

## Couch Film Festival Winter 2021 Edition

### BEST of the FESTIVAL

**BEST FILM of the FESTIVAL:** Remnants - Dir. by Kevin Khachan (Australia)  
**1ST RUNNER UP for BEST FILM:** Apple Tree - Dir. by Olya Azhnakina (Russia)  
**2ND RUNNER UP for BEST FILM:** Dajla: Cinema and Oblivion - Dir. by Arturo Dueñas (Spain)  
**3RD RUNNER UP for BEST FILM:** Rudolfo - Dir. by Christian Koopman (Netherlands)  
**HONOURABLE MENTION for BEST FILM:** A Peek Inside the Christchurch Internet Troll Agency - Dir. by Lucinda Jones and Genevieve Kent (New Zealand)

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### CATEGORY SEMI-FINALISTS

#### 1:00 to 5:00 Minutes

##### Nominees for Best Animation North America

Yee-Caw (I Wanna Be A Cowboy) - Dir. by Hannah Jackson (USA)  
Grumpy Shark - Dir. by John Maslowski (USA)  
Between a Rock and a Hard Place - Dir. by Jaime Bird (USA)  
The Awakening - Dir. by C Diamant (USA)  
Enter The Dragon, the Animated Short - Dir. by Eugene Yuxuan Wong (USA)  
Ping - Dir. by Sam Minner (USA)  
The Lonely Ghost - Dir. by Jude Duarte (USA)  
**Once There Was a Girl - Dir. by Deb Ethier (Canada)**

##### Nominees for Best Animation International

Closet - Dir. by Claire Walka (Germany)  
**Unstitching - Dir. by Claudia Jane Leonard (Australia)**  
Kui Tume (What Darkness) - Dir. by Kalli Paakspuu (Estonia)

##### Nominees for Best Comedy

It's Over - Dir. by Charlie Andelman (USA)  
**Can You Check In The Back? - Dir. by Gee Stewart (Canada)**  
Mud Turners - Dir. by Alex McPake (UK)  
Full Bloom - Dir. by Raquel Graston (Canada)

##### Nominees for Best Dance Film

The Unblemished One - Dir. by Anjana Ghonasgi (India)  
And Still We Rise - Dir. by Kate Martelle (USA)  
**INVaaDERS - Dir. by Didier Mulleras (France)**

The Musical Magician - Dir. by Jeremy Todd Shinder (USA)

### **Nominees for Best Documentary**

Feel Remote Energy by Looking at this Video - Dir. by Zen Won (Taiwan)

Wu Lord Prophecy in One Minute - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (Taiwan)

Tui Bei Tu in One Minute - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (Taiwan)

**Hidden Poem Prophecy in One Minute - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (Taiwan)**

Plum Prophecy in One Minute - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (Taiwan)

Omicron According to Nostradamus - Trailer - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (USA)

### **Nominees for Best Experimental North America**

Circles - Dir. by James Paul (Canada)

Test Kitchen - Pandemic Dance No. 5 - Dir. by Richard Daniels (USA)

**Anxiety Dream - Dir. by Michael Dennis McGeehan (USA)**

Space Force - Dir. by Johnny Hoffa (USA)

### **Nominees for Best Experimental International**

Closet - Dir. by Claire Walka (Germany)

blackanimal69 - Dir. by Armin Čulić (Slovenia)

No Smoking Please - Dir. by Shailesh Bhimrao Dupare and Mangesh Bhimrao Dupare (India)

Ignorance - Dir. by Maren Nordtorp Larsen (Norway)

**Infinituum\_national - Dir. by Alfonso Otero (Mexico)**

Skier + FPV Drone + 360° GoPro = EPICNESS - Dir. by Moritz Krause (Germany)

### **Nominees for Best Music Video**

Elvis & the Monsters - Dir. by Davis Banta (USA)

Circles - Dir. by James Paul (Canada)

**Keep Life Sweet - Dir. by Elena M. (USA)**

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

Kaatralai - Dir. by Vignesh JK (India)

Yesterday - Dir. by Poramet Ariyakusonsuthi (Thailand)

**Flip Flop Killer - Dir. by Hiromu Yamawaki (Canada)**

The Musical Magician - Dir. by Jeremy Todd Shinder (USA)

### **Nominees for Best Actor**

Adam Muxlow - Flip Flop Killer (Canada)

Donovan Andrew Santiago - Randalf vs Big Nasty (USA)

**Daya S. - Kaatralai (India)**

Jon Piperatto - Infinituum\_national (Mexico)

