USA Film Festival
International Short Film Competition
Winning Films 1979 – Present

Note: Due to space considerations, typically only the Director’s names are represented with the films.
Note: Approximately 80 Finalist films are designated each year by the Jury; We regret that space does not allow us to list them all.
Additional awards and films recognized.

2018
The Peculiar Abilities of Mr. Mahler, Paul Philipp
Negative Space, Max Porter & Ru Kuwahata
Breaking the Cycle, Josephine Jackson & Vincent Augusto
Gray Umbrella, Mohammad Poustindoust
It’s Just a Gun, Brian Robau
Bodies of Water, David Lykes Keenan
Guan Xi, Dora Wu
The Driver is Red, Randall Christopher
The Modern Lives, Bill Plympton
Performance Award - Michael Laskin in A Real Adventure, Josh Zuckerman
Cinematography Award - Wasteland, Jakub Michnikowski
Honorable Mention Narrative - Counterfeit Kunkoo, Reema Sengupta
Honorable Mention Narrative - Mrs McCutcheon, John Sheedy
Honorable Mention Narrative - Hope Dies Last, Ben Price
Honorable Mention Narrative - Passion Gap, Matt Portman & Jason Donald
Honorable Mention Narrative - Seven, James Morgan
Honorable Mention Student Film - The Chocolate Soldier, Jackson Smith
Honorable Mention Experimental - Strangers, Eve Duhamel
Honorable Mention Nonfiction - Hunger for Truth: The Rhea Clyman Story, Andrew Tkach
Honorable Mention Nonfiction - Uncle Jessie White - Portrait of a Delta Blues Man in Detroit, Stashu Kybartas
Honorable Mention Texas - Aberration, Andy Pollock
Honorable Mention Texas - Underneath, Christopher Grissom

2017
Minh Tám, Vincent Maury
The History of Magic: Ensueno, Jose Luis Gonzalez & Dano Johnson
Little Potato, Wes Hurley & Nathan M. Miller
Gibberish, Nathalie Bioncheri
Promise, Tian Xie
Owen, Kelly Pike
Minor Turbulence, Jared Houseman
Performance Award - Sharon Lawrence in Home, Russell Simpson
Newcomer Award - Jackson Smith in A Tree. A Rock. A Cloud, Karen Allen
Honorable Mention Student Film - Ambience, Ji Hyun Kim
Honorable Mention Narrative - The Whole World, Julian Quintanilla
Honorable Mention Narrative - The Language of Ball, Ramon Rodriguez
Honorable Mention Narrative - Zaar, Ibrahim Nada

2016
Birthday, Chris King
A Passion of Gold and Fire, Sebastien Pins
Borrowed Time, Lou Hamou-Uhad & Andrew Coats
How You Look At It, Wendy Seyb
The Schoolboy, Paloma Lommel
Patrolling Sandy Hook, Caroline Clark & Kelly Quinn Moom, Daiiske Tustumi & Robert Kondo
Madame Psychosis Holds a Seance, Rosson Crow
A Mighty Nice Man, Joanthan Dee
Fish Eye, Tong Zhou
The Bus Stop, Justin Malone
Alzheimers: A Love Story, Monica Petruzzelli & Gabe Schimmel
Squeeze, Jamie Kirkpatrick
Where We Begin, Mitsuyo Miyazaki
The Name You Carry, Herve Demers
Performance Award - Linda Gray in Wall’s Will, Matteo Mostert
Performance Award - Peter Scolari in How You Look At It, Wendy Seyb
Honorable Mention Student Film - Breathe, Paul Kowalski
Honorable Mention Student Film - Knob, Hans Tsai

