

# *Couch Film Festival*

## Winter 2024 Edition

### **Best Film of the Festival Finalists**

BEST FILM of the FESTIVAL: **Lucky The Bookkeeper** - Dir. by Emily-Anne Fraser (Canada)  
1st Runner Up for Best Film: **The Family Secret** - Dir. by TJ Cheslea (Canada)  
2nd Runner Up for Best Film: **While Some Must Sleep** - Dir. by Craig Urquhart (Canada)  
Honourable Mention for Best Film: **I Write, You Draw** - Dir. by Liam Cooper (Canada)  
Honourable Mention for Best Film: **Body Moving** - Dir. by Christopher Armanious (Canada)  
Honourable Mention for Best Film: **Five Eighths** - Dir. by David Carter, Stuart Wilmot (UK)  
Audience Choice Award: **Five Eighths** - Dir. by David Carter, Stuart Wilmot (UK)

### **Category Award Nominees**

#### **1:00-5:00 Minutes**

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

##### **Nominees for Best Animation International**

Lovers of Golden Lane - Dir. by Zahida Hosein-Bahall (Trinidad and Tobago)  
**Hollow** - Dir. by **Szymon Baran** (Poland)  
The Mushroom Man - Dir. Πέτρος Νιαμονιτακης (Greece)

##### **Nominees for Best Animation North America**

House Fly - Dir. by Steve Chappell (USA)  
Way Home - Dir. by Cai Rose Verderese (USA)  
Poor Poor Eldon - Dir. by Lorin Morgan-Richards (USA)  
Blue - Dir. by John Maslowski (USA)  
**Off Track** - By **Pekoe Productions** (USA)

##### **Nominees for Best Comedy**

Dorfman - Dir. by Scott Dorfman (USA)  
The Pizza Connection - Dir. by D.J. Higgins (USA)  
The Book of Meat - Dir. by Paul Barile (USA)  
No Such Thing as Werewolves! - Dir. by Nina Romain (UK)  
**Honey, I'm Home** - Dir. by **Allison Wan** (Canada)

##### **Nominees for Best Documentary**

**Valencia Spain** - Dir. by **Shihyun Wang** (Spain)  
For Her - Dir. by Robert Jacob Vargas (USA)

MUSIC HAS HIS BACK: Leo Pearlstein, The 104-year-old Drummer - Dir. by David Bluefield

**Nominees for Best Drama Canada**

Magenta - Dir. by Maddy Ginn (Canada)

Stay Happy - Dir. by Ian Murray (Canada)

Teah - Dir. by Taf Diallo (Canada)

Happy Anniversary - Dir. by Qianna Dookeran (Canada)

**Nominees for Best Drama International**

The End is My Beginning - Dir. by Jake Meniani (France)

Wanderer - Dir. by Oscar Sayago (USA)

Lipstick On A Pig - Dir. by Karen Gunn (Ireland)

Bitter Crumbs - Dir. by Maria Maya (USA)

**Nominees for Best Experimental**

I Want To Leave Brussels - Dir. by Larry Collicott (Canada)

Reef - Dir. by W.E. Overton (Canada)

Run Dream2683.exe - Dir. by Gizem Gungor (Canada)

The Cupboard - Dir. by Christina Amato Butler (USA)

The Awakening - Dir. by Kim Best (USA)

**Nominees for Best Horror**

Moon of the Dead - Dir. by Christopher Deroo (France)

No Such Thing as Werewolves! - Dir. by Nina Romain (UK)

Tucker's Puppets - Dir. by Jaida Sanada (Canada)

**Nominees for Best Mystery/Suspense/Thriller**

Only in the Dark - Dir. by Jimmy Seiersen (Sweden)

You Might Not Be Alone - Dir. by Larry Rosen (USA)

Tech Check - Dir. by Zlatelina Tsokova (Bulgaria)

**Nominees for Best Music Video International**

Me, You, The Sea - Dir. by Meysam Ebadipour (Austria)

Meri Maa - Dir. by Kovid Mittal (India)

Life from the Other Side - Dir. by Marc Dutriez (France)

**Nominees for Best Music Video North America**

Murder's Not So Bad - Dir. by Justin Miller (USA)

