

## Couch Film Festival Fall 2020

### Best Film of the Festival

**The Pewter Bros. by Michael McCallum**

Detention Into Death Sentence: The Fight to End Mass Detention and Mass Incarceration by  
William Johnston-Carter

Santé! (Cheers!) by Marie-Lou Béland

Script by Piero Cannata

Cannibals by Gustavo Garcia Sierra

Chapter by Joanna Reyes, Cristy Linga and Ja Turla

Safe by Long Chiu

**Audience Choice: Chapter by Joanna Reyes, Cristy Linga and Ja Turla**

### Quarantine Category

**BEST QUARANTINE FILM:** Stay Home, Stay Safe, Stay Sane? by Nick Hales

**1ST RUNNER UP:** Shakespeare Republic: #AllTheWebsAStage (The Lockdown Chronicles) by  
Sally McLean

**2ND RUNNER UP:** A Depressed B\*tch's Guide to Surviving a Global Pandemic by Heven Haile

**3RD RUNNERUP:** Isolation Celebration by Sinead Stoddart

From Now On by Atefeh Rahmani

Forget Me Not by Andreas John

Dance Until She Died by Tyler J. French

This Is Us...Right Now by Kelly DeSarla

X and O by Jody Oberfelder

Pandemic by Wheeler Winston Dixon

Zoomin' Hell 2 by Chris Beaumont and Mark Burgess

NaClO by Emiliano Troiano and Benedetto Tedesco

Impossible to Clean by Federico Rabinovich

Unkle Duty: Who's Rona? by Jason Fleurant

TP Nightmare by Ashna Sharan

Nerमारai (Be Positive) by Harish Gokul

Safer at Home by Pat Battistini

A Man Walks Into A Bank by James Whitelaw

Lent by Karolina Kraus

Corvids in the Time of Covid by Kim Best

Routine by Russ Emanuel

Walk Man by Eli Ricanati

## 1:00 to 5:00 Minutes

### Best Animation

**With Me by George Nelson**

Over The Horizon (Covid 16 Was Not "Bad Flu") by Stuart Taylor  
the game just got real by bellopropello  
Ribeira by Pypah Santos

### Best Comedy

The Feathers by Joe Bor

**We Met in Quarantine by Rob Seiffert and Rob Wagner**

Oh! Turpentine! by William Stancik

The Past Has yet To Begin (Interlude) by William Stancik

### Best Documentary

**The Hitchhiker's Guide To Growing Up by Brett Chapman**

The Next Boat by Luke Naylor-Perrott

Time (Peher) by Soumya Tejas

The Great Escape by Kim Best

### Best Drama

About a Girl by Brock Drury

**Leaving My Past Behind by Anne Johnstonbrown**

Things Are Different Now by Heather Hillstrom

Medusa by Oliver Folcarelli

Accrual by Ana Florit

Nameshake by Génesis Bolaños

### Best Experimental

Look Out the Window Still, but Now You're at the Beach by GoodSky FR

Barbie Dream House by Susan Kouguell

An Epilogue by Lilita Grinberga

Willie in the Sky by Nathaniël Siri

**Dark Jack's Knife by William Stancik**

Distance Between by Isa Phillips

**Bulb by Roberto Freeman**

In Perpetuity by Myra Vitela

### Best Horror

Action Special by Michael Valentine  
Bloody Geyser by John Maslowski  
The Woman Without a Mask by Robyn Lynne Norris  
**Cursed Connection by Jonathan Kobryn**  
Mother's Calling by Lindsay Hibbard

### **Best Music Video**

**Dance Wit Me by Billy Ray Rock**  
John Vento "Well Yeah Maybe" by Grind City Media LLC  
Working Class Voodoo - Tom Tikka & The Missing Hubcaps by Tom Tikka  
Dear John - Kristen Karma feat. Marian Hanna, Mr. ATP by Ryan Ellis  
SOFI K - Fall Back Down by Anders Sundstedt  
Elected Girl by A. Adams

### **Best Student Film**

Concrete Jungle by Azalia Muchransyah  
Video Message by Matthew Tschirhart  
**Suit Up! by Jiamin "Kino" Wu**  
Adapt by Margot Gordon

### **Best Thriller**

My First Day by Sean Totanes  
**Seeing Doppel by Francesco De Francesco**  
Linger by Jean Nasser  
10 Seconds of Silence by Joey R. Marino  
Presumed by Michael Davis

### **Best Actor**

Sam Bixby - Sarah by Bennett Lees  
**William Stancik - I Am Val Kilmer by William Stancik**  
Takumi Higashi - Remote by Katsuhide Yamago  
Jabran Zafar - Agile by Jabran Zafar  
Nathan Hall - The Warehouse Short Film by Nathan Hall

