

FILM INDEPENDENT SPIRIT AWARDS

2021 NOMINEES

BEST FEATURE

(Award given to the producer)

FIRST COW

PRODUCERS: Neil Kopp, Vincent Savino,
Anish Savjani

MA RAINEY'S BLACK BOTTOM

PRODUCERS: Todd Black, Denzel Washington,
Dany Wolf

MINARI

PRODUCERS: Dede Gardner, Jeremy Kleiner,
Christina Oh

NEVER RARELY SOMETIMES ALWAYS

PRODUCERS: Sara Murphy, Adele Romanski

NOMADLAND

PRODUCERS: Mollye Asher, Dan Janvey,
Frances McDormand, Peter Spears, Chloé Zhao

BEST FIRST FEATURE

(Award given to the director and producer)

I CARRY YOU WITH ME

DIRECTOR/PRODUCER: Heidi Ewing
PRODUCERS: Edher Campos, Mynette Louie,
Gabriela Maire

THE FORTY-YEAR-OLD VERSION

DIRECTOR/PRODUCER: Radha Blank
PRODUCERS: Inuka Bacote-Capiga, Jordan
Fudge, Rishi Rajani, Jennifer Semler, Lena Waithe

MISS JUNETEENTH

DIRECTOR: Channing Godfrey Peoples
PRODUCERS: Toby Halbrooks, Tim Headington,
Jeanie Igoe, James M. Johnston, Theresa Steele
Page, Neil Creque Williams

NINE DAYS

DIRECTOR: Edson Oda
PRODUCERS: Jason Michael Berman, Mette-
Marie Kongsved, Matthew Lindner, Laura Tunstall,
Datari Turner

SOUND OF METAL

DIRECTOR: Darius Marder
PRODUCERS: Bill Benz, Kathy Benz, Bert Hamelinck,
Sacha Ben Harroche

BEST DIRECTOR

LEE ISAAC CHUNG - Minari

EMERALD FENNELL - Promising Young Woman

ELIZA HITTMAN - Never Rarely Sometimes Always

KELLY REICHARDT - First Cow

CHLOÉ ZHAO - Nomadland

BEST SCREENPLAY

LEE ISAAC CHUNG - Minari

EMERALD FENNELL - Promising Young Woman

ELIZA HITTMAN - Never Rarely Sometimes Always

MIKE MAKOWSKY - Bad Education

ALICE WU - The Half of It

JOHN CASSAVETES AWARD

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

THE KILLING OF TWO LOVERS

WRITER/DIRECTOR/PRODUCER: Robert Machoian
PRODUCERS: Scott Christopherson,
Clayne Crawford

LA LEYENDA NEGRA

WRITER/DIRECTOR: Patricia Vidal Delgado
PRODUCERS: Alicia Herder, Marcel Perez

LINGUA FRANCA

WRITER/DIRECTOR/PRODUCER: Isabel Sandoval
PRODUCERS: Darlene Catly Malimas, Jhett Tolentino,
Carlo Velayo

RESIDUE

WRITER/DIRECTOR: Merawi Gerima

SAINT FRANCES

DIRECTOR/PRODUCER: Alex Thompson
WRITER: Kelly O'Sullivan
PRODUCERS: James Choi, Pierce Cravens,
Ian Keiser, Eddie Linker, Raphael Nash, Roger Welp

BEST FIRST SCREENPLAY

KITTY GREEN - The Assistant

NOAH HUTTON - Lapsis

CHANNING GODFREY PEOPLES - Miss Juneteenth

ANDY SIARA - Palm Springs

JAMES SWEENEY - Straight Up

BEST EDITING

ANDY CANNY - The Invisible Man

SCOTT CUMMINGS - Never Rarely Sometimes
Always

MERAWI GERIMA - Residue

ENAT SIDI - I Carry You With Me

CHLOÉ ZHAO - Nomadland

BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY

JAY KEITEL - She Dies Tomorrow

SHABIER KIRCHNER - Bull

MICHAEL LATHAM - The Assistant

HÉLÈNE LOUVART - Never Rarely Sometimes
Always

JOSHUA JAMES RICHARDS - Nomadland

BEST FEMALE LEAD

NICOLE BEHARIE - Miss Juneteenth

VIOLA DAVIS - Ma Rainey's Black Bottom

SIDNEY FLANIGAN - Never Rarely Sometimes
Always

JULIA GARNER - The Assistant

FRANCES MCDORMAND - Nomadland

CAREY MULLIGAN - Promising Young Woman

BEST MALE LEAD

RIZ AHMED - Sound of Metal

CHADWICK BOSEMAN - Ma Rainey's Black Bottom

ADARSH GOURAV - The White Tiger

ROB MORGAN - Bull

STEVEN YEUN - Minari

BEST SUPPORTING FEMALE

ALEXIS CHIKAEZE - Miss Juneteenth

YERI HAN - Minari

VALERIE MAHAFFEY - French Exit

TALIA RYDER - Never Rarely Sometimes Always

YUH-JUNG YOUN - Minari

BEST SUPPORTING MALE

COLMAN DOMINGO - Ma Rainey's Black Bottom

ORION LEE - First Cow

PAUL RACI - Sound of Metal

GLYNN TURMAN - Ma Rainey's Black Bottom

BENEDICT WONG - Nine Days

BEST DOCUMENTARY

(Award given to the director and producer)

COLLECTIVE

DIRECTOR/PRODUCER: Alexander Nanau
PRODUCERS: Hanka Kastelicová, Bernard
Michaux, Bianca Oana

