

Couch Fall 2021

*Winners in RED, Nominees in BLACK

Best of the Festival

Best Film of the Festival: Balthazar and Madalena - Dir. by Gabriel Colban (Switzerland)

1st Runner Up: MLK Jr. Blvd - Dir. by Kareem McMichael (USA)

2nd Runner Up: My Friends The Plants - Dir. by Christine Celozzi (USA)

3rd Runner Up: Ohnmacht - Dir. by Timon Gabriel Meyer (Switzerland)

Honourable Mentions for Best Film

After All This Time - Dir. by Liam Connaughton (USA)

Royal Beasts - Dir. by Rachele Terrinoni (UK)

Category Semi-Finalists

1:00-5:00 Minutes

Nominees for Best Animation

Eternity Trailer - Dir. by Katie Carlton (USA)

Fireworks - Dir. by Nicolas Leclerc (Canada)

Moments in Paradise - Dir. by bellopropello (Switzerland)

The Gate - Dir. by Kino Jin (USA)

The Vaccine Has a Computer Chip In it - Dir. by John Maslowski (USA)

Oh Crap... - Dir. by Oscar Li (USA)

The Right Wing - Dir. by Donal O'Dea (Ireland)

Guts - Dir. by Byung Gun Park (USA)

Bearly Awake - Dir. by Sydney Geiger (USA)

Downfall - Dir. by Rona Fayad (Lebanon)

Ode to Claire - Dir. by Faith Leone Howe (Canada)

Nominees for Best Comedy

The First Jewish Surfer - Dir. by Brett Maline (USA)

Two Brothers: Talking To A Trump-er - Dir. by Thomas Connelly (USA)

Captivating Love - Dir. by Lotta M.E. Forsberg and Elin Gustafsson (Sweden)

The Degerfors Date - Dir. by Emil T. Jonsson (Sweden)

Anti-Mask Bank Robber - Dir. by Andrew Barr (Canada)

The Zoom Date - Dir. by Helen McKenzie Ross (Australia)

Nominees for Best Dance Film

Garden Party - Dir. by Didier Mulleras (France)
About Jia - Dir. by Haruka Motohashi (USA)
Downfall - Dir. by Rona Fayad (Lebanon)
La Sabina - Dir. by Ana Baer and Rocio Luna (Mexico)

Nominees for Best Documentary

Neurosynergy - Dir. by Oscar Li (USA)
About Jia - Dir. by Haruka Motohashi (USA)
Secret Revealed in Tui Bei 44 - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (Taiwan)
Wind of Sorrow - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (Taiwan)

Nominees for Best Drama

Everyday Magic - Dir. by G Rockk (Sweden)
Willard's Parable - Dir. by Christian Acosta (USA)
Transition -Dir. by Cat Sole (Australia)
Fitting In - Dir. by Sidney Quesnelle (Canada)

Nominees for Best Experimental

Catch Me If You Can 2021- Dir. by JC Jessie (Hong Kong)
A Video That Will Change Your Coffee - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (Taiwan)
Visions - Dir. by Gratian Vitus D'Souza (Canada)
Feim - Dir. by Pablo Pedrera (Spain)

Nominees for Best Music Video

Olorun Maje - Dir. by Ajay Mohamed (Nigeria)
Kinetical & P.tah - Mmmh - Dir. by Kubakub (Austria)
Breathe - Dir. by Christina Estillore (Canada)
12h03 - Dir.by Sacha Vucinic (France)

Nominees for Best Sci-Fi / Fantasy

The Appointment - Dir. by Marlies Dubois (Canada)
Ro-Boob: The Farting Robot Monster (Color Cut) - Dir. by Logan Fry (USA)
It Came From the Sink - Dir. by Ryan McGrady Grace Noble (USA)
They Sense Your Fear - Dir. by Aramis Tatu (USA)

Nominees for Best Thriller

Ego Te Absolvo - Dir. by Telio F. Espinoza (Mexico)
60 Second Horror - Dir. by Skye Bailey (USA)
They Sense Your Fear - Dir. by Aramis Tatu (USA)
Control - Dir. by Leonidas Gioldasis (Australia)

Nominees for Best Student Film

Willard's Parable - Dir. by Christian Acosta (USA)

Reverse - Dir. by Java Eladisoy (Canada)

Egg - Dir. by Chun Hei Chow, Siu Lun Leung and Man Hin Lee (Hong Kong)

Nominees for Best First-Time Filmmaker

Chris Lucas - Chillin' With Merle (USA)

Andrew Barr - Anti-Mask Bank Robber (Canada)

