



14TH ANNUAL CHELSEA FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES ITS 2026 WINNERS

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Chelsea, NY — The 14th 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.**

CFF will hold its fourteenth edition both in-person at **Regal Battery Park** October 14-18 (in-person) and online on FilmFestival+ (<https://filmfestivalplus.com>), also accessible through AppleTV) from October 14-31, 2026.

NARRATIVE FEATURES WINNERS

Grand Prix Award for Best Picture — PARTY USA by Jared Sprouse

Best Director — Jared Sprouse for PARTY USA

Best Actress — Ainsley Seiger in PARTY USA

Best Actor — Phillip Andre Botello in PARTY USA

Best Cinematography — Meg White for LIFE COULD BE A DREAM

Honorable Mention — LIFE COULD BE A DREAM by Jasmin Lee Tarasin

Best Young Actress — Jada Lewis in HAVE YOU SEEN HER

Best Young Actor — Sonny McGee in LIFE COULD BE A DREAM

Audience Award — NO ROOM FOR LOVE by Randal Kamradt, Malou Kamradt

DOCUMENTARIES WINNERS

Best Documentary Feature — THROUGH MY BOARD by Dan Eason

Best Documentary Short — PUISQUE TOUT BRÛLE by Anna Ostasenko

Bogdanoff, Tessa De Baudinière

Audience Award — VER, VERACRUZ by Andres Ramirez

US SHORTS WINNERS

US Petite Prix — PEPPA THE GREAT by Dylan Joseph

Best Actress — Dar Zuzovsky in PEPPA THE GREAT

Best Actor — Bobby Soto in INSIDE THESE WALLS

Best Cinematography — Benjamin Handler for HOMECOMING

Audience Award — THE DUMBLETONS by Wendell Laurent

INTERNATIONAL SHORTS WINNERS

International Petite Prix — REAL by Ana Grethel Solis

Best Actress — Widchy Noël in GLORIA

Best Actor — Karl Collins in THE LAST DANCE

Best Animation — THE FLESH DRESS by Joachim Hérissé

Best Cinematography — Pedro Bessa for COUTO

Audience Award — AFFAMÉE ET. FACHÉE by Lev Prudkin

INDIE EPISODIC WINNERS

Best Indie Episodic — SPORKARTOON by J.B. Ghuman Jr.

Audience Award — SPORKARTOON by J.B. Ghuman Jr.

AI-GENERATED WINNERS

Best AI Picture — KITA by Jidenna Mobisson

CFF was founded by actresses Ingrid & Sonia Jean-Baptiste to give voices to the unheard by providing a platform to independent films and discovering new talents.

Chelsea Film Festival Board of Directors consists of renowned industry insiders: Paul Calderon, Elizabeth Kemp, Pascal Chemin and John Patrick Shanley.

The Advisory Board includes Aaron Pierce, Ari Tan, Berry English, Bonnie Rose, Doris Casap, Jason Weinberg, Kiki Lambden-Stout, Maria Soccor, Sofia Sondervan, Richard Gladstein, and Tricia Brook.

Our Mission: Chelsea Film Festival (CFF) - 501(c)(3) non-profit cultural organization - is an international film festival, enlightening the work of emerging filmmakers, producers, and actors. It offers a wide range of films, such as shorts, documentaries, and feature-length pieces. It empowers the work of risk-taking storytellers and remains committed to its mission to discover and develop independent artists and audiences around the world.

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