

Couch Film Festival

Fall 2024 Edition

Best of the Festival

Best Film of the Festival: Dosa - Dir. by Shashank Banawalikar Subhash (Canada)

1st Runner Up for Best Film: Chain - Dir. by Ling Han (USA)

2nd Runner Up for Best Film: For Rent - Dir. by Michèle Kaye (Canada)

3rd Runner Up for Best Film: Money Talks, Gunshots Whisper - Dir. by Blake Gordey (Canada)

Honourable Mentions for Best Film:

Kung Fu TP - Dir. by Rebecca Lamure (Canada)

My Friend Doubt - Dir. by Mark Riccadonna (USA)

Visitation - Dir. by Christian Skibinski (Germany)

Hot! - Dir. by Julie Liao (USA)

Audience Choice Award: Money Talks, Gunshots Whisper - Dir. by Blake Gordey (Canada)

Category Award Nominees

1:00-5:00 Minutes

Winners in RED, Nominees in BLACK

Nominees for Best Animation Canada

Beyond the Books - Dir. by Henry He (Canada)

Roaches - Dir. by David R. Creighton (Canada)

Baseball Blues - Dir. by Sadie Coelho (Canada)

The Perfect Fit - Dir. by Marianed Soria, Sasha Woolley, Pauline Petit, Nour Fenniche, Maeva Chalier, Leyah Stiffler, Ipsita Manna (Canada)

Nominees for Best Animation International

Frog - Dir. by Hattie Greenwood (UK)

No Halloween This Year_The Horror Is Real - Dir. by Lambros Papathanasiou (Greece)

Passport Tale - Dir. by Ghazal Mojtahedi, Hashem Aliakbari (Iran)

Nominees for Best Animation USA

Maya - Dir. by John Maslowski (USA)

Torch and Hammer - Dir. by Rev. Samuel (USA)

Dear Arkansas Daughter - Dir. by Eliana Kate Hill (USA)

Undertow - Dir. by Justin Taylor (USA)

Nominees for Best Student Animation

Picard the Pika - Dir. by Sophie Ring (USA)

Grim Side Show - Dir. by Maeghan McKenzie (USA)

Pizza Man - Dir. by Nathan M. Miller (USA)

Nominees for Best Comedy

The Rebuild: Just One More Year - Dir. by Isla McKenna (USA)

The Encounter - Dir. by Larry Rosen (USA)

The Ghost And His Unfortunate But Phenomenal Tale - Dir. by Jim Zounis, Nick Zounis (Australia)

Nominees for Best Documentary

Man Versus Ferry - Dir. by Gee Stewart (Canada)

S1STERS - Dir. by Pietro Maria Rusca (Italy)

We Are All Necessary - Dir. by Manuel Seijo Domínguez (Spain)

Nominees for Best Drama

Wash My Sin - Dir. by Tyler Townsend (USA)

Old Fashioned - Dir. by Jordan Robinson (Australia)

This Cold, Still Place - Dir. by Mike Messier (USA)

Farewell - Dir. by Navid Khorassani (Australia)

In Search of Nothing - Dir. by Thea Spoorthi Vedula (India)

Nominees for Best Experimental International

Robofauna - Dir. by Gerardo Escudero Samara (Panama)

Water Under a Bridge - Dir. by Andrew Payne (UK)

The Dream - Dir. by Milan / Antic (Serbia)

Dote on Blood - Dir. by Ege Kagan Safak (Turkey)

Psikedelia - Dir. by İlkim Dila Göktaş (Turkey)

Nominees for Best Experimental North America

Idawa - Dir. by Gbenga Salu (Canada)

Flat Affect - Dir. by Jacob Anthony Benedetti (USA)

My Yesterday, My Tomorrow - Dir. by Theo Khmelnitsky (Canada)

Dream Code - Dir. by Narottama Panitz (USA)