2015
The Way of Tea (Les fremissements du thé), Marc Fouchard
Boxeadora, Meg Smaker
Soar, Alyce Tzue
Migration, fluorescente Hill
Nabilah, Paul Meschuh
Master Hoo’s Requiem, Scott Edwards
Speed Dating, Meghann Artes
War Within the Walls, Courtney Marsh
The Answers, Michael Goode
Against Night, Stefan Kubicki
Through the Breaking Glass (A través del espejo), Ivan Mena Tinoco
In the Clouds (En las nubes), Marcelo Mitnik
Election Night, Tessa Blake
The Emissary, Rudy Dobrev
Caring for the Recently Deceased, Henry Davies
The Other Side, Scott Brown
Sophie, Alex Lombard
Run Fast, Anna Musso
Scrabble, Cristian Sulzer
Deep Dance, Marco Erbrich
The Looking Planet, Eric Anderson
Day One, Henry Hughes
Mara, Yi Zhong
Between Times, Ru Kuwahata & Max Porter

2014
One Armed Man, Tim Guinee
Confusion Through Sand, Danny Madden
Not Anymore: A Story of Revolution, Matthew Van Dyke
Sammang, Asaph Polosky
Scm, Jordan Schiele
Children of the Peacock, Travis Andrade
For the Birds, Tara Atashgah
A Quiet Strength, Bobbé Baird, Hannah Caggiano
A Long Wall, Chionyce Chukwu
Deborah Hammond, Tommaso Spinelli
Across Grace Alley, Ralph Macchio
The Bakerman and the Bunny,men, Scout Raskin
Dress, Henry Ius Cucis
Looms, The Funk Brothers
Ni-Ni, Melissa Hickey
Thursday, Milcho Manchevski
Tobacco Burn, Justin Liberman

2013
Native Boy, Henry Roosevelt
Nine to Ninety, Alicia Dwyer
Strange Fruit, Neal Sapota
Josephine and the Roach, Jonathan Langaker
Ice, Anthony Taritaro
Ojala, Ryan Velasquez
Cicada Princess, Mauricio Baina
Southmost U.S.A., Trish Dalton

Best if Used By, Aemilia Scott
Old Man, Leah Shore
Silk, Catherine Dent
The Captain, Nas Edgerton and Spencer Susser
The Procession, Robert Festinger
Do Not Duplicate, Jonathan Mann and Sean McGing
A Little Something on the Side, Stephen Tobolowsky

2012
Child of the Desert, Iliana Sosa
Grounded, Kevin Margo and Barrett Meeker
Wiggle Room, Joe Schenkenberg
Pot Country, Kate McLean and Mario Furloni
Nani, Justin Tipping
Spoiled Child, Christopher Jarvis
Lucky Ducks, Richard Miron
Antifaz, Pedro Bermudez

2011
The Interview, Michelle Steffes
Eyeliner, Joanna Priestley
Enrique Wrecks The World, David Chai
The A Word, Lindsey Ellis
Cross Your Heart, Michael Wood
Hello Caller, Andrew Putschoei
How It Ended, Gabriel Nussbaum
Save The Farm, Michael Kuehner
Time And Love, Bo Price

2010
Ana’s Playground, Eric Howell
The Darkness of Day, Jay Rosenblatt
The Mouse That Soared, Kyle Bell
Point of Entry, Zeuis Quijano, Jr.
Jeff Bednarz
A Son’s War, Steve Edell
Diplomacy, Jon Goldman
Patrol, John Ford
Saiba from Bhopal, Max Carlson

2009
Kavi, Greg Helvey
Sebastian’s Voodoo, Joaquín Baldwin
Abuelo, Mary Ann Kellogg
In the Dark, Alex Fazel
Doppelganger, Katherine O’Brien
The Incident at Tower 37, Chris Perry
Warrior Queen, Heziah Lewis
Our Neck of the Woods, Rob Connolly
Welgunzer, Bradford Schmidt

2008
Mr. Novocaine, Peter Rhoads
In the Name of the Son, Harun Mehmedinovic
Volcanic Spirit, Steve Dorst
The Cave: An adaptation of Plato’s Allegory in Clay, Michael Ramsey
Paprolxexia, Joaquin Baldwin
Bloom, Lance Larson
Song of David, Oded Turgeman
Hope Springs Eternal, Ron Noble
Stars, Jason Lewis