

Couch Film Festival - Summer 2022 Edition

WINNERS in RED, NOMINEES in BLACK

Best Film of the Festival Finalists

BEST FILM of the FESTIVAL: 38 - Dir. by Lukas Wolfgang Martin (Germany)
1st RUNNER UP for BEST FILM: 5 Stars Service - Dir. by Carlos Vázquez (Mexico)
2nd RUNNER UP for BEST FILM: Bottom Of The Night - Dir. by Joe Mitchell (USA)

AUDIENCE CHOICE: 38 - Dir. by Lukas Wolfgang Martin (Germany)

HONOURABLE MENTIONS:

Korean Genocide - Dir. by Seung-il Chon (Korea)
Tóxico - Dir. by Rubia Lima, Rafael Henrique Lima (Brazil)

15-Second Category

Nominees for Best 15-Second Film

The Hand of Count Magnus - Dir. by Kyle Dunbar (Canada)
Deadlift - Dir. by Kyle Dunbar (Canada)
Alive_ - Dir. by Lidia Napoli
Teacher's Pet - Dir. by Kevin Lucero Less (USA)
Arithmetic - Dir. by Alexandre Dacosta (Brazil)
Jackass - Dir. by Alexandre Dacosta (Brazil)
Follow - Dir. by Yoh Komaya (Japan)
Eureka! - Dir. by David Creighton (Canada)

1:00-5:00 Minutes

Nominees for Best Animation Canada

I Had a Dream of a House at Night - Dir. by Charlie Galea McClure (Canada)
Early Birds - Dir. by Cole Stevenson (Canada)
The Star Mill - Dir. by Daniel Blake (Canada)
The Night Walker - Dir. by Jonathan Valentine (Canada)
Benny & Ramona's Big Break - By Lovebun Productions (Canada)
Radio Cassette - Dir. by Charlotte Delgrange (Canada)

Nominees for Best Animation International

Jam It - Dir. by John Dawson (USA)

Sticking Seafarer - Dir. by Jeremy Ross (USA)

From Within - Dir. by Malena Romano (Israel)

Cart Wrangler - Dir. by Rose Marcello, Max Smith, Gabriel Sgandurra (USA)

Café Drawing - Dir. by Junrong Zhang (USA)

Black Sun - Dir. by TJ Walker (USA)

Little Talks - Dir. by Talla Malyukova (UK)

Echoes of Birdsongs - Dir. by Luís Melo (Portugal)

Nominees for Best Comedy

We're Good - Dir. by Larry Rosen (USA)

Macaroons - Dir. by Nathan Tecson (USA)

Bathroomates - Dir. by Edie Bruins (Canada)

Cart Wrangler - Dir. by Rose Marcello, Max Smith, Gabriel Sgandurra (USA)

Brazzy Jazzy - Season 2 - Dir. by Steve Becker (USA)

2 Minute Show - A Bag of Hammers - Dir. by Dik Lee (Canada)

Nominees for Best Documentary

Maya Angelou and James Baldwin "Trust Life" - Dir. by Jason Fleurant (USA)

H. Majuscula - Dir. by EmMa Matern (Canada)

Bésame Mucho & the East Side Gallery Berlin - Dir. by Gilbert Brüning (Germany)

Nominees for Best Drama

You're Right - Dir. by Telio Espinoza (Mexico)

Over & Over - Dir. by Walter Temple (USA)

Double Proposition - Dir. by Nino Oz (UK)

The Life of Sophie - Dir. by Rafael Star (Australia)

Chicken Sandwich - Dir. by Paul K.V, Dylan Posgate (Canada)

Alter Demo - Dir. by Thibault Castan Boissy (France)

Everything I Could - Dir. by Christopher Armienti (USA)

Nominees for Best Experimental

Mr. Box & Boogy's Bob Ross The Joy of Painting Review - Dir. by Al Diaz, Javi Diaz (USA)

Speech - Dir. by Yordanis Dominguez Baez (Cuba)

Mushroom Trip - Dir. by Armando Ortegon (Canada)

Anonymous Letter Found In A Portland Bus Station - Dir. by Justin Kip McCollor (USA)

