



2022 winners

2022 Semifinalists announced. The TOP 30 will be announced on August 22nd.

winners

1st place

2nd place

3rd place

runners-up

Genre winners

Action/Adventure –

Comedy –

Drama –

Family –

Science Fiction/Fantasy –

Thriller/Horror –

Historical –

SHORTS Category

1st place

2nd place

3rd place

5 finalists



7 semifinalists

14 quarterfinalists

semifinalists

- 2 Milligrams by Gordon James Asti
- A Common Divide by TJ McDevitt
- A Player Born by Kirby Ward
- A Whole Lotta Coin by Tracy Schumer
- About Tonight by Azan Kung
- American Daydream by Jim Grieco
- Another 5 Minutes by Nilesch Yagnik
- Army Brat by Julie Anbarchian
- Ask Already by Sandra Lince
- Believeland by Kevin Hulick
- Best Served Cold by Bill Crossland
- Black Eyes by Allan Tamshen
- Blood Chains by Michael Sinoway
- By the Time I Got to Woodstock by Jeffrey Massie
- Caravaggio by Alex Wilson
- Caspian Gull by Iain Anderson
- Cat Killers by Phil Atlakson
- Cheviot Beach by Tim Randall
- Chivalry by George Alexanian
- Christmas in Cryonis by Molly Bandt
- Combustion by Craig Oliver
- Comedy Eyes by Jeff Blum & T.C. DeWitt
- Complicity by Justine Raczkiewicz & Aleksandra Rychlicka
- Conference of the Gods by Harry Kelley
- Curse of the Canaanities by H.G. Middlemass
- Dead Man’s Hand by Austin Ellsworth
- Death Steppe by Judy Bruce
- Death, Ghosts & Other Stuff by Shannon Walsh & Jack Gorman
- Devil’s Night by Mike Voltz
- Domain by Sam Bass
- Don’t Wake Up by Neil Oxenburg
- Estrada’s Gold by Durk Duerksen
- Feather Light by Anna Chaoqun Wang



Finding Natalie by Ben Raper
Ghost Boy by James DeLorean
Glow Stick by Michael Raymond
God Laughs by Timothy Ryan
Grandma is a Dinosaur by Dominic Laiti
Great American Highway by Zoey Towner
Green Bloods by Kevin Percival
Hand Twins by Macee Binns
He Had it Coming by Camika Spencer
Heart in the Game by Nancy Wilkinson
Hidden Camera by Dion Sampson & Christopher Owens
High Sierra by Kathryn Cehrs
Holly by Jeff Williams
Home of the Devils by Steven D'Addieco
House Zero by John Pallas
Hurricane Party! by Frank Volk
Imperfect Strangers by Robin Gainey
Inevitable Cruelty by Emma Hicklin
Infinity Club by Matt Alexander & Myles Rigg
Irish Rose by Paulette Bane & Charles Bane

Killer by Joe Villanti
KTown by Jeff Jin-Hwan Galatowitsch
Land of the Free by Cody Beavers
Let Me Out! By Yasmin Asias
Level Up by Jason Skorski
Long Road Home by Ron Praymak
Loss by Brian Beatty
Love Heals by Paul Ware
Madeleine by Natalie Howard
Marathon Bride by Kate McCreary
Marcel by David Soll
Naïve by Gill Hagan
Nando's Legacy Faire by Davida Lippman
Nod by John Palfery-Smith
Not in the Stars by Sandford Galden-Stone
Omenize by Bill Kersit
One More Hit by Brad Max
Peculiar Bedfellows by Kenya Branch
Plainclothes by Carmen Emmi
Plume Raiders by Jeff Zampino
Pop by James Pillion
Propensity for Violence by Laura Kirk
Qubit by Darren Moran



Rascal on the Run by Joni Rodgers
Save the Night by Aaron Bradley
Saving Cinderella by Melinda Saranchock
Sea-Gen by Paul Lind
Shark by Dawson Oso
Six Rooms by Mark Graham
Smoke on the Water by Margaret Newlin Rice
Sweet Lou McGinnty by Kevin Lance Bash
The Apology by Candace Kimeer
The Demon of Debuque by Samuel Hughes
The Donnellys of Biddulph Township by Roger Lee Westry
The Film Professor Who Kills Hot Students for Fame and Healthcare by Greg Benevent
The Immortal Bledsoes by Andrew Johnson
The Kez by Mark Lichtenstein
The Last Man by Jason Morrys
The Man by Carla Queipo
The Nest by Aaron Carter
The Pit and the Pendulum by Andrei Burke
The Reluctant First Gentleman by Curt Samlaska
Turquoise Mountain by Diane Joy Schmidt
Vasily Arkhipov by Dean Jaloudi
Wayward by Jes Sugrue
Wayward by Linda Palmer & Laree’ Griffith
Wernher by Jason & Kevin Ward