Chun Hei Chow, Siu Lun Leung and Man Hin Lee - Egg (Hong Kong)

Christian Acosta - Willard's Parable (USA)

Nominees for Best Actor

Thomas Connelly - Two Brothers: Talking To A Trump-er (USA)

Tommy Kelly - Everyday Magic (Sweden)

Mattias Königsson - The Degerfors Date (Sweden)

Jamal Yahya - Reverse (Canada)

Nominees for Best Actress

Helen McKenzie Ross - The Zoom Date (Australia)

Kasha Goodenough - Everyday Magic (Sweden)

Ava Senf - Fitting In (Canada)

Grace Noble - It Came From the Sink (USA)

Nominees for Best Cast

The Appointment - Dir. by Marlies Dubois (Canada)

Captivating Love - Dir. by Lotta M.E. Forsberg and Elin Gustafsson (Sweden)

Ego Te Absolvo - Dir. by Telio F. Espinoza (Mexico)

The First Jewish Surfer - Dir. by Brett Maline (USA)

Nominees for Best Cinematography

Justin Knodel - Olorun Maje (Nigeria)

Rasmus Callmer - Transition (Australia)

Telio F. Espinoza - Ego Te Absolvo (Mexico)

Ana Baer - La Sabina (Mexico)

Nominees for Best Writer

Helen McKenzie Ross - Sliced Off (Australia)

JC Jessie - Catch Me If You Can 2021(Hong Kong)

Byung Gun Park - Guts (USA)

John Maslowski - The Vaccine Has a Computer Chip In it (USA)

Nominees for Best Director

Nolan Schmidt - Smushed, Soggy Sandwiches (USA)

Didier Mulleras - Garden Party (France)

Aramis Tatu - They Sense Your Fear (USA)

Sacha Vucinic - 12h03 (France)

5:01-20:00 Minutes

Nominees for Best Animation

Ruth & Nick: A Confectionery Tale - Dir. by Carter Rostron (USA)

Rabbit And Bear - Dir. by Zhaocongbo (China)

How Are You? Dir. by Chia Ling Chiang (Taiwan)

iWish - Dir. by Taliaferro Alexander (USA)

Nominees for Best Comedy

It's Desmond (Your Misguided Tour Guide) - Dir. by Daniela Di Salvo (Canada)

Good Morning, Good Afternoon, Good Evening, - Dir. by Andrew Bramble (Korea)

The Starter - Dir. by Victoria Pilot and Cameron McLean (Canada)

Demon Bitch - Dir. by Ryan Mannix (Australia)

The Pastor's Son - Dir. by Liam Connaughton (USA)

Giraffe - Dir. by Dan Nicholls (Canada)

Nominees for Best Documentary

White Privilege - Dir. by Finley Greer Partin, Cynthia Irene Macias and Xelena Rene Salazar (USA)

Madeline: Take 2 - Dir. by Howard Forman (Canada)

A Man And His Murals - Dir. by Adam Bowman (Canada)

Poems by Emperor Lee, Jin - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (Taiwan)

Alone Beneath the Northern Lights - Dir. by Valentin Boitel-Denyset (France)

15 - I. M. FANEROMENIS - Dir. by Aris Katsigiannis (Greece)

Nominees for Best Drama North America

Becoming You - Dir. by Daniel Sadler and Erica Rowe (USA)

Civil Lies - Dir. by Ryan Taylor (Canada)

Butterfly - Dir. by Arta Kallaba and Jessika Quintana (USA)

Heartache - Dir. by Kris Langford (Canada)

The Last Will and Testament of Jonathan Parker - Dir. by Kyle Carrie-Mattimoe (Canada)

Damage and Shame - Dir. by William Stancik (USA)

Nominees for Best Drama International

Rien que ça - Dir. by Léo Colomina (France)

The Motor Kings - Dir. by Denis Pavlov (Australia)

Take a Step - Dir. by Ben Corlett (Australia)

Hit List // The Love Project - Dir. by Jamie Kassler (Japan)

Tsurezure Kankan - Dir. by Yuki Kedoin and Takashi Okado (Japan)

Nominees for Best Experimental

(memes) - Dir. by Adrian Paul Beqiri (USA)

So, Where's the Sun's Home? - Dir. by Parisa Zandbaf (Iran)

How Are You? Dir. by Chia Ling Chiang (Taiwan)

Not Of This World - Dir. by Michael Sanders (Canada)

Moorugy - Dir. by Sung Min Park (Korea)

Nominees for Best Horror

Blunda - Dir. by Fredrik Hellqvist (Sweden)

