast

Cheat Fire - Dir. by Giansteve Linati (Belgium)
Under Cover - Dir. by Guillaume Arnoulet (New Zealand)
Bye Bye Hollywood - Dir. by Eloïse Monmirel (France)

Nominees for Best Cinematography

Roger Gallant - Variations in Light and Shadows (Canada)
Jared Jones - Under Cover (New Zealand)
Lee Ruda - The Play (Korea)

Nominees for Best Writer

Kevin Reeves - The Painter (Canada)
Shihyun Wang - Filming for Dummies (Mexico)
Donal O'Dea - Over 21's (Ireland)

Nominees for Best Director

Shihyun Wang - Next Crisis in Tui Bei Tu (Taiwan)
Sumin Kim - FridgeTalk (Korea)
David Babasiev - Struggle (Armenia)

Category Award Nominees

5:01-20:00 Minutes

Nominees for Best Animation

The Seal Woman - Dir. by Rói Davidsen (Faroe Islands)

A Short Journey - Dir. by Jordan McIntyre Lacroix (Canada)

Four Word Play Away - Dir. by Phyllis Bulkin Lehrer (USA)

Nominees for Best Comedy Canada

The Safe House - Dir. by Sanket Joshi (Canada)

Solo Duet: Who's On First - Dir. by Paul Michael Snider (Canada)

Cinching Saddles - Dir. by Kevin Sengara, Aman Pannu (Canada)

Numbers Men - Dir. by Emma L.R. Hogg (Canada)

2 Girls 1 Stick - Dir. by Scout Stolpmann (Canada)

Nominees for Best Comedy USA

Salty Sirens - Dir. by Elena Rodriguez Stecca (USA)

Tied Up! - Dir. by Liam Fineout (USA)

The Scene - Director's Cut - Dir. by Connor Morley (USA)

The Pinball Witch - Dir. by Nadia Cox (USA)

Nominees for Best Documentary Canada

In It For The Long Haul - Dir. by Gavin Stuart Taylor (Canada)

Shorebirds - Dir. by Khushil Doshi, Emily Chae (Canada)

There's No Place Like Home - Dir. by Pooja Sethi (Canada)

Retrocity - Dir. by Jude Dauphin (Canada)

Nominees for Best Documentary International

The Untold DNA Stories - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (Taiwan)

The Real Panama Canal Stories - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (Taiwan)

First Fulfilled Prophecy in 2024 - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (Taiwan)

The DNA Stories - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (Taiwan)

Nominees for Best Documentary USA

Erik's Midwestern Boyhood - Dir. by Erik Dreng Jacobsen (USA)

The Black Knight - Dir. by Chris Aronoff, Annmarie Aronoff (USA)

Nominees for Best Drama International

Toxic - Dir. by Francis Frenkel (France)

With Love L. - Dir. by Max Fritzsching, Chari Krause (Germany)

A Grain of Sand - Dir. by Roland Földi (Hungary)

Here, Before - Dir. by Adi B. Lowinger (Israel)

Nominees for Best Drama North America

The Puppeteer - Dir. by Juan Francisco Calero (Canada)

Blood Alone - Dir. by Brian Nestor (USA)

Numbers Men - Dir. by Emma L.R. Hogg (Canada)

Prince and Mermaid - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (USA)

Mouse Man - Dir. by Michael Kontzamanis (Canada)

Routine - Dir. by Timothy Richardson (USA)

Nominees for Best Experimental

Four Word Play Away - Dir. by Phyllis Bulkin Lehrer (USA)

EndTro: The Impermanent Journey Through The Life of Death - Dir. by Merritt A. Robertson (USA)

Why? - Dir. by Alexandre Garraoui, Yanis Garraoui (Switzerland)

The Murine Colony - Dir. by Gary McArthur (USA)

Nominees for Best Horror

Do Not Answer - Dir. by Kenzie J. Illnest (USA)

AleX and The Ghost - Dir. by Joseph R. Davis, Brian Gerson (USA)

