

Couch Film Festival Fall 2022 Edition

BEST of the FESTIVAL

BEST FILM of the FEATIVAL: **The Wild Haggis** - Dir. by Anthony Ross (Australia)
1ST RUNNER UP for BEST FILM: **Men at War** - Dir. by Calyx Passailaigue (Canada)
2ND RUNNER UP for BEST FILM: **B.L.T.** - Dir. by Jason R. Kay (Canada)

HONOURABLE MENTIONS:

Remember Us - Dir. by Mitch Wheeler (USA)
Sónia - Dir. by Maria Moreira (Portugal)
Contrition - Dir. by Joshua Thomas Iza (Canada)
Tambal - Dir. by Nicolynne Bonoan (Canada)

CATEGORY AWARD NOMINEES

Winners in **RED**, Nominees in **BLACK**

15-SECOND STORY

Nominees for Best 15-Second Story

en-snare - Dir. by Kevin Lucero Less (USA)
15" The Porn Radio Show - Dir. by Vincenzo De Sio (USA)
Maniac Cats - Dir. by Franklyn (Italy)

1:00-5:00 MINUTES

Nominees for Best Animation

Ha'Elyon in the Decapolis - Dir. by Carla J. Miles (USA)
Observation - Dir. by Maya Manor (Israel)
Risqué Business - Dir. by Delaney Beaudoin (Canada)
Level One - Dir. by Christopher Bennett (USA)
Dragon Cake - Dir. by Jane Jung (USA)

Nominees for Best Art

Digital Mutation - Dir. by Price Jacobsen (USA)
Say What? - Dir. by Wheeler Winston Dixon (USA)

Video Ladder - Dir. by Hiroshi Atobe
Extraterrestrial Message, Made with AI - Dir. by Jean-Baptiste Martinoli (Canada)

Nominees for Best Comedy

Recycled Love - Dir. by Nick Pernisco (USA)
Morning Routine - Dir. by Alexander Yaneff (Bulgaria)
Happy Birthday, Claudia - Dir. by Alfonso Navarro Jimenez (Canada)
Throne Alone - Dir. by Jason Gregg (UK)
The Burial - Dir. by Nicolás Girgenti (Spain)

Nominees for Best Drama

The Giant and the Little Girl - Dir. by Joe Inchincoli (Italy)
Catching Light - Dir. by Jung EJ Lee (Canada)
Leap of Faith - Dir. by Peter Palmer (UK)
Them - Dir. by Oscar Guzmán (Dominican Republic)

Nominees for Best Experimental

Dicentra - Dir. by Trevor O'Neal (USA)
Surprise Lotion Clown - Dir. by Niko Mihajlovic (Canada)
Factory 92 - Dir. by Didier Mulleras (France)
Lied der Helene - Dir. by Katrin Butt (Austria)
1986 - Dir. by Didier Mulleras (France)

Nominees for Best Horror

Howl - Dir. by Leslie Hopps DeSchutter (Canada)
Love Sucks - Dir. by Larry Rosen (USA)
The Deal - Dir. by Barry Hall (Taiwan)
Hamlet's Living Dead - Dir. by Gaines Strouse (USA)
Night of the Ghoul 2 - Dir. by Parker Barton (USA)

Nominees for Best Music Video

Drifting - Dir. by Eugène Later (Netherlands)
Rose Colored (Official Music Video) - Isaiah M. Brown (USA)
Evrytt Willow - Live on Super 8 - Dir. by Laura La France (Canada)
Eggshells - Dir. by Angel Estrada Fuentes (USA)
Amazing Grace Home - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (Taiwan)

Nominees for Best One Minute Film

((O)) - Dir. by Joanna Żybul (Poland)
Chair Swing - Dir. by Robert Scott Hamilton (Canada)
Bounty Credited!! - Dir. by Athul Edakkalathoor (India)
+380 | Kyiv, Ukraine | - Dir. by Andrew Opryshko, Troy Bronson Bronson (USA)
Her Dad's Bananas! - Dir. by Jeff Vande Zande (USA)