### **Nominees for Best Actress**

Catarina Sousa - A Social(Media)Construct (USA)

Amy Coutts - Lasagna (Australia)

Shaylynn MacMaster - Can You Check In The Back? (Canada)  
Anna Nugent - Full Bloom (Canada)

### **Nominees for Best Cast**

Each Had Their Roll - Dir. by Brett Russell (USA)  
It's Over - Dir. by Charlie Andelman (USA)  
Superman - Dir. by Jiaqi Xia (China)  
Noel - Dir. by Robert Rabanal Ramírez (Spain)

### **Nominees for Best Cinematography**

Ruoyu Zhang - It's Over (USA)  
Alex McPake - Mud Turners (UK)  
Sachin Sonawane - No Smoking Please (India)  
Raquel Graston - Full Bloom (Canada)

### **Nominees for Best Writer**

Chris Lodge - A Walk in the Park (Ireland)  
Brett Russell - Each Had Their Roll (USA)  
Donovan Andrew Santiago - Randalf vs Big Nasty (USA)  
Robert Rabanal Ramírez - Noel (Spain)  
Shihyun Wang - Gin Lin Tower Poem in One Minute (Taiwan)

### **Nominees for Best Director**

Jiaqi Xia - Superman (China)  
Christopher Cox - Sweet Dreams (USA)  
Chris Lodge - A Walk in the Park (Ireland)  
Shihyun Wang - Prophecy Bu Shu Monk in One Minute (Taiwan)  
Shihyun Wang - Biscuit Tale Prophecy in One Minute (Taiwan)

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

### **Nominees for Best Animation**

Manga Girls - Dir. by Yuki Kedoin and Takashi Okado (Japan)  
Unnecessary Things - Dir. by Dmytro Lisenbart (Ukraine)  
Marky: Life Be Buggin - Dir. by Ricky Clover (USA)

### **Nominees for Best Comedy**

Resting Bike Face - Dir. by Oliver Lessard (Canada)  
Better Luck Next Time - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (USA)  
Whip Lord - Dir. by David Kepner (USA)

**The Sugar Cougars Present: Welcome to the Pussy Palace** - Dir. by Karissa Strain and Kat Strain (Canada)

RaRa My Lifestyle - Dir. by Matt Snell (Canada)

Stuck Inside - Dir. by JP Morselli (Italy)

### **Nominees for Best Documentary**

**My Hollywood** - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (USA)

Justin's One Year With His Taxidermy Leg: Recovery Story - Dir. by Joe Smith (Canada)

10 Chinese Prophecy Songs in English - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (Taiwan)

**Win(d) Over Cancer** - Dir. by Andrew Jowett (USA)

What Should We Do? - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (USA)

Overweight - Dir. by Alan J. Chriest (USA)

### **Nominees for Best Drama**

The Subject's Attribute - Dir. by Emile Garçon (France)

**Beautiful Violence** - Dir. by Joey Medina (USA)

The Frontiers Are My Prison - Dir. by Eli Ricanati (USA)

Friends - A Covid19 Journal - Dir. by Adrian Popa (USA)

The Last 8 Minutes of Her Life - Dir. by Adam Parliman (USA)

Delivery Failed - Dir. by Montgomery Sutton (USA)

Desperado - Beauty and Beast - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (USA)

### **Nominees for Best Experimental**

The Overwhelmed - Dir. by Zach Diotte (Australia)

The Vibes - Dir. by Mark Tyler Rénfro (India)

**A Grimmsfield Carol** - Dir. by Simon C. Hussey (Canada)

### **Nominees for Best Horror**

The Sack Man - Dir. by Antoine M. Dillard (USA)

End of Shift - Dir. by Telio F. Espinoza (Mexico)

**From Where It Came** - Dir. by David Nguyen (Canada)

The Boxing - Dir. by Daniel Sadler (USA)

The Shack-An Atmos-Fearic Thriller-New Grade - Dir. by Dark Hoffman (USA)

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

Finding Yourself - Dir. by Tom Bedford (UK)

A Movie with Subtitles - Dir. by Ömer Faruk Aykut (Turkey)

The Star Spangled Spaceman - Dir. by Andrew Ramlet (USA)

**The Dreams We Are** - Dir. by Julius Kett (Germany)

The Boxing - Dir. by Daniel Sadler (USA)

The Station Caretaker - Dir. by Vladislav Emelin (Russia)

Existence - Dir. by James Boutcher (Canada)