Showpiece - Dir. by Mathew Ouzounis (Canada)

Velours Rouge - Dir. by Frankie Bee Price, Thomas Joseph Pilling (UK)

Trick? Or Treat? - Dir. by Mikey McManus (UK)

Nominees for Best Mystery/Suspense/Thriller

Fatefully Undone - Dir. by Leon Clayton, Kayden Corbett (USA)

Ladder Situation - Dir. by Jp Suliivan (Canada)

Krampus - Dir. by Guðni Líndal Benediktsson (Iceland)

Beware: The Manhunter - Dir. by Daniel Duguay, Adam Benish (Canada)

Till Death Bring Us Together - Dir. by George Nikolov (Bulgaria)

Infidelity - Dir. by Nathan Shilaimon (USA)

Nominees for Best Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Supernatural

The Gallowed - Dir. by Ryan Rajcoomar (Canada)

Krampus - Dir. by Guðni Líndal Benediktsson (Iceland)

Fluid Light - Dir. by Grecia Azuara (Mexico)

Nominees for Best Student Film

No Turning Back - Dir. by Itsuki Otuka (Japan)

Lost in Memory - Dir. by Hindole H. Shihan (France)

The Puppet Show - Dir. by Sam Pay (New Zealand)

Draft Night - Dir. by Sajeev Bhagowtee, Victoria Bilinski (Canada)

Nominees for Best First-Time Filmmaker

Natalie Turcotte - Never & Always (Canada)

Sajeev Bhagowtee, Victoria Bilinski - Draft Night (Canada)

Nathan Shilaimon - Infidelity (USA)

Nominees for Best Actor

Nikolay Popov - Friends (Bulgaria)
Ishtvan Nekrasov - Lost in Memory (France)
Kevin Bradfield - The Safe House (Canada)

Nominees for Best Actress

Shruthi Nayak - Kay Sara Sara (Canada)
Jasmine Marshall - After 8:46 (USA)
Cassandre Rousseau - Toxic (France)

Nominees for Best Cast

Open Wide - Dir. by Connor McLellan (Canada)
The Campers - Dir. by Kevin Reeves (Canada)
Why Hello - Dir. by Alvin Sloan (USA)

Nominees for Best Cinematography

Roland Földi - A Grain of Sand (Hungary)
Nathan Harris - Salty Sirens (USA)
Emily Chae - Shorebirds (Canada)

Nominees for Best Writer

Ethan Gelao, Andrew Gelao - FOMO (Australia)
Juan C. Ortiz - Dance Therapy (USA)
Raphael Kichenama - Life : Mode 2.0 - VOST (France)

Nominees for Best Director

Victor Gulley - Kimpact (USA)
Bella Rinsky - Unlived Life (Cyprus)
Shashone Lambert Short - After 8:46 (USA)

Category Award Nominees**20:01-45:00 Minutes****Nominees for Best Drama**

1/3 of The Story - Dir. by Mesgana Berhane (USA)
Aphasic Dream - Dir. by Leo Rojas (Bolivia)
Shoes - Dir. by Denise Rose (UK)
Princess Love - Dir. by Chris Dabney (USA)

Cancer - Dir. by Yunnian Han (China)

Nominees for Best Experimental

Spaceboy (A Film in Seven Songs) - Dir. by Naomi Silver-Vézina (Canada)

Masked Conspiracy - Dir. by Alasdair John Brian Richards (UK)

The Stalker - Dir. by Emily Kathleen (USA)

Nominees for Best Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Supernatural

Simulacrum - Dir. by Dhanush Paramesh (USA)

Aphasic Dream - Dir. by Leo Rojas (Bolivia)

Park Office - Dir. by Michael C. Siu (Australia)

Existence - Dir. by Jérôme Jacob (France)

Nominees for Best Mystery/Suspense/Thriller

Blood Money - Dir. by Jesse Nadeau Telfer, Matthew Paul Henry Donkers (Canada)

A Look in the Mirror - Dir. by Nichole Mclaughlin (USA)

Three AM - Dir. by Jeff Wolverton (Canada)