Nominees for Best Sci-Fi/Fantasy

A Woman With A Camera - Dir. by Tiago Iúri (Portugal)

Intruder - Dir. by 刘志琪, 彭子琦 (China)

Lucia's World - Dir. by Cédric Spinassou, Robin Iff (France)

Nominees for Best Thriller

What? - Dir. by Quinn Gonzales (USA)

The Price of Art - Dir. by Ronny Strehmann, Maurice Heerdink (Netherlands)

The Mechanic - Dir. by Bryan Edwards (Canada)

The Exchanger - Dir. by Bryan Edwards (Canada)

Nominees for Best Student Film

At Peace - Dir. by Skyler Sugar (USA)

Semicolon - Dir. by Kathrine Holicki (Germany)

Cry About It - Dir. by Amani Jamal (USA)

Cry Wolf - Dir. by Dianne Ouellette (Canada)

Nominees for Best First-Time Filmmaker

Nicolas Cassardt - Great Art (Germany)

Suzanne Marie Moreau - Ersatz Cats (Canada)

Steven Elford - Dissós (Canada)

Madelon Wulms - Black Mamba Anti-Poaching Unit (Netherlands)

Sarah Natasha Djuandy - Summer Blood (USA)

Sea Moon Song - Closer (China)

Nominees for Best Actor

Rodrigo Cardozo - You Touch Me (Brazil)

Ivaylo Grancharov - Morning Routine (Bulgaria)

Jason Gregg - Throne Alone (UK)

Joshua Ford - Leap of Faith (UK)

Nominees for Best Actress

Dorothee Buehler - Semicolon (Germany)

Stephanie Frances Cowan - Twenty-Seven (Canada)

Angela Martin - Happy Birthday, Claudia (Canada)

Julissa Rivera - Them (Dominican Republic)

Nominees for Best Cast

Recycled Love - Dir. by Nick Pernisco (USA)

The Burial - Dir. by Nicolás Girgenti (Spain)

Love Sucks - Dir. by Larry Rosen (USA)

Puppetitis - Dir. by Philip Snyder, Robert M. Snyder (USA)

Nominees for Best Cinematography

Alejandro Fabbri - The Burrial (Spain)
Didier Mulleras - Faktory 92 (France)
Till Vill - Catching Light (Canada)
Ronny Strehmann, Maurice Heerdink - The Price of Art (Netherlands)

Nominees for Best Writer

Nicolas Cassardt - Great Art (Germany)
Bryan Edwards - The Exchanger (Canada)
刘志琪 - Intruder (China)
Stanford Theodore Gough - Twenty-Seven (Canada)

Nominees for Best Director

Didier Mulleras - Faktory 92 (France)
Parker Barton - Night of the Ghoul 2 (USA)
Nicolás Girgenti - The Burial (Spain)
Ronny Strehmann, Maurice Heerdink - The Price of Art (Netherlands)

5:01-20:00 MINUTES

Nominees for Best Action

Curse of the Mononoke - Dir. by Parker Barton (USA)
My Girlfriend T - Dir. by Rodolfo Fernandez (USA)
Outsider - Dir. by Darren Loughlin (UK)
Wanderer - Dir. by James Huynh (Australia)

Nominees for Best Animation

What a Beautiful God - Dir. by C. J. Miles (USA)
Eat The Rich - Dir. by Niven Wilson (USA)
Balloom - Dir. by Kayla Borecky (Canada)
Solstice - Dir. by Michelle Chen, Lou Ali, Tal Castillo, Jomark Bermudez, Angie He, Juliana Belmonte, Nico Jiang, Yuxiao Chen (Canada)