Athame - Dir. by Dimitrios Karas (Greece)

Demon Bitch - Dir. by Ryan Mannix (Australia)

The Last Will and Testament of Jonathan Parker - Dir. by Kyle Carrie-Mattimoe (Canada)

Nominees for Best Sci-Fi/Fantasy

Trucked - Dir. by Philip Snyder and Robert M. Snyder (USA)

Identity - Dir. by Devin Collins (USA)

Breathe - Dir. by Jacqueline M. Druga (USA)

Make No Sound - Dir. by Chris Miller (USA)

Nominees for Best Thriller

Make No Sound - Dir. by Chris Miller (USA)

Mikey "Can Fight" Jackson - Dir. by Jaspaul Seehra (Canada)

Damn - Dir. by Jorge Antares (Puerto Rico)

Nominees for Best Student Film

Restless - Dir. by Ian Stephenson (USA)

The Motor Kings - Dir. by Denis Pavlov (Australia)

Me Vale! - Dir. by Christian Acosta (USA)

Nominees for Best Actor

Alan Dalziel - Take a Step (Australia)

Peter Hawping Hsui - The End of the Road (Taiwan)

Corey Schmitt - Giraffe (Canada)

Pete Smith - Good Morning, Good Afternoon, Good Evening, (Korea)

Nominees for Best Actress

Alanis Rose - Damn (Puerto Rico)

Ceia Zhou - The Dream Lovers (Taiwan)

Claire Coyle - Becoming You (USA)

Victoria Pilot - The Starter (Canada)

Nominees for Best Cast

The Youth of Nature - Dir. by Cameron Moon (UK)

DID/didn't - Dir. by Nicholas Bromund (USA)

Where is My Sister - Dir. by Tom Young (Australia)

Demon Bitch - Dir. by Ryan Mannix (Australia)

Nominees for Best Cinematography

Daniela Di Salvo - It's Desmond (Your Misguided Tour Guide) (Canada)

Javier Flores - Damn (Puerto Rico)

Gary Antony Rogers - The Youth of Nature (UK)

Rylan James Gladson - Giraffe (Canada)

Nominees for Best Writer

Fena LeChuck and Taliaferro Alexander - iWish (USA)

Shihyun Wang - The Coming Missile Crisis in Chinese prophecy Tui Bei Tu (Taiwan)

Shihyun Wang - The Legendary Comet in Prophecies (USA)

Sung Min Park - Moorugy (Korea)

Nominees for Best Director

Nicholas Bromund - DID/didn't (USA)

Shihyun Wang - Messages from Another Time (USA)

James Fink-Jensen - Influencer (New Zealand)

Jaspaul Seehra - Mikey "Can Fight" Jackson (Canada)

20:01 to 45:00 Minutes

Nominees for Best Documentary

The Romans - Dir. by Maurice Micallef (Malta)

The Next Antichrist According to Nostradamus - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (USA)

The Comet in Doomsday Prophecy - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (USA)

Nominees for Best Drama

In the Spiral of a Vice - Dir. by Skyler Thomas (USA)

Cupid - Dir. by Francesco De Francesco and Rob Iannitti (Canada)

Stray Identity - Dir. by Daniel Youssefi, Michael Kim (Canada)

Nominees for Best Sci-Fi/Fantasy

Warp Trio's Pandemic Disco Fantasy - Dir. by Josh William Henderson and Andrew Wells-Ryder (USA)

Dystopia - Dir. by Marco Bolognesi (Italy)

Senshin - Dir. by Robert Woodman (Spain)

Nominees for Best Thriller

Sorry, Wrong Text - Dir. by Tonya Cannon (USA)

Cupid - Dir. by Francesco De Francesco and Rob Iannitti (Canada)

Senshin - Dir. by Robert Woodman (Spain)

Nominees for Best Actor

James Kim - Stray Identity (Canada)
Rob Iannitti - Cupid (Canada)
Jake Blakeman - In the Spiral of a Vice (USA)

Nominees for Best Actress

Karrie Kwong - Cupid (Canada)
Samantha Potrykus - In the Spiral of a Vice (USA)
Tonya Cannon - Sorry, Wrong Text (USA)

Nominees for Best Cast

Senshin - Dir. by Robert Woodman (Spain)
Stray Identity - Dir. by Daniel Youssefi, Michael Kim (Canada)
The Romans - Dir. by Maurice Micallef (Malta)

Nominees for Best Cinematography

Robert López - Senshin (Spain)
Daniel Youssefi - Stray Identity (Canada)
The Romans - Dir. by Maurice Micallef (Malta)