Hello It's Me - Dir. by Howard Gripp, John Shoemaker, Max Olmsted (USA)

Orange Blues 24 - Dir. by Alyssa Dann (USA)

Flash - Dir. by David Becker (Canada)

**Nominees for Best One-Minute Film**

No Such Thing as Werewolves! - Dir. by Nina Romain (UK)

Love Yourz - Dir. by Alireza Jhomson (Canada)

Yen For Zen - Dir. by James Pyle (UK)

### **Nominees for Best Original Story**

Cup of Coffee - Dir. by Jacob Conrad Lacate (Canada)

Big White Dog - Dir. by Richard Bruce Stirling (USA)

Death Break - Dir. by Nolan Schmidt (USA)

Broken Promises - Dir. by Tyler Townsend (USA)

### **Nominees for Best Student Film**

Agree to Disagree - Dir. by Jake Dodd (Canada)

In A Flash - Dir. by Lijun Xu (China)

Just Another Day - Dir. by Luciana Malavasi (USA)

Hi Mom - Dir. by Peta Huang (Canada)

### **Nominees for Best First-Time Filmmaker**

Sophie Ayami Stofiel - Process (USA)

Kamil Galin - BO:OM (Canada)

Abdelrahman Mohamed Hassouna - 12 Years Old (Egypt)

Penelope Hinchey - A Beginner's Guide to Waking Up (USA)

### **Nominees for Best Actor**

Zar Rumi - Problem Solved (Canada)

Billy Merryless - BO:OM (Canada)

James Pyle - Alph-FUN-a-bet! with Imagination Jack (UK)

Xavier Dupeux - Life from the Other Side (France)

### **Nominees for Best Actress**

Siana Marquis-Bilquard - Locked Out (Canada)

Jessica Rose - The Voices (Canada)

Kendelle Parks - All Things Considered (Canada)

Flavia Zaguini - Bitter Crumbs (USA)

### **Nominees for Best Cast**

Guests - Dir. by Adam Benjamin Mikkelsen (Denmark)

Road Work Ahead - Dir. by Melvin Daligdig (Canada)

Broken Promises - Dir. by Tyler Townsend (USA)

The Pizza Connection - Dir. by D.J. Higgins (USA)

### **Nominees for Best Cinematography**

Jaro Jääskeläinen - Shelter (Finland)

Rein Cabalquinto - Road Work Ahead (Canada)

Danijel Bogdanic - Guests (Denmark)

Howard Gripp, John Shoemaker, Max Olmsted - Hello, It's Me (USA)

### **Nominees for Best Writer**

Maryam Jalali - Pulse (Australia)  
James Pyle - Non-Starter (UK)  
**D.J. Higgins - The Pizza Connection (USA)**  
Kovid Mittal - Meri Maa (India)

### **Nominees for Best Director**

**Javier Badillo - Lupe Q and the Galactic Corn Cake (Canada)**  
Tyler Townsend - Pineapple Pizza (USA)  
Karen Gunn - Lipstick On A Pig (Ireland)  
Hamed Noroozi - Pulse (Australia)

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## **5:01-20:00 Minutes**

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

*Two RED titles within one nominated category denotes a TIE*

### **Nominees for Best Action**

**Revenants - Dir. by Jedric Villar (USA)**  
Nogglers (Mavericks Of Time) - Dir. by Mercello Laruccia (USA)  
Oath of Vengeance - Dir. by Matthew Donkers (Canada)

### **Nominees for Best Animation**

Hic Sunt Dracones - Dir. by Shako (Germany)  
I Hope You Don't Mind - Dir. by Natalia Lemos (Brazil)  
**I Am Duck - Dir. by Nicholas Zweig (USA)**  
Oya (The Goddess of Gods) - Dir. by Nnamdi Lawrence Lawrence Dieyi (Nigeria)

### **Nominees for Best Comedy**

Crystal Quest - Dir. by Jeff Boarts (USA)  
That's the Spirit - Dir. by Ryan Crepack (USA)  
7 Minutes - Dir. by Liz Muller (USA)  
**Biohazard - Dir. by Christian Ivanov (Bulgaria)**  
La Frogue - Dir. by Schprox (Canada)