Nominees for Best Comedy

Spiricom - Dir. by Rubén H. Pérez, Carmen Nogueroles (Spain)
Oxytocin - Dir. by Lucía Valverde (Spain)
I am Still Alive - Dir. by Rafael Nieto (Spain)
A Battle of Equilateral Collateral - Dir. by Jacob St. John (USA)

Nominees for Best Documentary North America

Postcards - Dir. by Ashley Seering (USA)
Pet Un-Friendly Cities: Vancouver - Dir. by Gleyse de França (Canada)
Grass Roots - Dir. by Paul Dower (USA)
Mortified - Dir. by Austin Lindsay (Canada)

Nostradamus Doomsday Prediction - Death - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (USA)

Nominees for Best Documentary International

Isolate - Dir. by **Pedro Albuquerque Vieira (Portugal)**

Litoral Oeste, 9 - Dir. by Susana Ramalho Marques (Portugal)

The Forgotten - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (Taiwan)

Nominees for Best Drama North America

I Loved Her First - Dir. by Braydon Langford (Canada)

Blood Buddies - Dir. by **Suzanne Marie Moreau (Canada)**

The One Hundred - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (USA)

Domestic Bliss - Dir. by Daniel P Williams, Tara Beavers (USA)

Locked - Dir. by Noah Helinski (Canada)

Nominees for Best Drama International

Entre Deux Feux - Dir. by Mathieu Jobard (France)

Ours is The Wasteland - Dir. by Mário Veloso (Portugal)

Ecce Mater - Dir. by **Valentina Tomada (Italy)**

Unicorn - Dir. by Vassil Karkelanov (Bulgaria)

And Then, The Silence - Dir. by Lucas Trochet (France)

Nominees for Best Experimental

Chatairene - Dir. by Victor Pelletier (Canada)

Blue Light - Dir. by Christopher Francis (USA)

TRI - Dir. by Vasanth (Australia)

Discarnate: McLuhan's Wake - Dir. by **Gordon David Pepper (Canada)**

Nominees for Best Horror

Zombie Resurrection - Dir. by **Brad Prime (USA)**

Love Bites - Dir. by Devki Patel (Canada)

STYX - Dir. by Paul Weston (Australia)

Eris - Dir. by Charles A. Townsend (USA)

Nominees for Best Sci-Fi/Fantasy

A Dust of Phantasm - Dir. by Mathew Ouzounis (Canada)

The Neverending Game - Dir. by José Colmenarejo, Nacho Nava (Spain)

Sunflower - Dir. by **Bryan Edwards (Canada)**

Nominees for Best Thriller

Terminate - Dir. by Elroy Martinez Jr. (USA)

Stay - Dir. by Jack Ndupuechi (UK)

Hadassah - Dir. by Albrin Junior (Nigeria)

A.P.P. - Dir. by **Jon Herrero (Spain)**

Nominees for Best Student Film

All Qualified Men - Dir. by Atoosa Moshashae (Canada)

No Room For Myself - Dir. by Ana Domingues (Portugal)

Viktoria - Dir. by Ruslan Mashkevich de Matos (France)

Overtime - Dir. by Amani Jamal (USA)

Andre and The Kid - Dir. by Austin Lindsay (Canada)

Nominees for Best First-Time Filmmaker

Lindley Farley - Escape Artists (USA)

Emorphia Margaritis - Kim Janveau - Edge of Hope (Canada)

Yeter Çiçek - Incite (Turkey)

Alexandra Dunlop - Copping Justice (Canada)

Yashwanth Rajaram - Santa Clara Mission (USA)

Nominees for Best Actor

Alex Bausa - Carrete (Portugal)

Jye Hawley - Wanderer (Australia)

John Morley - The Breaking (Ireland)

Benoît Del Grande - Libre (France)

Kennedy Porter - I'm the Man (USA)

Nominees for Best Actress

Jane Soutar - Marriage Graveyard (Australia)

Kim Janveau - Edge of Hope (Canada)

