BEST FEATURE  
(Award given to the producer)  

A HIDDEN LIFE  
PRODUCERS: Elisabeth Bentley, Dario Bergesio, Grant Hill, Josh Jeter  

CLEMENCY  
PRODUCERS: Timur Bekbosunov, Julian Cautherley, Bronwyn Cornelius, Peter Wong  

THE FAREWELL  
PRODUCERS: Anita Gou, Daniele Mela, Andrew Miano, Peter Saraf, Marc Turtletaub, Lulu Wang, Chris Weitz, Jane Zheng  

MARRIAGE STORY  
PRODUCER: Noah Baumbach, David Heyman  

UNCUT GEMS  
PRODUCERS: El Busch, Sebastian Bear-McClard, Scott Rudin  

BEST FIRST FEATURE  
(Award given to the director and producer)  

BOOKSMART  
DIRECTOR: Olivia Wilde  
PRODUCERS: Chelsea Barnard, David Distenfeld, Jessica Elbaum, Megan Ellison, Katie Silberman  

THE CLIMB  
DIRECTOR/PRODUCER: Michael Angelo Covino  
PRODUCERS: Noah Lang, Kyle Marvin  

DIANE  
DIRECTOR: Kent Jones  
PRODUCERS: Luca Borghese, Ben Howe, Caroline Kaplan, Oren Moverman  

THE LAST BLACK MAN IN SAN FRANCISCO  
DIRECTOR/PRODUCER: Joe Talbot  
PRODUCERS: Dede Gardner, Jeremy Kleiner, Khaliah Neal, Christina Oh  

THE MUSTANG  
DIRECTOR: Laure de Clermont-Tonnerre  
PRODUCER: Ilan Goldman  

SEE YOU YESTERDAY  
DIRECTOR: Stefon Bristol  
PRODUCER: Spike Lee  

BEST DIRECTOR  

ROBERT EGGERs – The Lighthouse  
ALMA HAr’eL – Honey Boy  
JULIUS ONaH – Luce  
BENNY SAFDIE, JOSH SAFDIE – Uncut Gems  
LORENE SCAFARIA – Hustlers  

BEST SCREENPLAY  

NOAH BAUMBACH – Marriage Story  
JASON BEGUE, SHAWN SNYDER – To Dust  
RONALD BRONSTEIN, BENNY SAFDIE, JOSH SAFDIE – Uncut Gems  
CHINONYE CHUKWU – Clemency  
TARELL ALVIN McCRANEy – High Flying Bird  

BEST CASSAVETES AWARD  
(Award given to the best feature made for under $500,000; award given to the writer, director, and producer)  

BURNING CANE  
WRITER/DIRECTOR/PRODUCER: Phillip Youmans  

COLEWELL  
WRITER/DIRECTOR: Tom Quinn  
PRODUCERS: Joshua Blum, Alexandra Byer, Craig Shilowich, Matthew Thurman  

GIVE ME LIBERTY  
WRITER/DIRECTOR/PRODUCER: Kirill Mikhanovsky  
PRODUCERS: Val Abel, Wally Hall, Michael Manasseri, George Rush, Sergey Shtern  

PREMATURE  
WRITER/DIRECTOR/PRODUCER: Rashaad Ernesto Green  
PRODUCERS: Darren Dean, Joy Ganes  

WILD NIGHTS WITH EMILY  
WRITER/DIRECTOR/PRODUCER: Madeleine Olnek  
PRODUCERS: Anna Margarita Albalo, Casper Andreas, Max Rikitik-Barron  

BEST FIRST SCREENPLAY  

FREDRICA BAILEY, STEFON BRISTOL – See You Yesterday  
HANNAH BOS, PAUL THUREEN – Driveways  
BRIDGET SAVAGE COLE, DANIELLE KRUDY – Blow the Man Down  
JOCELYN DEBOER, DAWN LUEBBE – Greener Grass  
JAMES MONTAGUE, CRAIG W. SANGER – The Vast of Night  

BEST EDITING  

JULIE BÉZIAU – The Third Wife  
RONALD BRONSTEIN, BENNY SAFDIE – Uncut Gems  
TYLER L. COOK – Sword of Trust  
LOUISE FORD – The Lighthouse  
IRIK MIKHANOVSKY – Give Me Liberty  

BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY  

TOOD BANHAZL – Hustlers  
JARIN BLASCHKE – The Lighthouse  
NASTASHA BRIAER – Honey Boy  
CHANANUN CHOTRUNGRJ – The Third Wife  
PaweL POGorzelski – Midsommar  

BEST FEMALE LEAD  

KAREN ALLEN – Colewell  
HONG CHAU – Driveways  
ELISABETH MOSS – Her Smell  
MARY KAY PLACE – Diane  
ALFRE WOODARD – Clemency  
RENÉE ZELLWEGER – Judy  

BEST DOCUMENTARY  
(Award given to the director and producer)  

AMERICAN FACTORY  
DIRECTORS/PRODUCERS: Steven Bognar, Julia Reichert  
PRODUCERS: Julie Parker Benello, Jeff Reichert  

APOLLO 11  
DIRECTOR/PRODUCER: Todd Douglas Miller  
PRODUCERS: Evan Krauss, Thomas Bank Petersen  

FOR SAMA  
DIRECTOR: Edward Watts  
PRODUCER: Waad al-Kateab  

HONEYLAND  
DIRECTOR: Tamara Kotevska  
DIRECTOR/PRODUCER: Ljubom Stefanov  
PRODUCER: Atanas Georgiev  

ISLAND OF THE HUNGRY GHOSTS  
DIRECTOR/PRODUCER: Gabrielle Brady  
PRODUCERS: Gizem Acarla, Samm Hallay, Alex Kelly, Alexander Wadouh  

BEST INTERNATIONAL FILM  

INVISIBLE LIFE, Brazil – Karim Ainouz  
LES MISÈRABLES, France – Ladj Ly  
PARASITE, South Korea – Bong Joon-Ho  
PORTRAIT OF A LADY ON FIRE, France – Céline Sciamma  
RETAILBO, Peru – Álvaro Delgado-Aparicio L.  
THE SOUVENIR, United Kingdom – Joanna Hogg  

BEST MALE LEAD  

CHRIS GALLIS – Give Me Liberty  
KELVIN HARRISON JR. – Luce  
ROBERT PATTINSON – The Lighthouse  
ADAM SANDLER – Uncut Gems  
MATTHIAS SCHOENAERTS – The Mustang  

BEST SUPPORTING FEMALE  

JENNIFER LOPEZ – Hustlers  
TAYLOR RUSSELL – Waves  
ZHAO SHUZHEN – The Farewell  
LAUREN “LOLO” SPENCER – Give Me Liberty  
OCTAVIA SPENCER – Luce  

BEST SUPPORTING MALE  

WILLEM DAFOE – The Lighthouse  
NOAH JUPE – Honey Boy  
SHIA LABEOUF – Honey Boy  
JONATHAN MAJORS – The Last Black Man in San Francisco  
WENDELL PIERCE – Burning Cane  

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KELLY REICHARDT
LULU WANG

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The Producers Award, now in its 23rd year, honors emerging producers who, despite highly limited resources demonstrate the creativity, tenacity and vision required to produce quality, independent films. The award includes a $25,000 unrestricted grant.

MOLLYE ASHER
KRISTA PARRIS
RYAN ZACARIAS

SOMEONE TO WATCH AWARD
The Someone to Watch Award, now in its 26th year, recognizes a talented filmmaker of singular vision who has not yet received appropriate recognition. The award includes a $25,000 unrestricted grant.

RASHAAD ERNESTO GREEN director of PREMATURE
ASH MAYFAIR director of THE THIRD WIFE
JOE TALBOT director of THE LAST BLACK MAN IN SAN FRANCISCO

TRUER THAN FICTION AWARD
The Truer Than Fiction Award, now in its 25th year, is presented to an emerging director of non-fiction features who has not yet received significant recognition. The award includes a $25,000 unrestricted grant.

KHALIK ALLAH director of BLACK MOTHER
DAVY ROTHBART director of 17 BLOCKS
NADIA SHIHAB director of JADDOLAND
ERICK STOLL & CHASE WHITESIDE directors of AMÉRICA

The recipients of our filmmaker grants will be highlighted at the Spirit Awards ceremony and announced at the Spirit Awards Nominee Brunch on Saturday, January 4, 2020.