### **Nominees for Best Dark Comedy**

Youth is Wasted on the Young - Dir. by Josh Cromarty-Bradford (Canada)  
Extreme Gravity - Dir. by Lorenzo Ayuso (Spain)  
**The Three Wise Guys - Dir. by Anders Jay Ravenstad, Josh Thompson (USA)**

### **Nominees for Best Documentary**

**It's Still Here! 78 Years Later! The Tragic Story of the Sabena Plane Crash - Dir. by Brent Hendrick (Canada)**

Justin's Addiction Story: No Family is Immune - Dir. by Jacob Surette (Canada)

Raveival - Dir. by Devony House (Canada)

Look in the Window - Dir. by Donna-Lynne Larson (Canada)

### **Nominees for Best Drama International**

Hero - Dir. by Hagai Adorian (Israel)

I Will Wait For You - Dir. by Pezhhan Ziaian (Iran)

**Visit - Dir. by Paulina Zając (Poland)**

Gold Medal - Dir. by Kyungjin Song (Korea)

In Another Life - Dir. by Svitlana Zemliana, J.T. Madicus (Poland)

### **Nominees for Best Drama North America**

Warmest Regards, E - Dir. by Shireen Dalbey, Tina Nowarre (Canada)

The Mother is Dead - Dir. by Justin Calandriello (Canada)

**Best Wishes and Good Luck - Dir. by Dylan Hughes, Anthony Dain (USA)**

73 Seconds - Dir. by Stacy Gardner (Canada)

Walter, Jenny and the Christmas Carolers - Dir. by Dean Attari (Canada)

### **Nominees for Best Experimental**

**Perfect Wall - Dir. by Sea-hoon Jeon (Korea)**

My Shadow - Dir. by Astra Silver Burke (USA)

Silence - Dir. by David Valverde (Spain)

Insomnia - Dir. by Kim Best (USA)

The Missing Piece - Dir. by Ramin Forouzandeh (Canada)

### **Nominees for Best Horror**

**Youth is Wasted on the Young - Dir. by Josh Cromarty-Bradford (Canada)**

Within These Walls - Dir. by Angelo Bombelli (Canada)

Bloody Addiction - Dir. by Trina Davenport (USA)

**Infernalis - Dir. by Naomi Wildermuth (USA)**

Please Stop - Dir. by Adam Michael, Ashley Rae (USA)

### **Nominees for Best Mystery/Suspense/Thriller**

Hatman - Dir. by Ian Rayburn (Canada)

**Eyes That Kill - Dir. by Didier Navarro (USA)**

Malice - Dir. by Deliana Georgieva (Bulgaria)

Screaming for Love - Dir. by Vineeth Vomaseelan (Canada)

Loose - Dir. by Nadina Habsjah, Yusgunawan Marto (Indonesia)

### **Nominees for Best Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Supernatural**

**Crystal Quest - Dir. by Jeff Boarts (USA)**

The Witness - Dir. by Nishant Mathew Thomas (Canada)

Chlorine - Dir. by Stephan Boissonneault (Canada)

Please Stop - Dir. by Adam Michael, Ashley Rae (USA)

### **Nominees for Best Original Story**

**Long Play - Dir. by Bernard Madill (New Zealand)**

Moving Out - Dir. by Marc Girard (USA)

Colors of Melody - Dir. by Rafael Demichelli (Canada)

Al Fresco - Dir. by George Wolf (USA)

Deserters - Dir. by Lucas Lajeunesse (Canada)

### **Nominees for Best Student Film International**

**Lying in the Sky - Dir. by Jingyi Liu (UK)**

Bully - Dir. by Siegfried Pöll (Austria)

Parley - Dir. by Andrew McCracken (UK)

Out of Town - Dir. by Nicolas Dronsky (USA)

Heavy Weight - Dir. by Sea-Hoon Jeon (Korea)

### **Nominees for Best Student Film North America**

Marys Choice - Dir. by Cathy Beasley (USA)

The Obsession - Dir. by Nicholas Pendergrass (Canada)

From Me, To You - Dir. by Daniela Norouzian, Cassie Serapion (Canada)