Nominees for Best Writer

Daniel Youssefi and Michael Kim - Stray Identity (Canada)
Shihyun Wang - The Comet in Doomsday Prophecy (USA)
Francesco De Francesco and Rob Iannitti - Cupid (Canada)

Nominees for Best Director

Maurice Micallef - The Romans (Malta)
Francesco De Francesco and Rob Iannitti - Cupid (Canada)
Tonya Cannon - Sorry, Wrong Text (USA)

45:01 to 120:00 Minutes

Nominees for Best Feature Film

Until We Live Again - Dir. by Mathias Falcone (UK)
Four Motherless Children - Dir. by Ralph Isenberg and Joe De La Fuente (USA)
Exchange Eternal - Dir. by Paint VK (USA)
Before Breaker Wakes - Dir. by Charles Stanley (USA)
The Place We're Going - Dir. by Shamus Hays (USA)

Nominees for Best Actor

JT Underwood - The Place We're Going (USA)
Ron Cazolari - Before Breaker Wakes (USA)
Ivan Michel - Exchange Eternal (USA)

Nominees for Best Actress

Sarah Michelle - The Place We're Going (USA)
Cassandra Enzler - Before Breaker Wakes (USA)
Allison Offend - Before Breaker Wakes (USA)

Nominees for Best Cast

The Place We're Going - Dir. by Shamus Hays (USA)
Until We Live Again - Dir. by Mathias Falcone (UK)
Four Motherless Children - Dir. by Ralph Isenberg and Joe De La Fuente (USA)

Nominees for Best Cinematography

Anthony J. Marotta - The Place We're Going (USA)
Ernesto Gonzalez, Jr. - Four Motherless Children (USA)
Randy Traxler - Before Breaker Wakes (USA)

Nominees for Best Writer

Paint VK and Patrick Riley - Exchange Eternal (USA)
Ralph Isenberg and Joe De La Fuente - Four Motherless Children (USA)
Matt Jenkins - Before Breaker Wakes (USA)

Nominees for Best Director

Mathias Falcone - Until We Live Again (UK)
Ralph Isenberg and Joe De La Fuente - Four Motherless Children (USA)
Shamus Hays - The Place We're Going (USA)

Quarantine Category ***(Nominees for Best Quarantine Film)***

BEST QUARANTINE FILM: **The Portrait - Dir. by Rodrigo Venegas and Vicente Venegas (Chile)**
1st RUNNER UP: **Abducted - Dir. by Vincent Augusto (USA)**
2nd RUNNER UP: **A Conversation with E - Dir. by Esabella Strickland, Taylor Mitchell and Skylar A (Canada)**
3rd RUNNER UP: **Eraser // The Love Project - Dir. by Jamie Kassler (Japan)**

Life After Living - Dir. by Jackson Alexander Tyndall (Canada)
Sharnam - Dir. by Vineet Khanna (India)
Steve's Extraordinary Cure - Dir. by Logan Fry (USA)
La Bruja De Los Colores Infinitos - Dir. by Assur Avendaño (Mexico)
ZombiTlan! - Dir. by Assur Avendaño (Mexico)
Intrusion - Dir. by Nicholas Carrodo (USA)
Last Man (A Pandemic Tale) - Dir. by Ian Johnston (Canada)

Robosh!t - Dir. by Ben Wells and Itay Zurek (Israel)
Paranoia - Dir. by Avia Makovsky (Israel)
Embryo - Dir. by Noah Logan (USA)
Inside - Dir. by Alok Narekkattuvalappil Revi (Canada)
Autopsy : Project S.A.M. - Dir. by Caitlin Benton (Canada)
Georgina - Dir. by Carolina Batista (Brazil)
No Such Thing - Dir. by Shaylyn Gibson (UK)
Limb - Dir. by Pavel Matveev (Russia)
Within Me - Dir. by VViktoria Lewandowska (UK)
Plu-ral - Dir. by Kevin Lucero Less (USA)
Skin of Your Teeth - Dir. by Yiwen Shen Covacevich (USA)
Her Own End - Dir. by Dani Ben Halevi (Canada)
A Good Girl's Guide - Dir. Madison Dilts, Alexia Mychal Ross (USA)
The Joggers - Dir. by Angel Garmont (Mexico)
"Twenty-Twenty" Ruckzuck Music Video - Dir. by Nick Kelly and Faith Kelly (USA)
Spyware - Dir. by Blesson Thomas (India)
Promised Land - Dir. by Rafał Baszczyński (Poland)
Who Has Stolen My Heart? - Dir. by Stephany Calderón (Peru)