**Stargazer** - Dir. by Anjishnu Noor Purnota (UK)

### **Nominees for Best Thriller**

**The One You Want - Dir. by Bryan T. Bostic (USA)**  
All That You Loved - Dir. by Lucio Vasquez (USA)  
The Roomie - Dir. by Mauro A. Diaz and Jesus M. Rouco (USA)  
Du Productions: The Emotion - Dir. by Devin Derek Saddler (USA)  
Existence - Dir. by James Boutcher (Canada)  
**Love at Last Sight - Dir. by Velton Lishke (UK)**  
Crumble Part 1 - Dir. by Jasmine Deanne Andrews (USA)

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

Mirror Me - Dir. by Ben Frondorf (USA)  
Mort and Mary's Mortuary - Dir. by Chris Crandall and Sam McKenney (USA)  
The Hunt for Craggy Maw - Dir. by Jacob Saenger (USA)  
I Want To Be Your Friend - Dir. by Eric Corrado Genier (Canada)  
**Goor - Dir. by Tamar Schwarz (Israel)**  
Stargazer - Dir. by Anjishnu Noor Purnota (UK)  
Two Beers - Dir. by Zach Robinson (USA)

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

Harry Oram - Black Ice (New Zealand)  
**Gemma Massot - Good Grief (USA)**  
Raphael Stompe - The Summoning (Austria)  
Josh Aubin - Charade (Canada)  
Ömer Faruk Aykut - A Movie with Subtitles (Turkey)

### **Nominees for Best Actor**

Mervin Stokes - The Beetle Survey (Isle of Man)  
Jerry Depree - Better Luck Next Time (USA)  
Doug Grant - Love at Last Sight (UK)  
Lior Naaman - Goor (Israel)  
**Justin Mane - The Shack - An Atmos-Fearic Thriller (USA)**

### **Nominees for Best Actress**

**Madalena Brancatella - Terminal (Canada)**  
Corinne Laurance - Fading Star (Taiwan)  
Christina Goodwin - Message From Unknown (USA)  
Jade Walsh - Love at Last Sight (UK)  
Anna Storm - Desperado - Beauty and Beast (USA)

### **Nominees for Best Cast**

Three Lost Causes - Dir. by Reza Tavakoli (Sweden)  
IRL - Dir. by Pamela Jikiemi (UK)  
Follow the Crow - Dir. by Arta Kallaba and Jessika Quintana (USA)  
The Shave - Dir. by Hanna Khoury (Canada)

Cookies n Screams - Dir. by Carlos J. Benitez (USA)

Two Beers - Dir. by Zach Robinson (USA)

### **Nominees for Best Cinematography**

Joshua Blewitt - Love at Last Sight (UK)

Itamar Meyer - Goor (Israel)

Kyle Morgan - The Shack - An Atmos-Fearic Thriller (USA)

Andrey Popov - The Station Caretaker (Russia)

Liam Black - The Overwhelmed (Australia)

### **Nominees for Best Writer**

Ariela Rozentul - Follow the Crow (USA)

Gemma Massot - Good Grief (USA)

Simon C. Hussey - A Grimmsfield Carol (Canada)

Devin Saddler - The Emotion (USA)

Monica Furman and Rachel Schmeling - Delivery Failed (USA)

### **Nominees for Best Director**

Andrew Jowett - Win(d) Over Cancer (USA)

Daniel Sadler - The Boxing (USA)

Andrew Ramlet - The Star Spangled Spaceman (USA)

David Nguyen - From Where It Came (Canada)

David Kepner - Whip Lord (USA)

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## **20:01 to 45:00 Minutes**

### **Nominees for Best Documentary**

Omicron According to Nostradamus - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (USA)

Learning The Covid Way - Dir. by Liliane Chretien and Dave Mende (Canada)

Independent Filmmaking - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (USA)

Team Pierre - Dir. by Pete Koff (USA)

Childfree - Dir. by Sara Bahramjahan (Iran)

### **Nominees for Best Drama**

A Full Buck Moon - Dir. by Susan Howe (Cayman Islands)

Spy - Dir. by Natalie Spence (Australia)

15 Roses - Dir. by Joe Schufreider (USA)

Dawn After You - Dir. by Terry Misseraoui (France)

Il Malego - Dir. by Valerio Vena (Italy)

### **Nominees for Best Thriller**

Godforsaken - Dir. by Olga Makarova and Eva Gir (Russia)

Death Doesn't Love You - Dir. by Fábio Brandão (Brazil)

Ryn - Dir. by Jacob Matthew Baldy (USA)