### **Best Actress**

Jillian Vitko - 14 Days by Jillian Vitko  
Funke Alafiatayo - Text Back by Funke Alafiatayo  
**Olena Gaydarzhy - Nina's Story by Simone Ciancotti Petrucci**  
Ashna Sharan - Tina Time by Ashna Sharan  
Kristy Lynn - Paralysis by Cj Bernauer

### **Best Cast**

**Quarantinis by Girl Brain**

A Day Late and Ten Pounds Overweight by Ryan Neely and Alyssa Bouma  
The Cabinet of Dr Caligari by David Valverde Martínez  
Turn Down Oranges by David Morton  
The Five Stages Of Quarantine by Dan Bricker

### **Best Cinematography**

Aquiles Merchan - Island Sun by Raul Simao  
**Naomi Calhoun - Fortifications For A Break Up by Danny Behar and Naomi Calhoun**  
Boom (Love Version) - HellsTheArtist by LeeMann Bassey  
William Stancik - Derek Derek 1973 by William Stancik  
Joy Xing - The Pursuit of Happiness by Joy Xing  
Génesis Bolaños - Nameshake by Génesis Bolaños

### **Best First-Time Filmmaker**

Bo Tanas - News  
Jodi Haigh - 2020  
**Ryan Chu - Deep Fears**  
Sophia Cousino - Tell Me About Playing the Piano

### **Best Writer**

Susan Kouguell - MY LIVING DOLL: How We Got Here Part 2 by Susan Kouguell  
William Stancik - Bipolar Kubrick Ventilator Wallpaper Dream by William Stancik  
Ed Roman - Red Omen - Ed Roman by Ed Roman, Nelson Diaz and There Be Dragons  
Creative Media  
**Paul Kelly - Bard Words by Paul Kelly**  
Kim Best - Cat Capitalization by Kim Best

### **Best Director**

Paul Kelly - Bard Words  
Susan Kouguell - How We Got Here: Part 1  
Hing Tsang - Confluence  
**David Valverde Martínez - Death Water**  
Brian Elliott - Accidental Assassin

## **5:01 to 10:00 Minutes**

### **Best Comedy**

Yowser! by Derek Shane Garcia  
Peach Top, Peach Tails: Maximum Seventies by William Stancik  
Video Conference 19 by Jeff Corpening  
**The Talk by Philip A. Anderson**  
Caketown by William Stancik

Time Trippin' (A Bunker Bill Podcast) by Ian Johnston

### **Best Documentary**

The Cinch by Ian McGee

[The Charleston Ballet: Stand Up and Dance by Deborah Novak](#)

We're In This Together by Jenna Rohlman

### **Best Drama**

Where You Are by Christopher J. Aran

Grounding Short Film by Oisín-Tomás Ó Raghallaigh

Driving License by David Loorenz

[In Case We Get Found by Sarah Young](#)

Lunch Hour with the President by Pamela Perrine

[Close Your Eyes and Look at Me by Andrea Castoldi](#)

### **Best Experimental**

[Mass for Shut-ins by Gwendolyn Audrey Foster](#)

A New Vision by Michael Strauss

3 Piece Kiss by Emerson Niemchick

Method by William Stancik

A Prayer by Ishita Mili

XX.XX.2020 by Eija Temisevä

### **Best Family Film**

The New Normal by Starina Johnson

Distance - A Quarantine Short Film by Haohan Wang

[Walking in Reverse by Franco Pinacchio](#)

### **Best Sci-Fi/Fantasy**

Hoodie by Wyatt Lasche

[Shelter in Space by Faith Kelly](#)

Driftwood Episode Two - Lizard Mom by Darren Campo

### **Best Actor**

Phillip Soulliere - Solo by Phillip Soulliere

Ryan Crepack - Shelter in Place by Ryan Crepack

[Neil Gallagher - Sins of the Father by Peter Mckeirnon](#)

Rashin Khan - Death Offers Life - Last Moments of Vincent Van Gogh by Saheer Abbas

### **Best Actress**

[Jane Buchanan - Wilted Flowers by Edan Ashkenazi](#)

Monique Woolley - The Curated Quarters of She: A Case for a Winter's Coat by Tyler J. French

Suzanne Richard - Shelter at Home Alone by Rani Deighe Crowe

Ashna Sharan - Black Lives Matter by Ashna Sharan

### **Best Cast**

Closed Until Further Notice by Jason Gregg

The Sister Solution by Casey Cooper Johnson and Antoneta Kastrati

Cranberry by Savannah Sivert

Closed Up by Julia Gorbach and Nathan Phillips

Night Shift by Joseph Rossi and David Magin

### **Best Cinematography**

Maggie Hope - Bits by Apart Together

David Butterfield and Vernon Butterfield - Looking for Jack by David Butterfield and Vernon Butterfield