Nominees for Best Music Video

Explicita - Dir. by Renny Pan (Venezuela)
Quesuda - Dir. by Christian Barbeitos (Australia)
Cold Cuts - Dir. by Seth Keegan Morris, Jose Diaz Oldenburg (USA)

Nominees for Best Horror

The Ghost And His Unfortunate But Phenomenal Tale - Dir. by Jim Zounis, Nick Zounis (Australia)
Grim Side Show - Dir. by Maeghan McKenzie (USA)
House Sitting - Dir. by Brandon Alexander Cela (USA)

Nominees for Best First-Time Filmmaker

Jaden Shniderman - Meeting Her Mother (USA)
İlkim Dila Göktaş - Psikedelia (Turkey)
Daniela Sofia Cordero Diaz - Maboya (USA)

Nominees for Best Student Film

The Witch Woke Me Up - Dir. by Ezra James (Australia)
The End - Dir. by Lily Andrews (USA)
We are Meant to Be a Family - Dir. by Linh Gia Pham (Canada)

Nominees for Best Actor

Cameron Griffin - Old Fashioned (Australia)
Michael Boston - Gone, Trucker, Gone (USA)
Kostya Tyoschin - Alone, Together (Canada)

Nominees for Best Actress

Sarah Bertram - The Encounter (USA)
Temitope Salu - Idawa (Canada)
Christine Echeandía - Maboya (USA)

Nominees for Best Cast

Footin' - Dir. by Luke Roach (Canada)
Conversion Therapy - Dir. by Tyler Townsend (USA)
Meeting Her Mother - Dir. by Jaden Shniderman (USA)

Nominees for Best Cinematography

Mark Gregory - Old Fashioned (Australia)
Henry Huangfu - Alone, Together (Canada)
Thomas T. Fasciana - The Last Days of Our Species (Italy)

Nominees for Best Writer

Kostya Tyoschin, Henry Huangfu - Alone, Together (Canada)
Ezra James - The Witch Woke Me Up (Australia)
Pearly Mitnasala - Wash My Sin (USA) m

Nominees for Best Director

Alessandro Prato - The Last Days of Our Species (Italy)

Geer Stewart - Man Versus Ferry (Canada)

Seth Keegan Morris, Jose Diaz Oldenburg - Cold Cuts (USA)

5:01-20:00 Minutes

Nominees for Best Action

Twisted Justice - Dir. by Minh Nguyen (USA)

SUPER MURV & GOLDFINCH MAN: Twilight Heroes - Dir. by Joshua Ortiz, Murry Haithcock (USA)

2025: Steel City Warriors - Dir. by Luke Meneok (Canada)

Sweet Tooth - Dir. by Joe Moore, Adam Genuis (Canada)

Nominees for Best Animation

Rock Lamps - Dir. by Jack Parnell (Canada)

Secret - Freedom Tastes of Reality - Dir. by Alice Chiofalo (Italy)

The Forest of the Honey Bees - Dir. by Erwan Le Gal (France)

Keepsake - Dir. by Victoria Bethany Cochrane - Ford, Yunseo (Lupin) Kim (Canada)

Take a Drag - Dir. by Amir Vafaei (Iran)

Nominees for Best Comedy International

By the Way, Come Over for Lunch - Dir. by Blanca Villalon (Bulgaria)

Uplift (G3,7) - Dir. by David García Díaz, Rut García Díaz (Spain)

Routine - Dir. by Roberto López Carneiro (Spain)

The Culprit - Dir. by María Guerra (Spain)

Nominees for Best Comedy North America

Gossip Girls - Dir. by Santiago Pinzon Carrillo, Florent Thibodeau-Charlebois (Canada)

The Dognapper - Dir. by Virgo Velasquez (Canada)

Route 83 Revisited - Dir. by William Anthony Stancik (USA)

Undelivered - Dir. by Nicholas Laudicina (USA)

We Send U - Dir. by Kim Madden (Canada)