quarterfinalists

2 Milligrams by Gordon James Astis
2025 by Michael Skidmore
2088: A Farmer Takes a Wife by Russell Bennett
2nd Date by Jaik Andino
A Bad Influence by Yul-Pyeong Oh
A Common Divide by TJ McDevitt
A Fire Inside by Richard Martin
A Madman Cometh by Fitzhugh G. Houston
A Nasty Habit by Sadie Fearon
A Player Born by Kirby Ward
A Red Shirt by David Angelelli
A Rock and a Hard Place by Darryl Wimberley
A Whole Lotta Coin by Tracy Schumer
About Tonight by Azan Kung



American Daydream by Jim Grieco
Another 5 Minutes by Nilesch Yagnik
Apples by Rodolfo Salas
Army Brat by Julie Anbarchian
Arthur's Yearbook by Jim Norman
Ask Already by Sandra Lince
Bad Vibes by Cynthia Mersten
Believeland by Kevin Hulick
Best Served Cold by Bill Crossland
Biker by R. E. Perry
Bitter Child by Arthur Vincie
Black Eyes by Allan Tamshen
Blood Chains by Michael Sinoway
Bloodlines by Eddie Clay Thompsons III
Bone Moon by Elizabeth J. Musgrave
Boomtown Tragedy by Jimmy Corinis
Boyhood Interrupted by Michael Maitland
Broken Grounds by Reid Brooks
But A Dwarf Man...by Argona Dzekotelli
By Design by Pat Bradley
By the Time I Got to Woodstock by Jeffrey Massie
Cam Girls by Virginia Hendry
Capture the Flag by Maitelitana Guadondita
Caravaggio by Alex Wilson
Caspian Gull by Iain Anderson
Cat Killers by Phil Atlakson
Cheviot Beach by Tim Randall
Chicago Candy by Alex Diamond
Chivalry by George Alexanian
Christmas Cuff by Sumona Roy
Christmas in Cryonis by Molly Bandt
Cicero's Ghost by Salim Salajee
Code 10 by Matthew Margo
Combustion by Craig Oliver
Come Back King by N. Fituri Scown
Comedy Eyes by Jeff Blum & T.C. DeWitt
Complicity by Justine Raczkiwicz & Aleksandra Rychlicka
Conference of the Gods by Harry Kelley
Coppelia by Don Shroll
Cradle by Mehul Desai
Curse of the Canaanities by H.G. Middlemass
Damned Troublemakers by Ty Bradford
Darcy & Paige by Michelle Walson
Dead Man's Hand by Austin Ellsworth



Death Steppe by Judy Bruce
Death, Ghosts & Other Stuff by Shannon Walsh & Jack Gorman
Delta by Daniel Corey
Devil's Night by Mike Voltz
Domain by Sam Bass
Don't Wake Up by Neil Oxenburg
Engaged by Christopher Dauers
Estrada's Gold by Durk Duerksen
Ever Waking by Akevo Jeremy Jenkins
Extended Family by Rick Jones
Eyeful by Howard Fridkin
Feather Light by Anna Chaoqun Wang
Finding Natalie by Ben Raper
Fisticuffs by Rich Gallagher
Future Tripping by Brian Gene White
Gender Perfect by Brian Wapole
Ghost Boy by James DeLorean
Ghost Machine by Sam Ingrassia
Glow Stick by Michael Raymond
God Laughs by Timothy Ryan
Golden Glow Circus by Barry Sherman
Grandma is a Dinosaur by Dominic Laiti
Great American Highway by Zoey Towner
Green Bloods by Kevin Percival
Gym Rats by Howard Harband
Half a Life by JT David
Halo & Horns by Matthew Tolbert
Hand Twins by Macee Binns
Harry and the Sleigh by Carlton Welch
He Had it Coming by Camika Spencer
Heart in the Game by Nancy Wilkinson
Heartbreak Hotel by Michael Holliday
Helen Would Like a Word by Sandy Fugate
Hidden Camera by Dion Sampson & Christopher Owens
High School Lullaby by Dave Stishan
High Sierra by Kathryn Cehrs
Holly by Jeff Williams
Home of the Devils by Steven D'Addieco
Hoops by Jeremy Fairman
House Zero by John Pallas
How He Shimmers by Starr Plemons
How To Make a Gangster Movie by Lonnie Ray Atkinson
Hurricane Party! by Frank Volk
Imperfect Strangers by Robin Gainey