Mark D. Rose - A Trip to Mt. McKinley by Mark D. Rose

Teryl Brouillette - Swivel by Lois Norman

### **Best Writer**

Albert Qually - Recluse by Franklin Livingston

Nina Romain - Ghost London by Nina Romain

William Stancik - Caketown Two by William Stancik

Karim Massaquoi - All the Smoke by Karim Massaquoi

Anthony Calabrese - Night Shift by Joseph Rossi and David Magini

Ed Munter - Prayer for Humanity by Ed Munter

### **Best Director**

Nina Romain - Ghost London

Michelle Longpre - Searching

James Anthony Cook - Corona-Birth of an Old Man (After Hemingway)

Jeff Vande Zande - We'll Be In Touch

Chester Law - Pynk Gorilla Studios

Kevin Reeves - The Packages

## **10:01 to 20:00 Minutes**

### **Best Animation**

Harra and the Donkey by Chris Malone

Monkey & Cat by Artie Romero

Mercer County, You're On The Air by Mike J. McAllister

### **Best Comedy**

Stable by Bettina Floyd

The Photobomber by Andrew H. Enriquez

The Wishful & Lonely by Kris von Kleist

Sarah Says, "Eat Sh\*t & Die, Coviiiiid!" by Sarah Grace

### **Best Documentary**

**Don't Lose The Lesson by Ashika Kuruvilla**

Taiwan 2020 in the Eyes of a Retiree by Shihyun Wang and James Chen

EMT: COVID-19 by Dylan Lam

### **Best Drama**

Anagnorisis by Arturo Dueñas Herrero

Key Change by Jamie Goldberg

Tales From the Quarantine by Márcio (Momó) de Abreu

**Manasanamaha by Deepak Reddy**

### **Best Experimental**

Blue Unnatural by Marco Bolognesi

Quarantine Interview 2021 by Jacquelyn Landgraf

**Bone Dry by William Stancik**

### **Best Student Film**

In It Together by Johnnie J. Webb

**Jack & Jill by Jamal Rashad**

Valora by Hunter Goetz

### **Best Actor**

**Joe Zumba - Uppercut by William Stancik**

Jon Tierney - Nineteen by Jon Tierney

Alex Wood - Resonance by William Stancik

### **Best Actress**

**Donna-Lisa Otto - Two Kisses by Tara Grover Smith and Corinne Meadors**

Emilyrose Morris - Where's My Mom? by Shihyun Wang

Alexis Polce von Schwedler - Bitter Pill by Christopher Tait

### **Best Cast**

Sartorius Goes Downstairs by Pete Macnamara

Spike the Detective: Memories in a Kazoo by Killian Gilroy

**Melody by Mitchell LeBlanc**

### **Best Cinematography**

Abby J. Smith - Here You Are You Here by Masa Gibson and Abby J. Smith

Kelvin Edwards - Stable by Bettina Floyd

**Ed Rios - Valora by Hunter Goetz**

**Best Writer**

Charlotte Wincott - Dystopian Snow Globe by Charlotte Wincott  
Mike J. McAllister - Mercer County, You're On The Air by Mike J. McAllister  
**Sheree' Morris - Monkey & Cat by Artie Romero**  
Michael Aldape and Kane French - The Late Bird by Kane French

**Best Director**

**Pete Macnamara - Sartorius Goes Downstairs**  
Rayka Zehtabchi - Ours to Tell  
Manuel Juri Vitali - The Choice  
Kane French - The Late Bird

**20:01 to 30:00 Minutes****Best Comedy**

**Bad Blood: A Pandemic Short Film by Sebastián Martín Urquizo**  
The Past Has Yet To Begin by William Stancik  
21 Days by Casey B Dolan and Brett Wild

**Best Drama**

Dream Store by Paweł Olearczyk  
The Leap by Shanna R. Riker  
**Dick by C. E. Simon**

**Best Actor**

Ryan Kay - To Be Forgotten by Masa Gibson  
**William Stancik - The Past Has Yet To Begin by William Stancik**  
Jaime Martín Escobal - Bad Blood: A Pandemic Short Film by Sebastián Martín Urquizo

**Best Actress**

Casey B. Dolan - 21 Days by Casey B Dolan and Brett Wild  
**Avalon Penrose - Kesi by Daniel Maggio**  
Kim Casey - Dick by C. E. Simon

**Best Cast**

21 Days by Casey B. Dolan and Brett Wild  
The Leap by Shanna R. Riker  
**Dream Store by Paweł Olearczyk**

**Best Cinematography**

David Kossack - To Be Forgotten by Masa Gibson  
Michał Kidawa - Dream Store by Paweł Olearczyk