Nominees for Best Coming-of-Age Film

The Pink Rabbit - Dir. by Lily Lowe (Canada)

My Girl - Dir. by Lily Lowe (Canada)

The Two of Us - Dir. by Conor Struan Forrest (Canada)

Nominees for Best Documentary

Why Not? - Dir. by Colin Hodgson (USA)

Dow - Dir. by Sofi Abou-Assali (USA)

Cooler Runnings - Dir. by Michael Eggert (USA)

Slava - Dir. by Davide Ficiucello (Italy)
Sea Launch - Dir. by Egor Ivanov (Russia)
A Nation's Table - Dir. by Garrett Smith (Canada)

Nominees for Best Drama International

Repairs and Malfunctions - Dir. by August Macdonald (Australia)
Rose Petals - Dir. by Deyan Angelov (Bulgaria)
Betas - Dir. by Senin Porto (Spain)
Apart - Dir. by Luca Pirero (Sweden)
Arlo and the Sea - Dir. by Damian Overton (Australia)
I Won't Cry Tomorrow - Dir. by Mohamed Mahmoud Abdellatif (Tunisia)

Nominees for Best Drama North America

Expectations - Dir. by Sara Beebe (USA)
Epilogue - Dir. by Joseph Rossi (Canada)
Bounty - Dir. by Peter Anastasiadis (USA)
Prisoners - Dir. by Troy Schaffer (USA)
/Her - Dir. by Madeleine DePietro (USA)
Gossip Girls - Dir. by Santiago Pinzon Carrillo, Florent Thibodeau-Charlebois (Canada)

Nominees for Best Experimental

The Poet's Plight - Dir. by Ben Frondorf (USA)
Memento Mori - Dir. by Fabio Servullo (Brazil)
The Sight of Marie - Dir. by Wu Yifang (Japan)
Die Angst (The Fear of the Unknown) - Dir. by Yev K'banchik (USA)
Aside - Dir. by Marie Béland (Canada)

Nominees for Best Horror

The Staircase of Lost Dreams - Dir. by Takeshi Kinugasa (Japan)
Trapped in Time - Dir. by Nina Romain (UK)
In Time - Dir. by Alice The G00n (USA)

Nominees for Best Mystery/Suspense/Thriller

Blue Snakes - Dir. by Iago Montgomery-Jarvis (UK)
Fatum - Dir. by Naomi Goldziuk (France)
The Monitor - Dir. by Sam Platizky (USA)
Secret Bonds - Dir. by Nikita Evseev (Canada)
What TF Is This - Dir. by Stephanie Alecia Rose, Brandon Smallwood (USA)

Nominees for Best Romance

I Love You - Dir. by Dillon Morris (USA)
Routine - Dir. by Roberto López Carneiro (Spain)
A Recipe for Romance - Dir. by Jon Osei (Canada)

Ordinary - Dir. by Reva Bhardwaj (Canada)
The Ceremony - Dir. by Maxime Divier (Canada)
Table For Two - Dir. by Ari Song (USA)

Nominees for Best Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Supernatural

When Jacob Jinkers Came to Town - Dir. by Max Levine, Alex Schulman (USA)
Last Cigarette - Dir. by Dario Alfredo Caamanxxo (Japan)
2025: Steel City Warriors - Dir. by Luke Meneok (Canada)

Nominees for Best Student Film

Putt Putt - Dir. by George Grotheer (USA)
For Sofia - Dir. by Matthew Donkers (Canada)
Typical - Dir. by Syed Yusuf (India)
Sinner - Dir. by Alireza Jhomson (Canada)
The Cowgirl - Dir. by Armando Hernandez (USA)

Nominees for Best First-Time Filmmaker

Emanuel David - Dusk (Canada)
Dale Loon, Alyssa Hunt - Waking Conundrum (Canada)
Yoon-Ji Huh, Jeong-Joo Jang - Self-Conversation (Korea)
EJ Oghoufo - Doubt (USA)
Erik Pliszka - Hunter's Stew (USA)