My Friend Wally - Dir. by Ian Rayburn (Canada)

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

Ian Rayburn - My Friend Wally (Canada)

Mike Provenzano - 15 Roses (USA)

Théo Pano - Dawn After You (France)

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

Giovanna Muricy - Death Doesn't Love You (Brazil)

Laura Charpentier - Dawn After You (France)

Cailey Merulla - Ryn (USA)

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

Evening Into Night - Dir. by A.J. Ogilvie (USA)

Ryn - Dir. by Jacob Matthew Baldy (USA)

Wild Within - Dir. by Victor Tapia (USA)

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

Victor Tapia - Wild Within (USA)

Marie Cheignon - Dawn After You (France)

Jacob A. Hauser - Evening Into Night (USA)

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

A.J. Ogilvie - Evening Into Night (USA)

Brian Rock - 15 Roses (USA)

Fábio Brandão - Death Doesn't Love You (Brazil)

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

Shihyun Wang - Ernest (USA)

Ian Rayburn - My Friend Wally (Canada)

Joe Schufreider - 15 Roses (USA)

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### **45:01 to 120 Minutes**

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

Vengeance Served Cold - Dir. by Shaan Davis (USA)

Displaced - Dir. by Victor van Aswegen (South Africa)

What's in a Name - Dir. by Jon Tracy (USA)

Search Operation: The New Town Survivor - Dir. by Mingu Kang (Korea)  
The Restless Soul - Dir. by Shihyun Wang (Taiwan)  
Expected Unexpected - Dir. by Sisi Theo (Canada)  
Third Act - Dir. by Doug Montoya and Phillip G. (USA)  
A Domestic Incident - John Lawson and Jamie Lawson (USA)

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

**Basil Hoffmann - Third Act (USA)**  
James Chen - The Restless Soul (Taiwan)  
Joel Theo - Expected Unexpected (Canada)

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

Jodi Lynn Thomas - Third Act (USA)  
**Ceia Zhou - The Restless Soul (Taiwan)**  
Heysun Lee - Search Operation: The New Town Survivor (Korea)

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

Vengeance Served Cold - Dir. by Shaan Davis (USA)  
Third Act - Dir. by Doug Montoya and Phillip G. (USA)  
**A Domestic Incident - John Lawson and Jamie Lawson (USA)**

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

Victor van Aswegen - Displaced (South Africa)  
Sebastian Vallin - What's in a Name (USA)  
**Chun Ho Park - Search Operation: The New Town Survivor (Korea)**

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

John Lawson and Jamie Lawson - A Domestic Incident (USA)  
**Sisi Theo - Expected Unexpected (Canada)**  
Doug Montoya - Third Act (USA)

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

Victor van Aswegen - Displaced (South Africa)  
Doug Montoya and Phillip G. - Third Act (USA)  
**Shaan Davis - Vengeance Served Cold (USA)**

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### **Quarantine Category**

**Best Quarantine Film:** **Sector 9S, The Director's Cut - Dir. by Timo Hensen (Netherlands)**  
**1st Runner Up:** **Slanted Gutter - Dir. by John Kokkinias (Australia)**



**2nd Runner Up: Convictions - Dir. by Matthew Gaines (Canada)**

**3rd Runner Up: Crossover - Dir. by Sam Boe Nielsen (Australia)**

201 Days - Dir. by Anne Zinn-Justin (France)

Dissimulate - Dir. by Bryan Hughes (USA)

Black Collar - Dir. by Gwenyth Rogers (Canada)

Notice Me - Dir. by Yesi Rodriguez (USA)

Aror - Dir. by Nishanth V (India)

ParaGenex Season 2 Episode 1 Evening Before The Terror - Dir. by Da'Rell Miller and Christian Griffith (USA)

A Man Without Future - Dir. by Fatih Yürür (Turkey)

Fantasmagoria - Dir. by Byron Rink (Italy)

Forgotten - Dir. by Brad James (UK)

The Big Choice - Dir. by Kiersten Houser (USA)

Intruder - Dir. by Conner James Nikides (Canada)

2006 - Dir. by Brittany Samson (USA)

A Dialogue with Pandora - Dir. by Paul Greene (Canada)

Desaparecido (Missing) - Dir. by Jorge Esteban Pardo (Panama)

The Drum - Dir. by Nikita Tkachev (Russia)

I AM THE ONE : Episode I - Dir. by JD May (USA)

Claret - Dir. by Orlando Luis Catoggio (Australia)

Distance - Dir. by Richard Schertzer (USA)