

LIIFE 2025 – Nominees and Winners

Screenplay Winner

"Journey to Babylon"

By Shiva Kumar

Screenplay Finalists/Runners-Up

"Quintana"

William LiPera

"House in Haunted Woods"

Drew Henriksen

The Nominees

Alan Fortunoff Film Humanitarian Award-

Winner - Operation Babylift

Mark Stein Comedy Award -

Winner: I Hate My Love Life

Static Cling

Big Foot Club

Stall Buddies

Turtle in Times Square

The Crime Family

Sunday Dinna

Best Horror -

The Super

A Rough Start

Winner: A Clown Story

The Itch

Into The Reds Tale

Crawl Space

Consequences

Best Sci-fi-

The Battle of LA

The Rewind
Love & Hatred in Megawave City
My Wife
Marriage Unplugged
Time Capsule
Winner: More Dead than Living

Best Feature -

Astral Plane Drifter
Winner: That Creep from the Bar Last Night
Christmas at Interlaken
How I Spent My Summer Vacation

Best Long Island Feature -

That Creep from the Bar Last Night
Winner: How I Spent My Summer Vacation
Christmas at the Interlaken
The Big Foot Club
My Grandma's American Dream

Best Long Island Short-

A Distance
Warning Strong Language
Winner: One in Four
Paid For By....
The Last Class

Best Music Video -

Cowboy Down
Country Couture
Winner: Singing Under the Influence
Everyday Hero

Best Documentary - Feature-

Giants Rising
Winner: Goddess of Slide
Test Subject V
Blazing a Trail

Best Documentary - Short -

Vienna: Suddenly an Angel
Voices of Tomorrow
When Everything Was Blue
Operation Baby Lift
Whits End
Seafarer
Winner: The Last Houseboat
The Greatest Guy You Never Met

Best Story -

Pumpkin Pie
Shoulder Season
Winner: Sally, Get the Potatoes
What Do You See
Emilia & The Garden
Saverio

Best Cinematography -

Emilia & The Garden
Cascades
The Super
To The End
Winner: The Battle of L.A.
Island Life

Best Editing-

Sally, Get the Potatoes
Emilia & The Garden
Winner: Saverio
The Final Walk
My Wife
One in Four

Best Art Direction-

Sally, Get the Potatoes
Emilia & The Garden
Caridis Graveyard
And Now I Lay Me Down
Crawl Space
Winner: Love & Hatred in Megawave City

Best Animation -

Ku: A Love Story

Everyday Hero

Hallow Village

Winner: Into The Reds Tale

Best International Short-

Marriage Unplugged - UK/Switzerland

Berta - Spain

Winner: Golden Shopping Arcade - Italy

Alma - Costa Rica

Best Actor (in short and feature)

Lukas Hassel for "Up Close"

Winner: Best Actor-Feature: Michael Coppola for "The Creep from the Bar Last Night"

Ryan Anthony Holcomb for "What Do You See"

David Reilly for "Never Enough Time"

Winner: Best Actor-Short: Michael Bonini for "Dark Aces"

Marco Sincini for "Golden Shopping Arcade" - Italy

Best Actress-

Jane Kaczmarek for "And Now I Lay Me Down"

Kynlee Heiman for "Sally, Get the Potatoes"

Sarah Rich for "Emilia & The Garden"

Best Actress: Angela Pietropinto for "Angela"

Kylie Cast for "Never Enough Time"

Nerea Barros for "Berta"

Jamila Hache for "Alma"

Quincy Cho for "Saverio"

Best Director-

Gui Agustini for "To The End"

Karin Kelly for "L'Inverno (the Winter)"

Winner: Alex Gavin for "Dark Aces"

Ellen Ancui for "Saverio"

Matt Campanella for "One in Four"

Danica Waldo for "Sally, Get the Potatoes"

Aaron Garcia for "My Wife"

Johnny Hedger for "What Do You See"

Best Short-

Winner: Sally, Get the Potatoes

One in Four

What Do You See

Dark Aces

A Clown Story

The Actress

Saverio

Best Pilot -

Dinner & a Playlist

Caridis Graveyard - London

Winner: I Am Karma

Ms. Pink

Audience Award – Best Short Documentary

Vienna: Suddenly an Angel

Jury Prize for Best Feature Documentary

Test Subject V

Student Films:

Student Film Best Director-

Winner: Abigail Maselli for "Pianissimo"

Mac Pettit for "Ashes & Grace"

Proof Schubert Reed for "The Baby Project"

Erika Lynn Jolie for "The Actress"

Elijah Rappaport for "Acromegaly"

Student Film Editing-

Winner: Ashes and Grace

Pianissimo

Parents Conference

The Actress

Starman Supernova

Student Film Best Story -

Pianissimo
Ashes and Grace
Winner: The Actress
Parents Conference - Israel
The Baby Project
Acromegaly

Student Film Cinematography

Blue Light
Winner: Jupiter
Pianissimo
The Actress

Student Film Best Actor -

Winner: Ashes and Grace - Erik Kavanagh
Acromegaly - Greg Treco
V's Secret - Maher Gamal - Egypt

Student Film Best Actress

The Baby Project - Romy Obbard
Ashes and Grace - Rebecca Berinbaum
Winner: The Actress- Erika Lynn Jolie
Out of the Slaughter House - Kris Prihodova
Acromegaly - Tess Lancaster

Audience Choice for Best Student Film

Winner: Becca Comes to Visit

Jury Award for Best Student Film

Winner: Notes on a Page