Sentiment - Dir. by Kam Smith (USA)

**Deuce - Dir. by Alejandro Monroy (Mexico)**

### **Nominees for Best Actor**

**Dong-Hoon Lee - Heavy Weight (Korea)**

Bryce Mackie - Lotus (USA)

Michael Lake - Nightcap (Canada)

Tae-kap Moon - Perfect Wall (Korea)

Jamie Horan - While Some Must Sleep (Canada)

### **Nominees for Best Actress**

Azita Torkashvand - Papaya (Iran)

**Lillian Alexander - The Litterbug (USA)**

Alexandra Setala - Circles Under The Sky (Canada)

Erika Dietz - 73 Seconds (Canada)

Shannen McNeice - Parley (UK)

### **Nominees for Best Cast**

The Meaning Of No - Dir. by Reid McGowan, Mik Gojic (Australia)

The Third Date - Dir. by Svilena Georgieva (Bulgaria)

**Clouds - Dir. by Andy Lewis (Canada)**

In Another Life - Dir. by Svitlana Zemliana, J.T. Madicus (Poland)  
The Missing Piece - Dir. by Ramin Forouzandeh (Canada)

### **Nominees for Best Cinematography**

Fernando Castillo - The Litterbug (USA)  
Jeong-hyun An - Perfect Wall (Korea)  
Daniel Everitt-Lock - Clouds (Canada)  
Daga Malinska, Jakub Sztuk, Jakub Zagajewski - In Another Life (Poland)  
Siegfried Pöll - Bully (Austria)

### **Nominees for Best Writer**

Robert M. Snyder - Hellavision (USA)  
Craig Urquhart - Lovely (Canada)  
Stacy Gardner - 73 Seconds (Canada)  
Donna-Lynne Larson - Look in the Window (Canada)  
Adam Michael, Ashley Rae - Please Stop (USA)

### **Nominees for Best Director**

Sally Lomidze - Behind the Pose (USA)  
Ramachandran Arakkal Padmajan - Bubbles (India)  
Adam Milne - The Weight of My Sins (Canada)  
Naomi Wildermuth - Infernalis (USA)  
Nadina Habsjah, Yusgunawan Marto - Loose (Indonesia)

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**20:01-45:00 Minutes**

**Winners in RED, Nominees in BLACK**

### **Nominees for Best Documentary**

Inspired by Brink - Dir. by Ze Helios (Canada)  
Nostradamus on Extreme Weather - Rain and Flood - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (Spain)  
Last of the Nobodies - Dir. by Colter Olmstead (USA)

### **Nominees for Best Drama**

Bumper Hitching - Dir. by George Graziani, Sam Graziani (Canada)  
Sonata in D - Dir. by Craig Urquhart (Canada)  
The Shelf - Dir. by Jessica Gentle, Tyler Matoff (Canada)  
Defenestrated - Dir. by Mr. Bouhaïk (France)  
Stop Time - Dir. by Paul Schwartz (USA)

### **Nominees for Best Mystery/Suspense/Thriller**

Daily Bread - Dir. by Nicolas Stevanovski (Switzerland)

Defenestrated - Dir. by Mr. Bouhaïk (France)

Trial of K - Dir. by Shawn Chung (Korea)

A Vampire's Kiss - Dir. by Mark Francis (USA)

ASTRAM - Chapter 1 - Dir. by Mahamkali Vinay Kumar (India)

### **Nominees for Best Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Supernatural**

Sonata in D - Dir. by Craig Urquhart (Canada)

Trial of K - Dir. by Shawn Chung (Korea)

Leatherback - Dir. by Alan Leonardo (USA)

### **Nominees for Best Actor**

Shiva Preetham Vaddiraju - ASTRAM - Chapter 1 (India)

Jorge Mariscal - January 6 (Mexico)

Guillermo T. Ramos - A Vampire's Kiss (USA)

### **Nominees for Best Actress**

Vanda De Lys - Defenestrated (France)

Adriana Maria Duello - Sonata in D (Canada)

Franziska Von Arb - Daily Bread (Switzerland)

### **Nominees for Best Cast**

Abnormal Fixation - Dir. by John Kenneth Muir (USA)