CRIP CAMP

DIRECTORS/PRODUCERS: Jim LeBrecht,
Nicole Newnham
PRODUCER: Sara Bolder

DICK JOHNSON IS DEAD

DIRECTOR/PRODUCER: Kirsten Johnson
PRODUCERS: Katy Chevigny, Marilyn Ness

THE MOLE AGENT

DIRECTOR: Maïte Alberdi
PRODUCER: Marcela Santibáñez

TIME

DIRECTOR/PRODUCER: Garrett Bradley
PRODUCERS: Lauren Domino, Kellen Quinn

BEST INTERNATIONAL FILM

BACURAU, *Brazil* - Juliano Dornelles,
Kleber Mendonça Filho

THE DISCIPLE, *India* - Chaitanya Tamhane

NIGHT OF THE KINGS, *Ivory Coast* - Philippe
Lacôte

PREPARATIONS TO BE TOGETHER FOR AN
UNKNOWN PERIOD OF TIME, *Hungary* - Lili
Horvát

QUO VADIS, AIDA?, *Bosnia and Herzegovina* -
Jasmila Žbanić

ROBERT ALTMAN AWARD

ONE NIGHT IN MIAMI...

DIRECTOR: Regina King
CASTING DIRECTOR: Kimberly R. Hardin
ENSEMBLE CAST: Kingsley Ben-Adir, Eli Goree,
Aldis Hodge, Leslie Odom Jr.

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Television Categories

BEST NEW SCRIPTED SERIES

(Award given to the Creator, Executive Producer, Co-Executive Producer)

I MAY DESTROY YOU

CREATOR/EXEC PRODUCER: Michaela Coel
EXEC PRODUCERS: Phil Clarke, Roberto Troni

LITTLE AMERICA

EXEC PRODUCERS: Lee Eisenberg, Joshua Bearman, Joshua Davis, Arthur Spector, Alan Yang, Siân Heder, Kumail Nanjiani, Emily V. Gordon

SMALL AXE

EXEC PRODUCERS: Tracey Scoffield, David Tanner, Steve McQueen

A TEACHER

CREATOR/EXEC PRODUCER: Hannah Fidell
EXEC PRODUCERS: Michael Costigan, Kate Mara, Louise Shore, Jason Bateman, Danny Brocklehurst
CO-EXEC PRODUCER: Daniel Pipski

UNORTHODOX

CREATOR/EXEC PRODUCER: Anna Winger
CREATOR: Alexa Karolinski
EXEC PRODUCER: Henning Kamm

BEST NEW NON-SCRIPTED OR DOCUMENTARY SERIES

(Award given to the Creator, Executive Producer, Co-Executive Producer)

ATLANTA'S MISSING AND MURDERED: THE LOST CHILDREN

EXEC PRODUCERS: Jeff Dupre, Joshua Bennett, Sam Pollard, Maro Chermayeff, John Legend, Mike Jackson, Ty Stiklorius

CITY SO REAL

PRODUCED BY: Zak Piper, Steve James
EXEC PRODUCERS: Jeff Skoll, Diane Weyermann, Alex Kotlowitz, Gordon Quinn, Betsy Steinberg, Jolene Pinder

IMMIGRATION NATION

EXEC PRODUCERS: Christina Clusiau, Shaul Schwarz, Dan Cogan, Jenny Raskin, Brandon Hill, Christian Thompson
CO-EXEC PRODUCERS: Andrey Alistratov, Jay Arthur Sterrenberg, Lauren Haber

LOVE FRAUD

EXEC PRODUCERS: Rachel Grady, Heidi Ewing, Amy Goodman Kass, Vinnie Malhotra, Jihan Robinson, Michael Bloom, Maria Zuckerman

WE'RE HERE

CREATOR/EXEC PRODUCERS: Stephen Warren, Johnnie Ingram
EXEC PRODUCERS: Eli Holzman, Aaron Saidman, Peter LoGreco
CO-EXEC PRODUCERS: Erin Haglund, Sabrina Mar

BEST FEMALE PERFORMANCE IN A NEW SCRIPTED SERIES

ELLE FANNING - The Great
SHIRA HAAS - Unorthodox
ABBY MCENANY - Work In Progress
MAITREYI RAMAKRISHNAN - Never Have I Ever
JORDAN KRISTINE SEAMÓN - We Are Who We Are

BEST MALE PERFORMANCE IN A NEW SCRIPTED SERIES

CONPHIDANCE - Little America
ADAM ALI - Little America
NICCO ANNAN - P-Valley
AMIT RAHAV - Unorthodox
HAROLD TORRES - ZeroZeroZero

BEST ENSEMBLE CAST IN A NEW SCRIPTED SERIES

I MAY DESTROY YOU
ENSEMBLE CAST: Michaela Coel, Paapa Essiedu, Weruche Opia, Stephen Wight

Emerging Filmmaker Awards

PRODUCERS AWARD

The Producers Award, now in its 24th year, honors emerging producers who, despite highly limited resources demonstrate the creativity, tenacity and vision required to produce quality, independent films.

KARA DURRETT
LUCAS JOAQUIN
GERRY KIM

SOMEONE TO WATCH AWARD

The Someone to Watch Award, now in its 27th year, recognizes a talented filmmaker of singular vision who has not yet received appropriate recognition.

DAVID MIDELL director of *THE KILLING OF KENNETH CHAMBERLAIN*
EKWA MSANGI director of *FAREWELL AMOR*
ANNIE SILVERSTEIN director of *BULL*

TRUER THAN FICTION AWARD

The Truer Than Fiction Award, now in its 26th year, is presented to an emerging director of non-fiction features who has not yet received significant recognition.

CECILIA ALDARONDO director of *LANDFALL*
ELEGANCE BRATTON director of *PIER KIDS*
ELIZABETH LO director of *STRAY*