Taylor Brunatti - Meraki & The Swan Song (Canada)

Tara Beavers - Domestic Bliss (USA)

Annalee Dimpfel - Copping Justice (Canada)

Nominees for Best Cast

I Can't Cry - Dir. by Paul Santoli (USA)

13 Amsterdam Street - Dir. by Olivier Lopes Barros (France)

Yvm - Dir. by Goody Speak Albares (Spain)

No Clickbait - Dir. by Carla Gobe (Spain)

And Then, The Silence - Dir. by Lucas Trochet (France)

Nominees for Best Cinematography

Babour Zainullah - Meraki & The Swan Song (Canada)

Jordan Cardenas-Marett - Andre and The Kid (Canada)

Cesar Hernández - A.P.P. (Spain)

Tom Adabi - Entre Deux Feux (France)

Bulut Gumulu - The Door to the Unknown (Turkey)

Nominees for Best Writer

Ramon Mayol - ReMi (Spain)

Christina Barton, Nolan Schmidt - SirCooly's Luckiest Holiday (USA)
Alex George - Hungarian Scouts (USA)
A.J. Ogilvie - Belvedere (USA)
Alexandre Mahutte - The Pencil (Canada)

Nominees for Best Director

Lúcia Pires - Harvest Queen (Portugal)
Lorne Warr - Look (Canada)
Emeric Gallego - Camille (France)
S.J. Sánchez - A Peculiar and Unfortunate Birth (Spain)
Jake Oletsky - The Diary of Aaron Stanford (USA)

20:01-45:00 MINUTES

Nominees for Best Comedy

Zeen? - Dir. by Calyx Passailaigue (Canada)
The Invasion of Red-Coke City - Dir. by Lubo Marinov (Bulgaria)
Strangers In The Night - Dir. by Ellen Askey, Kyle Oleksiuk (USA)
The Actual Truth: Cancel Culture - Dir. by Victor Hampson (UK)

Nominees for Best Documentary

The Octo Connection: Life & Love. Oaki the Octopus - Dir. by Cara Fucci (Martinique)
One Last Ride: The U.S. - Canada Horse Meat Pipeline - Dir. by Jen Osborne (Canada)
Carrie In Control - Dir. by Barb Kuensting (USA)
Coffee Chatter - Dir. by Lynne Burnett (USA)
No Friends but the Mountains - Dir. by Lea Steding, Richard Wilde (Germany)
No Money, No Credit, No Problem - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (USA)
Undocumented: A Documentary - Dir. by Joseph Shenouda (Canada)

Nominees for Best Drama

Walk With Me - Dir. by Connor Steven Lang (Canada)
Homo Verum - Dir. by Renato Dias (Portugal)
When the Apple Falls - Dir. by Robert Short (USA)
Metabolic - Dir. by Kathrin Wüscher (Switzerland)
IPPO - Dir. by Yuki Kedoin, Dylan MacGregor (Canada)
Unhappy 2 - Plans - Dir. by Thomas Goersch, Hasso von Scotch (Germany)
Butterfly of Black Velvet - Dir. by Wade Brown (USA)

Nominees for Best Sci-Fi/Fantasy

The Invasion of Red-Coke City - Dir. by Lubo Marinov (Bulgaria)
The Placita - Dir. by Eli Woodhall (USA)
Rosario - Dir. by Niko Angelo Quimbo Chu (Philippines)

Nominees for Best Thriller

Metabolic - Dir. by Kathrin Wüscher (Switzerland)

Backstage Fright - Dir. by Alexandre Leroy (France)

The Placita - Dir. by Eli Woodhall (USA)

Strangers In The Night - Dir. by Ellen Askey, Kyle Oleksiuk (USA)

Nightwish - Dir. by Micha Andrea Meyer (Switzerland)

Tealight - Dir. by Matt Taylor (UK)

Nominees for Best Actor

Virgílio Castelo - Homo Verum (Portugal)

