

Long Island International Film Expo 2026 Nominations and Winners

Best Screenplay -

Oh, My Leo! - Jeff Naparstek

Runner Up -

#skank - Jennifer Jiles, Chris Niespodzianski

The Marc Stein Comedy Award-

Winner - Marianne and the Rebels

How's That Working for You?

Tiny Pencils

The Proctor

The Dumbletons

Alan Fortunoff Humanitarian Film Award -

Winner - Salam Shalom the Untold Story of a Jewish family in Pakistan

Best Animation

Winner - The Sun & the Wind

Dobrina

Red Riding Hoods Wolf

Best Music Video -

Winner - Trip to the Stars

Dobrina

Red Riding Hoods Wolf

Money Game

All Over Again

Best Cinematography-

Winner - Marc Riou - Beyond The Silent Night

Marie's Ambition

Benjy Berkowitz - Cahill's Lanes

Best Editing-

Winner - Maximillian Remmler - 4 Clones Alone

Marie's Ambition

The Wheel

Russ Camarda - The Proctor

Joshua Sklaroff - Cahill's Lanes

Eric Koenig and Parker Jacob Obregon - A Reason

Best Art Direction-

Winner - Kory Diskin - The Dumbletons

Wenjin Xi and Gi-Ling Lo - Abducted and Alone

Ed Huether - The Proctor

Julianna Brown - A Reason

Jury Award

Winner - Best Short Film - Bed/Time

Filmmaker of the Year

Winner - Love Your Face Films team, Eddie LeBron and Leticia "Letty" Buchanan

Jury Award for Best Actor -

Winner - Matthew Conlon - Cahill's Lanes

Best Long Island Short Film

Winner - Beyond the Silent Night

The Booth

The Wheel

Perfectly Seasoned

Day 365

Resume of Regrets

Slush

Best Long Island Film Feature

Winner - Virus of Restlessness

The Random Guest

The Proctor

Best Foreign Film-

Winner - Marie's Ambition - SPAIN

Monstera - SPAIN

As it Should Be - HONG KONG

Best Documentary

Winner - Documentary Short - Ringside in the Mountains

Winner - Documentary Feature - What's Next for Jayden?

Gorilla Warfare

The Dying Business,

Beneath the Same Sky

Defining Moments

Best Horror Film-

Winner - Best Horror Short - Her

Winner - Best Horror Feature - The Silicant

Dead Roommate

Worst Thing You've Ever Done

Drainomania

The Hard Way

Hide

The Closet

The Airwaves

Best Sci-Fi

Winner - The Last Sun

Abducted and Alone
Mars Hill Bait and Ammo
Emergence
Parallax
4 Clones Alone
The Me in the TV

Best Actor-

Winner - Sal Rendino - Beyond the Silent Night
Maximillian Remmler - 4 Clones Alone -
Brian Reilly - How's That Working for You? (name needed)
James Naughton - Sit with Me While I Die
Connor Vaccariello - Virus of Restlessness
Blake Merriman - The Escort
Rich Frohman - A Reason
Matthew Conlon - Cahill's Lanes
Jack Tomlinson - The Actor's Actor

Best Actress-

Winner - Alicia Giangrisostomi - Cahill's Lanes
Dayandra de Miranda Leão - Abducted and Alone
Mia Dillon - Sit With Me While I Die
Judith Roberts - The Lion
Sarah Lafaurie - Marie's Ambition
Kris Prihodova - Her
Sammy Smedley - How's That Working for You?
Candi Boyd - The Escort

Best Story

Winner - Parallax
In the Still of the Night
Criterion
Live Long
Mars Hill Bait and Ammo
Cahill's Lanes
A Reason
Smoke, Embers, Ash

Best Short

Winner - Cahill's Lanes
Criterion
Google Transcript
Live Long
The Drive
Beyond the Silent Night
Her

A Reason
Smoke, Embers, Ash
Bed/Time

Best Feature-

Winner - The Family Recipe Movie

Incubation
Timings
The Silicant

Best Director

Winner - Eric Koenig - A Reason

Noelle P. Wilson - Live Long
Brian Russell - Sit with Me While I Die
Manu Fernández - Marie's Ambition
Gregory Cioffi - Beyond the Silent Night
Kris Prihodova - Her
Marco Jo Clate - Cahill's Lanes
Ben Richardson - Smoke, Embers, Ash

Audience Choice Award

Winner - The Proctor

Best Student Film-

Winner - Abducted and Alone

Dead Roommate
Selling a Prison
Paani
The Booth
In the Still of the Night

Best Student Horror Film

Winner - Dead Roommate

Jury Award for Student Awareness Film

Winner - Paani (Water)

Best Student Director

Winner - CJ Maxwell - Dead Roommate

Tivoli Silas - Abducted and Alone
Kai Helenius - I Wish My Bones Were Unidentifiable
Aristides Mantilla - In The Still of the Night
Yoey Garfield - Love is Stronger Than Hate
David Lilien - The Booth

Best Student Cinematography

Winner - In The Still of the Night - Alonso Quintero Fregoso

Abducted and Alone - Hansen Yang
Dead Roommate - Dre Monteros

The Booth - Felix Bailly
I Wish My Bones were Unidentifiable - Shane Keeley

Best Student Editing

Winner - Money Game - Justin Kwok

The Booth
Abducted and Alone - Youyin Zhang
Dead Roommate

Best Student Story

Winner - Abducted and Alone

The Booth
Dead Roommate
I Wish My Bones Were Unidentifiable
In The Still of the Night
Love is Stronger Than Hate

Best Concept in a Student Film

Winner - Selling a Prison

I Wish My Bones Were Unidentifiable
Abducted and Alone

Best Actor in a Student Film

Winner - Emmett Rector - I Wish My Bones Were Unidentifiable

Dead Roommate
Gavin Drew - Cowboy Connor
Nathan Vincenti - The Booth
Chase Markoff - The Booth

Best Actress in a Student Film

Winner - Dayandra de Miranda Leão - Abducted and Alone

Dead Roommate -
Sofia Malorano - In the Season Thereof
Mia Blackman - Love is Stronger Than Hate