Aime Toi Fille Noire - Dir. by Timothy Richardson (USA)

Wherever You Are, Wherever I Am - Dir. by Kay Chan (Canada)

Mneme_Remembrance - Dir. by Lavinia Tommasoli (Italy)

For The Blue - Dir. by Fern A. Mad (Canada)

Nominees for Best One-Minute Film

Sheep - Dir. by Dmitry Dias (Latvia)

Bernie Bros Pizza Inc. - Dir. by Jeff Vande Zande (USA)

Killer Audition - Dir. by Michael Boston (USA)

Nominees for Best Sci-Fi/Fantasy

The Star Mill - Dir. by Daniel Blake (Canada)

The Night Walker - Dir. by Jonathan Valentine (Canada)

Particle Man - Dir. by Stuart Leask (UK)

Astral Traveller - Dir. by Patrick Gamble (Australia)

Nominees for Best Thriller

Intertwined - Dir. by Serhat Dogantekin (Canada)

Surveillance - Dir. by Liam Marshall Jones-Tran (Canada)

Last Call, Midnight - Dir. by Larry Rosen (USA)

A Broken Man - Dir. by Leonidas Gioldasis (Australia)

Nominees for Best Student Film

Fight Night - Dir. by Ethan Marx (USA)

Aspects - Dir. by Connor Kujawinski (Canada)

Finding You Again - Dir. by Daren Valdez (Canada)

Day After Day - Dir. by Jacob Landry (Canada)

Nominees for Best Actor

Austin Buchanan - Over & Over (USA)

Samuel Roger - Alter Demo (France)

Michael Boston - Killer Audition (USA)

Garrett Grimes - Fight Night (USA)

Ben Cable - Everything I Could (USA)

Nominees for Best Actress

Grace Gonzales - Finding You Again (Canada)

Alexandra Landau - Send Me A Color (USA)

Terezina Vital - You're Right (Mexico)

Patricia Hegedus - Intertwined (Canada)

Camila Gómez - Cliche (Spain)

Nominees for Best Cast

Suzhalum Bhoomi Inimaiyaga - Dir. by Lenin Srikanth (India)

Joyride - Dir. by Laurie Empey (Canada)

Double Proposition - Dir. by Nino Oz (UK)

Doom No More - Music Trailer - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (Taiwan)

Don't Be Afraid - Dir. Matthew Winters (USA)

Nominees for Best Cinematography

Walter Temple - Over & Over (USA)

Nathan Tecson - Macaroons (USA)
Mareks Kondratjevs - Sheep (Latvia)
Márcio D'Astrain - Saudade: The Lisbon I Never Knew (Portugal)
[Xinyu Li - Aspects \(Canada\)](#)

Nominees for Best Writer

Larry Rosen - We're Good (USA)
Geneviève Dunn, Étienne Destroismaisons - The Incredible Paul (Canada)
Márcio D'Astrain - Saudade: The Lisbon I Never Knew (Portugal)
[Molly Tomecek - Send Me A Color \(USA\)](#)
Leonidas Gioldasis - A Broken Man (Australia)

Nominees for Best Director

Giuppi Rattá Gutiérrez - Cliche (Spain)
[Paul K.V, Dylan Posgate - Chicken Sandwich \(Canada\)](#)
Bartosz Andrejuk - Nothing Has Changed (Poland)
Steve Becker - Brazzy Jazzy - Season 2 (USA)
Jeff Vande Zande - Bernie Bros Pizza Inc. (USA)

5:01-20:00 Minutes

Nominees for Best Animation

A Fable for Four Voices - Dir. by Deb Ethier (Canada)
Danse Macabre - Dir. by Lucas Zbinden (Switzerland)
[Mileage - Dir. by Jennifer Wu, Kym Santiana, Ruyee Lu, Christopher Hsueh, Nicole Taylor-Topacio, Joy Zhou, Ruby Saysanasy, Miranda Li, Saul Benavides \(Canada\)](#)