Nominees for Best Actor

Nadav Elkum - Peekaboo (Israel)
Guillaume Labonté-Mercier - Planespotting (Canada)
Joel McVeagh - Sweet Tooth (Canada)
Rolando Ravello - Red Ropes (Italy)

Nominees for Best Actress

Lily Lu - Intermission (Canada)
Yoon-Ji Huh - Self-Conversation (Korea)
Rotem Fenichel - We Send U (Canada)
Elizabeth Marie Kallman - The Cowgirl (USA)

Nominees for Best Cast

Kiss My Ash - Dir. by Mollie O'Donnell (USA)
An Unopened Can of Beer - Dir. by Michael Boston (USA)
Undelivered - Dir. by Nicholas Laudicina (USA)
Taste of Ambition - Dir. by Isaac Stacey (Canada)

Nominees for Best Cinematography

Jacob Ronald Barrieau - Food Chain (Canada)
Uday Kalluri - Nadu Nedu Prema/Pyaar Kal Aajkal - 'Chentha Neevu'/'Paas Tu' (Canada)

Adam Genius - Sweet Tooth (Canada)

Guillaume Labonté-Mercier - Planespotting (Canada)

Nominees for Best Writer

John Angell Grant - How to Make Amends (USA)

Neil Zemouli - Gideon The Dinosaur (UK)

Marquis Smallwood - What TF Is This (USA)

Kyle Scott Wilkinson - Slippery Highway (Canada)

Nominees for Best Director

Dale Loon, Alyssa Hunt - Waking Conundrum (Canada)

Mohamed Mahmoud Abdellatif - I Won't Cry Tomorrow (Tunisia)

Garrett Smith - A Nation's Table (Canada)

Alessio Pasqua - Red Ropes (Italy)

20:01-45:00 Minutes

Nominees for Best Long Short Film Documentary

ChatST3 Ring Circus - Dir. by Sullyman The Third ()

Fight of The Ring 10th Anniversary matches | Pro Wrestling The Movie Vol.1 - Dir. by Kenji Ogusu (Japan)

Of A Lifetime - Dir. by Jérôme Tanon (France)

The Narrow Gate - Dir. by Shida Qi (China)

Nominees for Best Long Short Film Narrative

Party Panda - The Birth of a Serial Killer - Dir. by Uriah Herr (USA)

The Price of Blood - Dir. by Casper Fourie (South Africa)

The Way of the Mother Bear - Dir. by Killian Casier-Ortolland (France)

Gone - Dir. by Dylan Paulini (Mexico)

Nominees for Best Actor

Danny McDermott - Party Panda - The Birth of a Serial Killer (USA)

Joseph Lloyd Lopez - Gone (Mexico)

Nolan Mick - Maybe I Am the Villain (Canada)

Nominees for Best Actress

Meghan Reed - Gone (USA)

Soleil Van Der Hyde - The Price of Blood (South Africa)

Magdalena Broto - Teodoro (Spain)

Nominees for Best Cast

The Way of the Mother Bear - Dir. by Killian Casier-Ortolland (France)

Teodoro - Dir. by Esteban Roel (Spain)

Party Panda - The Birth of a Serial Killer - Dir. by Uriah Herr (USA)

Nominees for Best Cinematography

Jinyuan Zhang - Sun Rises Again in Dali (USA)

Marc Metelerkamp - The Price of Blood (South Africa)

Farhan Rashid - Maybe I Am the Villain (Canada)

Nominees for Best Writer

Casper Fourie - The Price of Blood (South Africa)

Killian Casier-Ortolland - The Way of the Mother Bear (France)

María Magdalena Cotun - Teodoro (Spain)

Nominees for Best Director

Sullyman The Third - ChatST3 Ring Circus (USA)

