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WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Celebrating 35 years in 2026, Bondi Pavilion Bondi Beach, 23rd January - 1st February 2026
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After a highly successful 10 day festival at Bondi, the 35th 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, 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)

'My Plastic Mother' (Indonesia)

Writer/Director: Amar Haikal | Producer: Michael Rainheart

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

'Radix' (Germany)

Writer/Director/Producer: Anne Breymann

Flickerfest Special Jury Award

'Sundown' (Belgium)

Writer/Director: Lucien Lepoutre | Producer: Annabella Nezri

Honourable Mention of the Jury for International Short Film

'Smells Like Kids Spirit' (France)

Writer/Director: Aude Pépin | Writers: Louise Groult, Julien Guetta | Producer: Clément Bancel

Honourable Mention of the Jury for International Short Film

'Vultures' (France, South Africa)

Writer/Director: Dian Weys | Producers: Émilie Dubois, Anais Bertrand, Le Roux Fourie



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DOCUMENTARY COMPETITION AWARD WINNERS

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

'Winter in March' (Armenia, Estonia)

Writer/Director: Natalia Mirzoyan | Producers: Armine Harutyunyan, Kadriann Kibus

Flickerfest Special Jury Award for Documentary Short

'No Two Ways' (United Kingdom)

Director/Producer: Glen Fulthorpe

Honourable Mention of the Jury

'Bringing His Spirit Home' (Australia)

Director/Producer: Dylan Nicholls | Producer: Sophia Carolyn Wallace

RAINBOW LGBTQi COMPETITION AWARD WINNERS

Azure Productions Award for Best Rainbow Short

'Bleat!' (Malaysia, Phillipines)

Writer/Director: Ananth Subramaniam | Producer: Choo Mun Bel, Bradley Liew, Dominique Welinski

Special Jury Award For Rainbow Short Film

'Sleazy Tiger' (United Kingdom)

Writer/Director: James Ley | Producer: Jack Cowhig, Laura McBride

AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION AWARD WINNERS

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

'Boy On Fire'

Writer/Director: Alies Sluiter | Producer: William Littleton

Spectrum Films Award for Best Direction in an Australian Short Film

Director: Juliette Strangio for **'Learning to Eat Cake'**

Yoram Gross Award for Best Australian Animated Short Film

'Trading Cards'

Writer/Director/Producer: Radheya Jang | Producer: Jay Jay Jegathesan

AFTRS Award for Best Screenplay in an Australian Short Film

Writer: Stephen Packer for **'Alpha Test'**

John Barry Award for Best Cinematography in an Australian Short Film

Cinematographer: Dylan Rizzo for **'Daddy's Little Meatball'**

Avid Award for Best Editing in an Australian Short Film

Editor: Christine Cheung for **'Writers in Love'**



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Avid Award for Best Original Music in an Australian Short Film

Composer: Louis Frere-Harvey for *'Flame'*

Rebel8 Award for Outstanding Emerging Female Director in Honour of Samantha Rebillet

Director: Lianne Mackessy for *'Tuesday Tuesday'*

Specsavers Award for Best Australian Comedy Short Film

'Laterz'

Writer/Director: Chelsea Ingram | Writer/Producer: Nora Alalou

Waverly Council Award for Best Local Short Film

'Daddy's Little Meatball'

Writer/Director: Yael Grunseit

SPECSAVERS / FLICKERFEST TVC AWARD WINNER

Should've Gone To Specsavers Audience Choice Award

'The Garbologist'

Writer/Animator: Sammy Lewis

FLICKERUP YOUTH COMPETITION AWARD WINNERS

AFTRS FlickerUp Award for Best Youth Short Film

'Light In Dark Places'

Writer/Director/Producer: Sam Clarke

Yoram Gross FlickerUp Award for Best Youth Animated Short Film

'Turn Off The Lights'

Writer/Director/Producer: Peta Margaret Coleman

Avid FlickerUp Award for Best Editing in A Youth Short Film

'Red String (紅線)'

Writer/Director/Producer: Leo Jiaming Pan | Writer: Winny He

Karma FlickerUp Jury Award for Youth Short Film

'Colo(u)rful 3D Square'

Writer/Director/Producer: Dylan Quick

FLICKERFEST's Festival Director BRONWYN KIDD has said: We are thrilled that the 35th Flickerfest 2026 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.



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