In Our Best Interest by Phil Alloco
In The Eye of the Storm by W. A. Young, Jr.
Inevitable Cruelty by Emma Hicklin
Infinity Club by Matt Alexander
Irish Rose by Paulette Bane & Charles Bane
It's All Local by Michael Casey
Jane Doe & The Stag by Bryce Breen
Janus by Libby Adam
Kidnapping Mindy Kaling by Randi Barnes
Killer by Joe Villanti
King of Carnival Island by Wayne Ramlogan
Kiss Away by Michael Kallal
Kosovo by Timothy Guay
KTown by Jeff Jin-Hwan Galatowitsch
Land of the Free by Cody Beavers
Le Streghe by David Addona
Let Me Out! By Yasmin Asias
Level Up by Jason Skorski
Liz Goes Home by Jack Williams
Long Road Home by Ron Praymak
Loss by Brian Beatty
Lost in Control by Maria Massei-Rosato
Love Heals by Paul Ware
Lucky Us by Mike O'Brien
Madame by Julian Hooper
Madeleine by Natalie Howard
Magma Mining by William Bartholomew Hall
Main Drag by Ryan Thorsen
Mamacita by Bruce Dundore
Marathon Bride by Kate McCreary
Marcel by David Soll
Marlboro Men by T. Camponeschi
Masque of Honor by Shep Morgan
Meet & Greed by Miriam Pinedo
Midnight Dawn by Paul Levine
Mileva by Rudolf Zaras
Millions in Manila by Jeffrey Milne
Mimic by Angel Carr
Mina Marcy by Ruby Grais
Mister by A.M. Wallace
Model Minority by Allan Tsao
Monarchs by Gregory Sarno
Mongrel by Nathan Alan Bunker
Mr. Barnstable and the Time Machine by Michael Tracy



Mr. Sparkle & Shine by Brian Blotner
Murdoch's Law by Frank Terwilliger
Muse by Steve Bennedik
My Brother's Keeper by Michael Buzzelli
My Dreams of You by Gary Templeton
My Sister is of Fire by Carly Scanlon
My Villa in Calabria by Paul Vincent
Myall by Vaughn Roste
Myrtle Corner by Carl Duerksen
Mysterious Ways by Bryan Cobbs
Myth of the Minarka by Chris Nunnally
Naïve by Gill Hagan
Nando's Legacy Faire by Davida Lippman
Nemesis by Gino L. Jones
Next Time We Meet by Robert Gokay
Nivek by Kevin Luna
No Biscuits in Heaven by Ruth Finnegan
No Matter What Forever by Terry Hensley
Nod by John Palfery-Smith
Not in the Stars by Sandford Galden-Stone
Nowhere Man by Gary Moon Fong
Nuclear Refugees by Tanya Ishikawa
Obe by Mary Augustosky
Odd Son by Nigel Simms
Of Man and God by George Leos
Olympians! by Esteban Malave & Charles Moore
Omenize by Bill Kersit
On The Hop by Doug Krintzman
On the Row by Steve Kronovet
One More Hit by Brad Max
One Wave at a Time by G. B. Katich
Only You by Glenn Millican
Operation Sea Devils by Nancy Wilkinson
Optimality by Michael Molla
Organ Donor by Rustin Jarrell
Oscared '24 by Slava Babenkov
Oumuamua by Gabor Szigel
Out of the Shadows by Jeff Rosenberg
Payback by Niven Kruidhof
Peculiar Bedfellows by Kenya Branch
Percy and the Knights of the Round Table by Dennis Luu
Perfect Misfits by Beverly Nault
Personal Trainer by Nicholas Bell
Pet Earthling by David Hundsness



Petal Picker by Teja Rose
Petite Warrior by Ashok Ambardekar
Pirahua by Jim Findlay & Jay Schober
Place of the Dead by Samantha Talley
Plague of Red by Clare Reader Collins
Plainclothes by Carmen Emmi
Plane Man by Jean Marie Cinotto
Plume Raiders by Jeff Zampino
Pop by James Pillion
Portal 40 by Jamie Wingler
Post Adolescence by Patrick Blair
Press One to Connect by Stewart Katz
Prey With Me by Eric Irizarry
Propensity for Violence by Laura Kirk
Purple by Nathaniel Scott
Qubit by Darren Moran
Rain by John Rivera
Raising Sand by Kenneth Collins
Rascal on the Run by Joni Rodgers
Raymond by Robert Lynch
Ready..Aim..Smile! by Scott Liapis
Rebecca and the Stellar Gatekeeper by Donna Smith
Red Roses in the Afternoon by Kristina Wierzbowski
Red Velvet Red Velvet by Paul Lucia
Remember Who Your Friend Are by Jim McQuaid
Reno Drifters by Graham Lee
Reprise by Carlos Pleitez
Retirement Plan by B. Daniel Martinez
Retro by Aaron Lindenthaler
Return of Blackbeard by Douglas MacLeod