Unmasked - Dir. by Dimitris Galatas, Fragkiskos Arapai (Greece)

Beach House - Dir. by Tariq Khan (Canada)

Nominees for Best Actor

Connor Neun - No Ordinary Blue (USA)

Efrem Michael - Who is Right (Eritrea)

Eric Roberts - Princess Love (USA)

Nominees for Best Actress

Sofia Papadaki - Unmasked (Greece)

Heaven Howard - Princess Love (USA)

Kyoung-Min Choi - Your Voice (Korea)

Nominees for Best Cast

The Test - Dir. by Alizay Rizwan (UAE)

Beach House - Dir. by Tariq Khan (Canada)

Three AM - Dir. by Jeff Wolverton (Canada)

Nominees for Best Cinematography

Jérémie Reuiller - MAMARUMI - A Chase of Liberty (France)

Moon Ji-Man - Your Voice (Korea)

Kwame Henry - 1/3 of The Story (USA)

Nominees for Best Writer

Jeff Wolverton - Three AM (Canada)

Filmon Kiros - Who is Right (Eritrea)

Mesgana Berhane - 1/3 of The Story (USA)

Nominees for Best Director

Jérémie Reuiller - MAMARUMI - A Chase of Liberty (France)

Yun Do-Gyung - Your Voice (Korea)

Mike Messier - Disregard the Vampire - A Mike Messier Documentary (USA)

Category Award Nominees

45:01-120:00 Minutes

Nominees for Best Feature Film

Lulu in Turin - Dir. by Ian Charles Lister (Italy)

Let's Talk About Love. Again - Dir. by Nhung Nguyen (USA)

Paw Mama - Dir. by David Nicholas Reyes (USA)

Within the Walls - Dir. by Andrew Jacob Brown (USA)

The Liberation Men - Dir. by Terry Jansen (Canada)

Hercules Recycled 2.0 - Dir. by Don Moriarty, Greg Alt (USA)

18. The Book of Job - Dir. by Daniel Widdowson (Australia)

Nominees for Best Actor

Andrew Jacob Brown - Within the Walls (USA)

Michael Ruhs - The Liberation Men (Canada)

Ezekiel N. Drews - Happy Birthday (USA)

Nominees for Best Actress

Kimberlee Watson - Paw Mama (USA)

Camilla Armanini - Lulu in Turin (Italy)

Giselle Morison - Triality (Canada)

Nominees for Best Cast

Kolahalam (The Commotion) - Dir. by Rasheed Parambil (Australia)

Light of The Passing Train - Dir. by Grey Rich (USA)

Happy Birthday - Dir. by Joseph A. Mauro, Ezekiel N. Drews (USA)

Nominees for Best Cinematography

John Nyce - The Liberation Men (Canada)

Alvin Sloan - The One That Got Away (USA)

Tim Mason - 18. The Book of Job (Australia)

Nominees for Best Writer

Ryan Gourley - Triality (Canada)

Alvin Sloan - The One That Got Away (USA)

Tina A.Wake - Love and Triangles (Australia)

Nominees for Best Director

Chu Ching Hsu - The Girl in Cheongsam (Taiwan)

Joseph A. Mauro, Ezekiel N. Drews - Happy Birthday (USA)

Daniel Widdowson - 18. The Book of Job (Australia)

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15-Second Story

Nominees for Best 15-Second Story

Don't Ask, Hide - Dir. by Larry Rosen (USA)

Santa Mierda - Dir. by Kevin Lucero Less (USA)

Se Me Fue La Mano - Dir. by Branden Luis Figarola, Camilo Romano (Uruguay)

The Tooth Fairy: Deciduous - Dir. by Alan Watkins (USA)

Backdoor Clown - Dir. by Alan Watkins (USA)

Cornfield - Dir. by Alan Watkins (USA)

Bloody Mary - Dir. by Alan Watkins (USA)

Naughty or Nice - Dir. by Alan Watkins (USA)

The Art of Mike Messier - Dir. by Mike Messier (USA)