

13TH ANNUAL CHELSEA FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES ITS 2025 WINNERS

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Chelsea, NY — The 13th Annual Edition of Chelsea Film Festival announced its list of winners listed below by award category. It introduced both American and Foreign films to the public.

The Chelsea Film Festival (CFF) will hold its thirteeth edition both in-person at Regal Theatres 14th St. from October 15-19 (in-person) and online on FilmFestival+ (https://filmfestivalplus.com, also accessible through AppleTV) from October 15-30, 2025.

NARRATIVE FEATURE AWARD WINNERS

Grand Prix Award for Best Picture DEATH OF MY YOUTH by Timo Jacobs
Best Director in a Feature Film Luz Orlando Brennan for THE STAR I LOST
Best Actress in a Feature Film Mirta Busnelli in THE STAR I LOST
Best Actor in a Feature Film Timo Jacobs in DEATH OF MY YOUTH
Best Cinematography in a Feature Film Dennis Madden for DEVIL'S PLAY
Honorable Mention in a Feature Film REMNANTS by Roman Shumunov
Best Young Actress in a Feature Film Achinoam Moyal in REMNANTS
Best Young Actor in a Feature Film Lenny Michanol in LES FRACTURES INVISIBLES
Audience Award - OUT OF ORDER by Guy Jacobson

US NARRATIVE SHORT AWARD WINNERS

Petite Prix for Best US Short - DADDY IS A HUNTER by Marcus Fahey Best Actress in a US Short - Galilea La Salvia in HOLY SMOKES

Best Actor in a US Short - Justin J. Russo in MY KIND OF PEOPLE
Best Animation in a US Short - BEEFY! by Ryan George Kittleman
Best Cinematography in a US Short - Luisa Madrid for KING OF GAMES
Audience Award - CIRCLE OF SHAME by Ambe J. Williams

INTERNATIONAL SHORT AWARD WINNERS

International Short - NOISE AND NEIGHBOURS by Liza Ludick

Best Actress in an International Short - Sylvia Homawoo in THE DISTANCE BETWEEN US **Best Actor in an International Short** - Aboubacar Dembele in THE BOY WITH WHITE SKIN **Best Animation in an International Short** - SUNDAY by Elkie Leonie Hershberg, Tom Kouris and Hani Dombe

Best Cinematography in an International Short - Simon Gouffault for THE BOY WITH WHITE SKIN

Audience Award - EMPTY YOUR POCKETS by Tara Aghdashloo & ONE WAY TICKET by Lorene Thaumass

DOCUMENTARY AWARD WINNERS

Best Documentary Feature - DEEPFAKING SAM ALTMAN by Adam Bhala Lough
Best Documentary Short - FOUND FREQUENCY by Jack Hillyer
Audience Award - HOUSE OF LANVIN by Dane Reiley, Alda Matos and Frank Peluso

INDIE EPISODIC WINNER

Best Indie Episodic - THE PHILOSOPHY OF A COLLEGE DROPOUT by Cassie Carlyle **Audience Award** - THE PHILOSOPHY OF A COLLEGE DROPOUT by Cassie Carlyle

The full list of winners is listed on our website.

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