Reverse the Curse by Patrick Caulfield
Rhythm in Blues by Tamika R. Guishard
Ritchie Boy by Alan J. Field
River City by Patricia Walsh
Roamers by Constance Hasapopoulos
Robin's Hood by Gabriella Bedsworth
Rodeo by Lynn Elliott
Rope by Richard Turgeon
Rough Point by Louis Lehrman
Rumor Mill by Mark J. Martinez
Run to Daylight by Luis Fernando Llosa & Mark David Young
Sacred Shapes by Anastasia le Gendre & Christian Kelly Sordelet
Safeword by Glenn Millican



Sage by Kenny Rich
Santiago's Prayer by Ed Johnson
Savage Idol by Brandon Schneider
Save the Night by Aaron Bradley
Save the Uyghurs by Josh C. Manheimer
Saving Charles Dickens by M. F. Myers
Saving Cinderella by Melinda Saranchock
Scandal by Raj Sangha
Scarlet Day by Justin Biel & Brough Hansen
Scary by Ton Eijkemans
Scathe: The Future by Jason Acevedo
Scene of the Crime by Rich Rubin
Schwinn Varsity by Andrew G. Smith & R. A. Eschenroeder
Sea-Gen by Paul Lind
Season of Day by Sarah Licavoli-DePalo
Secrets of Night Swimming by Maria Toce
Seeds by Joel M. Lesko
Sestra 1 by Ali Jordan
Shadows of Death by Luke Coles
Shards of a Stranger by Frederic Marsanne
Shark by Dawson Oso
Shiner! By Kevin Pacey
Shiver Me Timbers by Dennis White
Shoulda Swiped Left by Michael Dugan
Shouldn't Have Done That by B. Daniel Martinez
Show Me Your Teeth by Scott Liapis
Show Your Work by Andre Thierry
Silent Hope by Tyler Tremblay
Silent Transmission by Tom Claspill
Six Rooms by Mark Graham
Skyler and the Magic Marker by Nicholas Westfall
Slaughterhouse by Mike Worby
Small Sacrifices by Rhonda Burnaugh
Smile for the Cameras by Michael Boaks
Smoke on the Water by Margaret Newlin Rice
Snuff by Doug Raiden
Sofia & Samir by Jane Olander
Soldier On by Aylin Sipahi
Soledad by John Lange
Something for Dr. Thode by Bill Birney
Sonny by Patrick Garden
Sovereign Betrayal in El Corazon, Texas by Molly Higgins
Space Girl Blues by Bruce Pavalon
Special by Nicole Sacker

Sphere by Michael Kenner
Splatters by Adam Lemmey
Squiggly, The Acrobatic Sperm by Tim Rosenow
St. Patrick's Day by Patrick Caulfield
Star and the Crescent Moon by Parviz Saghizadeh
Stark & Rogers: Red Skull and the Byzantium Pearl by Paris Tosen
Starlite by Eric Dietz
Stay at Home by Kelly Cameron
Stealing Freedom by Scott Winfield Sublett
Stones of Fire by Alfred Dunham
Sugar Cookie Christmas by Heather Wright
Surfridge by Craig Clyde & Dana Wall
Surrogates by Mike Bevins
Sweet Caroline by Ty Strange
Sweet Child of Mine by Robbie Robertson
Sweet Lou McGinnty by Kevin Lance Bash
Sweet Thing by Lexi Savoy
Swordfingers by Anna Maria Torelli
Take My Wife, Please by Steve Feld
Takedown by Mark Cooper
Teach Me Chablis by D. Kline
The 30 Minute Man by Phillip Aaron & Sam Levine
The 49th Day by Craig Peters
The Apology by Candace Kimeer
The Arc by Frederic Marsanne
The Art of Deception by Deni Carson
The Art of Fence Walking by Christina Terzian
The Art of Peace by PJ Lewis
The Battle of Evermore by Bill Burton
The Blue Miracle by George Kovic
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The Chosen Ones by Andrew Uscher & Joel Stunkard
The Chronicles of Wan by Adrian J. Williams & Justine Joanne Williams
The Colt Murder by David Vaughn
The Combination by Brian Newton Fuller
The Comeback by Maurice Hicks
The Commodity by William Costanza
The Cookie Lady by P.K. Silverson
The Cyber Seducer by Arnold Hannons
The Death of Me! By Debra Jarvis
The Demon of Debuque by Samuel Hughes
The Divided Heart by Stewart Lindh
The Donnellys of Biddulph Township by Roger Lee Westry
The End of May by Kem Richards & Freddie Grant