Nominees for Best Comedy

Mr. Box & Boogy's Lone Ranger Review - Dir. by Al Diaz, Javi Diaz (USA)
Coarse Victim - Dir. by Logan Charron (Canada)
[Abductees Anonymous - Dir. by Jennifer Pointer \(USA\)](#)
Lower East Asides - Dir. by Steve Becker (USA)
Operation 16 - Dir. by Leslie Hopps DeSchutter, Brent Clark (Canada)
Weightlisted - Dir. by Jeremy Todd Shinder (USA)

Nominees for Best Documentary North America

[The Celebrated, Gifted, World Famous Doctor Tumblety - Dir. by Ian Paul Johnston \(Canada\)](#)
How U MAGA??? (A Reflection) - Dir. by Steve Shannon (USA)
Shoreline Socialites - Dir. by Inder Nirwan (Canada)
MusArt - Dir. by Kevin Hanzlik (USA)

Everything is Art - Dir. by Luc Beauchemin, Michel Boissonneault (Canada)

Nominees for Best Documentary International

Tierra del Fuego - Dir. by Oleksandr Lozytskyi (Ukraine)

Home Is...- Dir. by Gavin Jones (UK)

Melissanthe - Dir. by Georgios Dimitropoulos (UK)

Romeo Yusupov - Dir. by Romeo Yusupov (New Zealand)

Minus 18 Degrees - Dir. by Moritz Krause (Germany)

Nominees for Best Drama North America

Take Care - Dir. by Darren Keilan (USA)

Echo - Dir. by Quentin Ferrant (Canada)

Free Pass - Dir. by Joseph Lao (USA)

The Break Up - Dir. by Zay Rodriguez (USA)

Willa (Pilot Episode) - Dir. by Jodi Lynn Thomas, Daniel Ruczko (USA)

I Was Expecting - Dir. by Suzanne Miller, Sundance Nagrial (Canada)

Nominees for Best Drama International

Russo - Dir. by Kirtan Singh (Australia)

Day 4 - Dir. by Simona Calo (UK)

The Elevators - Dir. by Haitao Hu, Jin Yang (China)

Blue Red - Dir. by Ehsan Nasri (Iran)

The Host - Dir. by Guillaume Hernandez, Sébastien Bonfanti (France)

Love Lost and Found - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (Taiwan)

Nominees for Best Experimental

Miracle Whip - Dir. Jerod Willis (USA)

Stay Inside - Dir. by Lachlan Anderson-Schmidt (Australia)

Noise Machine - Dir. by J. F. Tannen (USA)

Sessions in Grief - Nika (Canada)

And So I Begin. - Dir. by Margarethe Baillou (USA)

Nominees for Best Horror

The Fifth Chair - Dir. by Chris Vaughn (USA)

Cannibal Dad - Dir. by Liam Cooper (Canada)

5 Days - Dir. by Erifili Davis (Australia)

Drained- Dir. by Kimberly B. Flores (USA)

Clean Freak - Dir. by Jordan H. Hughes (Canada)

Nominees for Best Romance Film

Lockdown Love Life - Dir. by Ashna Sharan (USA)

Oh My Dear Ms. Gauge - Dir. by Frankie G Holmes (USA)

Stay Inside - Dir. by Lachlan Anderson-Schmidt (Australia)

Ijo: A Love Story - Dir. by Fatimah Binta Gimsay (Nigeria)

Forever - Dir. by Stephen Thomas Ford (Ireland)

Nominees for Best Sci-Fi/Fantasy

ARCA - Dir. by Germain Aguesse, Robin Aguesse (France)

Surface - Dir. by Shane Nelson, Beatrix Wilson (Canada)

PeaPod Man - Dir. by John Wrigley (USA)

Chronicles of a Broken Path: Caravan - Dir. by Lord Benjamin Nathaniel Redic II (USA)

Doomer - I Don't Want to Be Alone - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (Taiwan)

Mind Over Matter - Dir. by Anyisia Deák (USA)

Nominees for Best Thriller

He Ain't Dead - Dir. by David Lewis (USA)

Dirty Laundry - Dir. by Matison LeBlanc (USA)

Fifty7 Minutes - Dir. by Dave Inglis, Thomas Inglis (UK)

Your Loss - Dir. by Miranda Kramer (USA)