Uriah Herr - Party Panda - The Birth of a Serial Killer (USA)

Kenji Ogusu - Fight of The Ring 10th Anniversary matches | Pro Wrestling The Movie Vol.1 (Japan)

45:01-120:00 Minutes

Nominees for Best Comedy

God Dam - Dir. by Bill Doty (USA)

Ambiguous Indifference - Dir. by Matt Jenkins, Charles Stanley (USA)

Brick Force: One Left In The Chamber - Dir. by William Stancik (USA)

Vipers - Dir. by Troy Stacey (UK)

Nominees for Best Documentary

The King Opera House: A Paranormal Documentary - Dir. by Gavin Webb (USA)

Joe Zumba American Actor - Dir. by William Stancik (USA)

Cuba es Mi Patria: The Homeland I Keep Inside - Dir. by Rose Marie Perez (USA)

Revolutionary Song: The Story of Radical Chilean Music and Politics - Dir. by Jared Gilbert (USA)

Circle of Madness - Dir. by Christoph Thoresen (Austria)

The Saint of Brooklyn - Dir. by Ulisse Lendaro (Italy)

Nominees for Best Drama

Love Lies & Happy Ever After - Dir. by David J. McDonald (USA)

Water Lily - Dir. by Julien Botzanowski (France)

What is Love - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (Canada)

Peace in Pain - Dir. by Moeinreza Motallebi (Canada)

Ramasakkani Rakumarudu - Dir. by Uday Kalluri (Canada)

Nominees for Best Horror

God Dam - Dir. by Bill Doty (USA)

Midnight Boulevard - Dir. by Dinitha Vithanage (Canada)

Problematic Intentions - Dir. by Georgi Hernandez (USA)

Nominees for Best Mystery/Suspense/Thriller

Love Lies & Happy Ever After - Dir. by David J. McDonald (USA)

The King Opera House: A Paranormal Documentary - Dir. by Gavin Webb (USA)

Water Lily - Dir. by Julien Botzanowski (France)

Midnight Boulevard - Dir. by Dinitha Vithanage (Canada)

Vipers - Dir. by Troy Stacey (UK)

Nominees for Best Actor

Thomas Lesserteur - Water Lily (France)

Dan Perrin - Ambiguous Indifference (USA)

David Stevens - God Damn (USA)

Nominees for Best Actress

Sonja Durant - Love Lies & Happy Ever After (USA)

Pamela Bell - Ambiguous Indifference (USA)

Yoyo Lai - What is Love (Canada)

Nominees for Best Cast

Midnight Boulevard - Dir. by Dinitha Vithanage (Canada)

Problematic Intentions - Dir. by Georgi Hernandez (USA)

Peace in Pain - Dir. by Moeinreza Motallebi (Canada)

Nominees for Best Cinematography

Dinitha Vithanage, Marco Lavagnino - Midnight Boulevard (Canada)

Georgi Hernandez - Problematic Intentions (USA)

Moein Reza Motallebi - Peace in Pain (Canada)

Nominees for Best Writer

Amy Philbert - Love Lies & Happy Ever After (USA)

Matt Jenkins - Ambiguous Indifference (USA)

Shihyun Wang - What is Love (Canada)

Nominees for Best Director

Gavin Webb - The King Opera House: A Paranormal Documentary (USA)

Georgi Hernandez - Problematic Intentions (USA)

Ulisse Lendaro - The Saint of Brooklyn (Italy)

15-Second Story

Nominees for Best 15-Second Story

Killer Mind - Dir. by David Valverde Martínez, Melanie Rolon, Agustín Liva (Spain)

Space Collapse Ep 12 - Dir. by David Valverde Martínez, Melanie Rolon, Agustín Liva (Spain)

A-Jar - Dir. by Kevin Lucero Less (USA)

Chainsaw - Dir. by David Valverde Martínez, Melanie Rolon (Spain)

Not the One - Dir. by Larry Rosen (USA)