Calyx Passailaigue - Zeen? (Canada)

Ivaylo Grancharov - The Invasion of Red-Coke City (Bulgaria)

Ilja Baumeier - Metabolic (Switzerland)

Gilles Graveleau - Backstage Fright (France)

Nominees for Best Actress

Délia Espinat Dief - Backstage Fright (France)

Alethea Sholomenko - Walk With Me (Canada)

Shashone Lambert Short - When the Apple Falls (USA)

Milena Vogt - Nightwish (Switzerland)

Liz Nic Cole Unaeze - The Box (USA)

Nominees for Best Cast

Strangers In The Night - Dir. by Ellen Askey, Kyle Oleksiuk (USA)

The Placita - Dir. by Eli Woodhall (USA)

IPPO - Dir. by Yuki Kedoin, Dylan MacGregor (Canada)

The Actual Truth: Cancel Culture - Dir. by Victor Hampson (UK)

Butterfly of Black Velvet - Dir. by Wade Brown (USA)

Nominees for Best Cinematography

Walk With Me - Dir. by Connor Steven Lang (Canada)

Pierre Nativel - Backstage Fright (France)

Eli Woodhall - The Placita (USA)

Misha Muller - Nightwish (Switzerland)

Lea Steding, Richard Wilde - No Friends but the Mountains (Germany)

Nominees for Best Writer

Bruno Mojs, Renato Dias, Gonçalo Valle - Homo Verum (Portugal)

Hunter Surphlis, Akil Augustine - Undocumented: A Documentary (Canada)

Matt Taylor - Tealight (UK)

Geremar Derron - The Box (USA)

Andrea Noelle Quimbo Chu - Rosario (Philippines)

Nominees for Best Director

Robert Short - When the Apple Falls (USA)
Barb Kuensting - Carrie In Control (USA)
Niko Angelo Quimbo Chu - Rosario (Philippines)
Kathrin Wüscher - Metabolic (Switzerland)
Micha Andrea Meyer - Nightwish (Switzerland)

45:01-120:00 MINUTES

Nominees for Best Feature Film

THE SEASONS, Four Love Stories - Dir. by Paul Schwartz (USA)
One for the River: The Sava Story - Dir. by Rožle Bregar (Slovenia)
Roads of Ithriyah - Dir. by Javier Badillo (Canada)
Before It Happened - Dir. by Andrew Jacob Brown (USA)
Return to the Island - Dir. by Nolan Schmidt (USA)
What Was Left Behind - Dir. by William Anthony Stancik (USA)

Nominees for Best Actor

Mike Keller - THE SEASONS, Four Love Stories (USA)
Shayan Bayat - Roads of Ithriyah (Canada)
Tray Whitsell - Aloha Samurai II: The Second Slice - Dir. by Tray Whitsell (USA)

Nominees for Best Actress

Katya Preiser - THE SEASONS, Four Love Stories (USA)
Valentina Himmelbauer - When the Woodlark Sings (Austria)
Kimberly Dreis - What Was Left Behind (USA)

Nominees for Best Cast

113 N Indigo Dr - Dir. by Adam Michael (USA)
The Hollywood Dream - Dir. by Jisan Haque (USA)
Roads of Ithriyah - Dir. by Javier Badillo (Canada)

Nominees for Best Cinematography

Jay Kamal - Roads of Ithriyah (Canada)
Rozle Bregar, Mitja Legat - One for the River: The Sava Story (Slovenia)
Angie Brown, Andrew Jacob Brown - Before It Happened (USA)

Nominees for Best Writer

Ana Bilic - When the Woodlark Sings (Austria)
Dusty York - Diamond Heat (USA)
Nolan Schmidt - Return to the Island (USA)

Nominees for Best Director

Jisan Haque - The Hollywood Dream (USA)

Yolanda Benning - Jew Black Too (USA)
Javier Badillo - Roads of Ithriyah (Canada)