Cicada - Dir. by Freddie Jarrett (USA)

Nominees for Best Student Film North America

Fragments - Dir. by Alyza Reyes (Canada)

Just Sign Here - Dir. by Abraham David (Canada)

All Hail the King - Dir. by Ben Frondorf (USA)

Resistance - Dir. by Denzel Noylander (Canada)

The Way Things Were - Dir. by Lauren Plattman (USA)

The Teen Killer - Dir. by Olivia Medrano (USA)

Nominees for Best Student Film International

Emir - Dir. by Mete Övünç (Turkey)

When I Look Ahead - Dir. by Zach Diotte (Australia)

The Last High - Dir. by Vignesh Hariharan Nair (UAE)

Whale Heart - Dir. by Phillip Edge (UK)

Withdrawn by submitter and is no longer in competition: Passenger Seat - Dir. by Louis Conte-Bourges (France)

Nominees for Best First-Time Filmmaker

Arya Ashoori - RELAPSE | A short film about FOMO (Canada)

Yassin Nour - Overdue (Canada)

Macedonia Alexis, Johnathon Krautkramer - Role With It (USA)

Adrian Campbell - Descension (Canada)

Jo Güstin - Don't Text Your Ex (Canada)

Alireza Kharkan - Reload (Iran)

Nominees for Best Actor

Mohammad Sadegh Malek - Deep Sleep (Iran)

Rick McArthur - Hell's Jacket (Canada)

Oswaldo Salas - Sonata For A Calendar (Peru)

Charles Etubiebi - Ijo: A Love Story (Nigeria)
Christiaan Ackermann - Lone Fields (South Africa)

Nominees for Best Actress

Alex McDevitt - Divine Intervention (UK)
Emilia Nigrello - Hell's Jacket (Canada)
Christine Cortes - Just Sign Here (Canada)
Amy Catherine Welch - Dear Sister (USA)
Jodi Lynn Thomas - Willa (Pilot Episode) (USA)

Nominees for Best Cast

Sono Figo (I'm Good Looking) - Dir. by Beppe Gallo (Italy)
He Ain't Dead - Dir. by David Lewis (USA)
Chronicles of a Broken Path: Caravan - Dir. by Lord Benjamin Nathaniel Redic II (USA)
Legacy - Dir. by Mario Gustavo Lopez (USA)
The Fifth Chair - Dir. by Chris Vaughn (USA)

Nominees for Best Cinematography

Jeremy Partyka - Dear Sister (USA)
West McInerney - Russo (Australia)
Oleksandr Lozytskyi - Tierra del Fuego (Ukraine)
Roy Zheng - Don't Text Your Ex (Canada)
Tre Bullen - Descension (Canada)

Nominees for Best Writer

Adrian Campbell - A Walk to Solace (Canada)
Siddhanth Gaddam - Sugar (India)
Dave Inglis - Fifty7 Minutes (UK)
Mehmet Tıǧlı - Eli Nazik (Turkey)
Veronika Doynikova - Reflecting (Canada)

Nominees for Best Director

Chris Fudge - Blue & White (Canada)
Olivier Simon - Everything is Explained (The Little Brooklyn)(France)
Germain Aguesse, Robin Aguesse - ARCA (France)
Simona Calo - Day 4 (UK)
Lord Benjamin Nathaniel Redic II - Chronicles of a Broken Path :Caravan (USA)

20:01-45:00 Minutes

Nominees for Best Comedy

SirCooly's Groundhog Hunt - Dir. by Christina Barton, Nolan Schmidt (USA)

Lactown - Dir. by Samuel Carl Cohen (USA)

Culinary Tension - Dir. by Brandon Richard Hobson (UK)

Casanoir - Dir. by John "JT" Schindler (USA)

Playbill - Dir. by Nicholas Bromund (USA)

Space Mechanic II: Quest of the Wizard - Dir. by Matt Bond (USA)

Nominees for Best Documentary

The Stampede To Calgary - Dir. by Logan Hale (Canada)

Covid Uncoupled - Dir. by Liliane Andree Chretien (Canada)

