



FLICKERFEST 2025

34th INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

Festival: 17th - 26th January 2025, Bondi Beach, Sydney, Australia

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FLICKERFEST 2025 - 34th INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Celebrating 34 years in 2025, Bondi Pavilion Bondi Beach, 17th - 26th January 2025

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After a highly successful 10 day festival at Bondi, the 34th annual FLICKERFEST International and Australian awards were announced this evening at a star-studded ceremony at Bondi Pavilion, Bondi Beach.

Attended by celebrated guests from the Australian film industry, filmmakers and jury, the Closing Night ceremony honoured the esteemed entrants in this year's competition and FLICKERFEST's Academy® Qualifying Awards, including the Flickerfest Award for Best International Short Film, Yoram Gross Award for Best International Animation, Panasonic LUMIX Award for Best Australian Short Film & Flickerfest Award for Best Documentary.

The Flickerfest Short Film Awards continue to cement the festival's global position as a leading International Short film festival on the world stage. Following the ceremony, a selection of award-winning films screened before the Closing Night Party took place.

Flickerfest now hits the road on a 40+ venue national tour to all states & territories across Australia.

And the winners are:

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION AWARD WINNERS

Flickerfest Award for Best International Short Film (Academy® Qualifying)

'Changing Rooms' (France)

Writer/Director: Violette Gitton | Producer: Jules Reinartz

Yoram Gross Award for Best International Animated Short Film (Academy® Qualifying)

'Beautiful Men' (Belgium)

Writer/Director: Nicolas Keppens | Producer: Emmanuel Alain Raynal

Highly Commended International Animation

'Maybe Elephants' (Norway, Canada)

Director/Writer: Torill Kove

Producer: Lise Fernley, Maral Mohammadian, Tonje Skar Reiersen

EU In Australia Award for Best EU Short Film

'The Boy With White Skin' (France, Senegal)

Writer/Director: Simon Panay | Producers: Rafael Andrea Soatto, Laëtitia Denis, Kévin Rousseau, Souleymane Kébé, Maud Leclair-Névé

Flickerfest Special Jury Award

'Ebb And Flow' (Lebanon)

Director/Writer: Nay Tabbara | Producer: Isabelle Mecattaf



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Special Mention of the Jury for International Short Film

'A Summer's End Poem' (China)

Director/Writer/Producer: Lam Can-zhao

Writer: Yupeng He, Shutong Xu

DOCUMENTARY COMPETITION AWARD WINNERS

Flickerfest Award for Best Documentary Short Film (Academy® Qualifying)

'Recomposing Earth' (UK)

Director: Christian Cargill | Producers: Christian Cargill, John Bannister

Flickerfest Special Jury Award for Documentary Short

'Nelson The Piglet' (Netherlands)

Director: Anneke de Lind van Wijngaarden | Producers: Nienke Rispens, Maarten Kuit, Jeroen van den Idsert

RAINBOW LGBTQI COMPETITION AWARD WINNERS

Azure Productions Award for Best Rainbow Short

'Holy Curse' (United States)

Writer/Director/Producer: Snigdha Kapoor | Producer: Neeraj Churi

EU In Australia Award for Best EU Rainbow Short Film

'Chico' (France)

Writer/Director: Theo Abadie | Writer: Louise Courvoisier | Producer: Pauline Attal

SPECIAL MENTION OF THE JURY FOR RAINBOW SHORT FILM

'Dragfox'

Director: Lisa Ott | Producer: Owen Thomas

AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION AWARD WINNERS

Panasonic LUMIX Award for Best Australian Short Film (Academy® Qualifying)

'Marcia And The Shark'

Writer/Director: Sam Ferris Bryant | Writer/Producer: Hugo O'Connor

Spectrum Films Award for Best Direction in an Australian Short Film

Director: **Riley Blakeway** for **'A Thousand Odd Days'**

Yoram Gross Award for Best Australian Animated Short Film

'The Fix-It-Man And The Fix-It-Wooman'

Director: Cornelius Ebatarinja, Nelson Armstrong | Writer: Rhonda Sharpe, Courtney Collins

Producer: Sophie Wallace



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AFTRS Award for Best Screenplay in an Australian Short Film

Writer: **Claudia Osborne** for *'Rash'*

John Barry Award for Best Cinematography in an Australian Short Film

Cinematographer: **Jason De Ford, Victor Ng** for *'A Good Boy'*

Avid Award for Best Editing in an Australian Short Film

Editor: **Samuel Inglis** for *'Not Yet'*

Avid Award for Best Original Music in an Australian Short Film

Composer: **Josh Barber** for *'Asian Male, 60's, Lead'*

Rebel8 Award for Outstanding Emerging Female Director In honour of Samantha Rebillet

Director: **Sophie Serisier** for *'Oi'*

Highly Commended Outstanding Emerging Female Director

Director: **Claudia Osborne** for *'Rash'*

Specsavers Award for Best Australian Comedy Short Film

'Over'

Director/Writer: **Duncan Ragg, Anna Phillips** | Producer: **Isabella Debbage**

FLICKERUP YOUTH COMPETITION AWARD WINNERS

AFTRS FlickerUp Award for Best Youth Short Film

'Bubblegum and Bunyips'

Director: **Kellyville High School** | Producer: **Fabio Caprarelli**

Yoram Gross FlickerUp Award for Best Youth Animated Short Film

'The Apartment'

Director: **Year 7 Doveton College Students** | Producer **Gene Geoffrey**

Avid FlickerUp Award for Best Editing in A Youth Short Film

'Mind The Gaps'

Wr/iDir: **Lucia Carman Murray**

Karma FlickerUp Jury Award for Youth Short Film

'More Than Milk'

Writer/Dir/Prod: **Abigail Rain Knight**

FLICKERFEST's Festival Director BRONWYN KIDD has said: We are thrilled that the 34th Flickerfest 2025 has been such a success, with many filmmakers present to introduce their films, passionate crowds and great enthusiasm expressed for the programmes screened. It's been great to see short films so warmly embraced by audiences across our ten-day event. I would like to congratulate all of the films selected for Flickerfest in competition this year, our jury for their dedication and all of tonight's award winners.