John White - The Leap by Shanna R. Riker

**Best Writer**

Daniel Maggio - Kesi by Daniel Maggio

Masa Gibson - To Be Forgotten by Masa Gibson

Paweł Olearczyk - Dream Store by Paweł Olearczyk

**Best Director**

Shanna R. Riker - The Leap

C. E. Simon - Dick

Casey B. Dolan and Brett Wild - 21 Days

**30:01 to 60:00 Minutes**

**Best Long Short Film**

Crazy Weapon 5: Back for the First Time by Antoine M Dillard

3 Day Walkers by Laura Walker and Eileen Rogers

Homeless Sam & Sally - The Movie by Tyrone Evans Clark

**Best Actor**

Luke Harger - Alaska Long Hunters by Mark Rose

Joe Zumba - Mustango! by William Stancik

Adam Griggs - Crazy Weapon 5: Back for the First Time by Antoine M Dillard

**Best Actress**

Margaret Newborn - Homeless Sam & Sally - The Movie by Tyrone Evans Clark

Hannah Gray - Ribbon by Cade Thomas

Tyrongela Ross - Crazy Weapon 5: Back for the First Time by Antoine M. Dillard

**Best Cast**

3 Day Walkers by Laura Walker and Eileen Rogers

Charlene by Hasan Qureshi

Ribbon by Cade Thomas

**Best Cinematography**

Tom Delich - Alaska Long Hunters by Mark Rose

Cade Thomas and Andrew Nichols - Ribbon by Cade Thomas

Hasan Qureshi - Charlene by Hasan Qureshi

**Best Writer**

Mark Rose - Alaska Long Hunters by Mark Rose

Stephen Newton - One Night in January: Counting the Cost of Homelessness by Stephen Newton

Laura Walker and Eileen Rogers - 3 Day Walkers by Laura Walker and Eileen Rogers

### **Best Director**

Tyrone Evans Clark - Homeless Sam & Sally - The Movie

Stephen Newton - One Night in January: Counting the Cost of Homelessness

Cade Thomas - Ribbon

## **60:01 to 120 Minutes**

### **Best Feature Film**

Young, Always by Ethan Emmert

Welcome to the Conspiracy! by Sean Totanes

Your Color (Deine Farbe) by Maria Diane Ventura

The Haunted Hotel by Joshua Carver, Adam Collier, Deveril, Joshua Dickinson, Amy L. Feeley, Jane Gull, Jean Hogg and Toby Roberts

Death Can't Take Me by Lee Page

### **Best Actor**

Hugh Fraser - The Haunted Hotel by Joshua Carver, Adam Collier, Deveril, Joshua Dickinson, Amy L. Feeley, Jane Gull, Jean Hogg and Toby Roberts

Reece Ritchie - The Haunted Hotel by Joshua Carver, Adam Collier, Deveril, Joshua Dickinson, Amy L. Feeley, Jane Gull, Jean Hogg and Toby Roberts

Paul Moriarty - The Haunted Hotel by Joshua Carver, Adam Collier, Deveril, Joshua Dickinson, Amy L. Feeley, Jane Gull, Jean Hogg and Toby Roberts

### **Best Actress**

Angeline Hunt - The Haunted Hotel by Joshua Carver, Adam Collier, Deveril, Joshua Dickinson, Amy L. Feeley, Jane Gull, Jean Hogg and Toby Roberts

Rocio Rodriguez-Inniss - The Haunted Hotel by Joshua Carver, Adam Collier, Deveril, Joshua Dickinson, Amy L. Feeley, Jane Gull, Jean Hogg and Toby Roberts

Kate Cook - The Haunted Hotel by Joshua Carver, Adam Collier, Deveril, Joshua Dickinson, Amy L. Feeley, Jane Gull, Jean Hogg and Toby Roberts

### **Best Cast**

Your Color (Deine Farbe) by Maria Diane Ventura

Young, Always by Ethan Emmert

Welcome to the Conspiracy! by Sean Totanes

### **Best Cinematography**

Ethan Emmert and Aaron Fullenkam - Young, Always by Ethan Emmert

Enrico Banson and Sean Totanes - Welcome to the Conspiracy! by Sean Totanes

Hilarion Banks - Your Color (Deine Farbe) by Maria Diane Ventura

### **Best Writer**

Lee Page - Death Can't Take Me by Lee Page

Sean Totanes, Justin Abraham and Lea Papa - Welcome to the Conspiracy! by Sean Totanes

Maria Diane Ventura - Your Color (Deine Farbe) by Maria Diane Ventura

### **Best Director**

Lee Page - Death Can't Take Me

Joshua Carver, Adam Collier, Deveril, Joshua Dickinson, Amy L. Feeley, Jane Gull, Jean Hogg and Toby Roberts - The Haunted Hotel

Sean Totanes - Welcome to the Conspiracy!