10 Rounds - Dir. by Jean-Christophe Gonon (France)

Nominees for Best Drama

Clipping Branches - Dir. by Andros Georgiou (Canada)

Sinners and Saint - Dir. by Jerod Willis (USA)

The Time You Left - Dir. by Yvette Sin, Nikita Zhang (Canada)

The Man With The Cough - Dir. by Alex George (USA)

After Doomsday - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (USA)

Nominees for Best Experimental

The Pit and the Pendulum - A Musicabre - Dir. by Danny Ashkenasi (USA)

The Red String: Capulet's Orchard - Dir. by Julio Urdaneta (Venezuela)

Clipping Branches - Dir. by Andros Georgiou (Canada)

Nominees for Best Thriller

Tulpa Tales: The Island - Dir. by Aiky Braig (Brazil)

Blood Road - Dir. by William Anthony Stancik (USA)

Sinners and Saint - Dir. by Jerod Willis (USA)

Eyes of God - Dir. by Leah Lin (USA)

Martyn - Dir. by Richard La (Canada)

Nominees for Best Actor

Kris Salvi - Lactown (USA)

Jacob Motz - Space Mechanic II: Quest of the Wizard (USA)

Sebastian Kowollik - Martyn (Canada)

Nominees for Best Actress

Katharina Schmidt - Casanoir (USA)

Teresa Picciano - Seamless Journey (Canada)

Carolyn Holland - Eyes of God (USA)

Nominees for Best Cast

The Stampede To Calgary - Dir. by Logan Hale (Canada)

Playbill - Dir. by Nicholas Bromund (USA)

Culinary Tension - Dir. by Brandon Richard Hobson (UK)

Nominees for Best Cinematography

Zac Max - The Man With The Cough (USA)

Ioannis Koutroubis - Seamless Journey (Canada)

Caleb Joye - Sinners and Saint (USA)

Nominees for Best Writer

Jonathan Geffner - Casanoir (USA)

Liliane Andree Chretien - Covid Uncoupled (Canada)

Hasaan Bhatti, Richard La - Martyn (Canada)

Nominees for Best Director

Nicholas Bromund - Playbill (USA)

Yvette Sin, Nikita Zhang - The Time You Left (Canada)

Logan Hale - The Stampede To Calgary (Canada)

45:01-120:00 Minutes

Nominees for Best Feature Film

Access Control - Dir. by Andrew J. Bullard IV (USA)

What Else Is On? - Dir. by Tyler Council (USA)

Paper Dream (Royaye Kaghazi) - Dir. by Ali Atshani (USA)

Descension Part II - Dir. by Adrian Campbell (Canada)

Tales From the Narrow Bridge The Wyrwood Devil - Dir. by Joey Mosca, Sami Saad, Jayleen Perez, Jenna Kildosher, Sam Platizky, Isaac Platizky (USA)

Musher - Dir. by Anuradha Rana, Laurie Little (USA)

Nominees for Best Actor

Andon Campbell - Descension Part II (Canada)

Prashant Lokare - The Unintentional Suicide (India)

Dan Gregory - Tales From the Narrow Bridge The Wyrwood Devil (USA)

Nominees for Best Actress

Heather Fairbanks - Descend (USA)

Rachel Myskiv - Red Rabbit Lodge (Australia)

Megan Hoche - Tales From the Narrow Bridge The Wyrwood Devil (USA)

Nominees for Best Cast

Access Control - Dir. by Andrew J. Bullard IV (USA)

Shadows & Forms - Dir. by Steven R. Barron (USA)

What Else Is On? - Dir. by Tyler Council (USA)

Nominees for Best Cinematography

Mark A. France - Descend (USA)

Deepak Shrivastav - The Unintentional Suicide (India)

Shane Kavanagh - Red Rabbit Lodge (Australia)

Nominees for Best Writer

Andrew J. Bullard IV - Access Control (USA)

Steven R. Barron - Shadows & Forms (USA)

Mark A. France - Descend (USA)

Nominees for Best Director

Anuradha Rana, Laurie Little - Musher (USA)

Kevin Khachan - Red Rabbit Lodge (Australia)

Ali Atshani - Paper Dream (Royaye Kaghazi) (USA)