Going Home - Dir. by Erich Mayerhofer (Canada)

The Shelf - Dir. by Jessica Gentle, Tyler Matoff (Canada)

### **Nominees for Best Cinematography**

Roberto Freeman - House, Light, Invasion! (UK)

Brandon Lopez, Clayton Ryerson, Nick Uzzardo - Last of the Nobodies (USA)

Shawn Chung - Trial of K (Korea)

### **Nominees for Best Writer**

Mahamkali Vinay Kumar - ASTRAM - Chapter 1 (India)

Mark Francis - A Vampire's Kiss (USA)

Nicolas Stevanovski - Daily Bread (Switzerland)

### **Nominees for Best Director**

Daniella Norouzian - The Making of a Maestro (Canada)

Craig Urquhart - Sonata in D (Canada)

Erich Mayerhofer - Going Home (Canada)

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## **45:01-120:00 Minutes**

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

#### **Nominees for Best Documentary Feature Film**

Face To Face: Overcoming Fear With Sharks - Dir. by Florian Launette (France)

The River's Song - Dir. by Pierre Mathiote (France)

The Great One - According to Nostradamus - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (Spain)

#### **Nominees for Best Narrative Feature Film**

Lizzie Lazarus - Dir. by Aviv Rubinstien (USA)

BMW - Dir. by Ponmudi Thirumalaisamy (India)

The Tape Man - Dir. by Nathan Shilaimon (USA)

Welcome to Kittytown - Dir. by Douglas James Luciuk (Canada)

Numbered Lives - Dir. by J G Clarke (Australia)

#### **Nominees for Best Actor**

Jeremy Piven - Numbered Lives (Australia)

Gopal Krishna Deshpande - Green (India)

Victor Baltazar - The Tape Man (USA)

#### **Nominees for Best Actress**

Amariah Dionne - Lawmaker Discord and Dissent (USA)

Lianne O'Shea - Lizzie Lazarus (USA)

Bernadette Mullen - Welcome to Kittytown (Canada)

#### **Nominees for Best Cast**

Ketchup on Waffles - Dir. by John Theissen Jr. (USA)

BMW - Dir. by Ponmudi Thirumalaisamy (India)

Lawmaker Discord and Dissent - Dir. by Von Krome (USA)

#### **Nominees for Best Cinematography**

K. Madhusuohan - Green (India)

Damien Kent - Welcome to Kittytown (Canada)

Tommy Oceanak - Lizzie Lazarus (USA)

#### **Nominees for Best Writer**

John Theissen Jr. - Ketchup on Waffles (USA)

Nathan Shilaimon, Miguel Baltazar - The Tape Man (USA)

Von Krome - Lawmaker Discord and Dissent (USA)

#### **Nominees for Best Director**

Aviv Rubinstien - Lizzie Lazarus (USA)

John Theissen Jr. - Ketchup on Waffles (USA)

J G Clarke - Numbered Lives (Australia)

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## **15-Second Story**

**Winners in RED, Nominees in BLACK**

**Best 15-Second Story: OK - Dir. by Christian Laura (Peru)**

### **Nominees for Best 15-Second Story**

Little Dancing Man - Dir. by Katie Elizabeth Solomon (Canada)

Psycho... with Dark Hair... is Still Psycho - Dir. by David Valverde Martínez (Spain)

Videodrome - Dir. by David Valverde Martínez (Spain)

Memento - Dir. by David Valverde Martínez (Spain)

Blair - Dir. by David Valverde Martínez (Spain)

Invasion of the Body Snatchers - Dir. by David Valverde Martínez (Spain)

What Will Happen Next Winter?- Dir. by David Valverde Martínez (Spain)

An Andalusian Dog - Dir. by David Valverde Martínez (Spain)

End - Dir. by David Valverde Martínez (Spain)

Teen Wolf - Dir. by David Valverde Martínez (Spain)

Nosferatu - Dir. by David Valverde Martínez (Spain)

Fly to the Moon - Dir. by Shayla Dang

Dummy - Dir. by Kevin Lucero Less (USA)

Vortex of the Vampire - Dir. by Michael Dorfman, Maxwell Dorfman, Emmett Dorfman (USA)