The Far Corner by Dawn Greenfield Ireland
The Film Professor Who Kills Hot Students for Fame and Healthcare by Greg Benevent
The Final Cut by Giuseppe Cocca
The Future by Randy Yang
The Giant Light by Meghan Reilly
The Grave Digger by AJ Eversley
The Great Perhaps by Christine Vartoughian
The Hand You're Dealt by Harry Longstreet
The Harvester by Mark Grossardt
The Ice Pact by Christian Zur
The Immortal Bledsoes by Andrew Johnson
The Infamous Patriot by Jay Natelle
The Key of Be by Richard Kenney
The Kez by Mark Lichtenstein
The Kitty Revolution by Peter Witts
The Land I Walk by Sam M. Duane
The Land of Dodonia by Allen O'Reilly
The Land of Honey by Dylan Koller
The Land of Smiles by Joe Ward
The Last Man by Jason Morrys
The Last Santa by Michael Rhodes
The Losers by Allan Ignaczak
The Macedonian Trapeze Artist by Lyle Deixler
The Magistrates in the Bloody Brothel by Jake Oelman
The Man by Carla Queipo
The Man Doctrine by Christopher Prince
The Man on the Hill by Jack Balta
The Memories of Fall by Santino Brancato
The Misadventures of Vince & Hick by Heston Horwin
The Miss Stone Affair by Darko Mitrevski
The Missing Link by Mark Mc Quown
The Mona Lisa Project by Andrew Uscher & Joel Stunkard
The Moon Child by Tammy Olsen
The Music We Once Shared by Harrison Fowler
The Narcissist by CK Eastman
The Nest by Aaron Carter
The Other Family by Phil Mell & Casandra Wasaff
The Outspoken Genuis by Robert T. Roe
The Path by David Santiago
The Phantom Forever by Ben Bushell
The Pit and the Pendulum by Andrei Burke
The Pizza Palace by Carlos Franco
The Pond by Edwin Turner
The Psychedelic Fist by Nicholas Sennott



The Psycho Psychic by Dayton Rodgers
The Purple Heart Battalion by Steve Migdol
The Queen of Scars by Christopher Baldwin
The Reluctant First Gentleman by Curt Samlaska
The Revelation by Alejandro Levy
The Richest Woman in America by Bill McGough
The Scenic Route by Glenn Pulliam
The Shadow of Dharma by Mark Perlick
The Shroud Trinity by Frank McEvoy
The Silver Cup by D.A. Stenard & Dan Fitzpatrick
The Sixth Kind by Roman Wisnowski
The Social by Benjamin Cyrus-Clark
The Solomon Incident by Scott Allen
The Soul Conjecture by John Head
The Story Maker: Book of Trinum by Christopher Orr
The Thin Veil by Kim Purcell-Shipman
The Town that Lost Christmas by Dawn Coleman
The Twelve Brothers by Jacqueline & Rachael Blackwell
The Voice on the Water by Sara Robin
The Voices Within by Lemuel James
The Washington Triangle by Kilo Alexander & William Hilton
The Woman With No Name by Jesse Sherwood
Three Steps from the Edge by Hadj Gill & Gregg Howman
Thrill House by Jon Ellison
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Time Zero by Carlo & Erin Carere
Tituba by Ronald Ecker
To Kill Your Friends by Roberto Carmona
Torpedo Run by Farrin Rosenthal
Travisville by Vince Mazzara
Treasure from Thirteen Heavens by Joseph Martarella
Treasure Hunters Club by Ken Floyd
Triplicity by Audrey Pfister
Trollstigen by Ruben Estremera & Gregory Wolk
Trouble on the Way by Joe Amato & Kass Fleisher
Turkeys in the Rain by Rhoda Fairman
Turquoise Mountain by Diane Joy Schmidt
Unbreak My Heart by Christie Allen & Patty Carey
Uncontacted by Jacob Levy
Underwater by J. G. Cheim
Unhinged by Patrick Brown
Unsatisfied by Evan Greenberg
Unspeakable by Jan Welt
Upline by Abby Cohen



Vasily Arkhipov by Dean Jaloudi
Voided by Ntando Ndlovu
Wayward by Jes Sugrue
Wayward by Linda Palmer & Laree' Griffith
We Called Him Beethoven by Bob Brennan
Wee Wee by Chris Rosser
Welcome to the Orpheum by Tim O'Brien
Wenches by Amy Newman
Wernher by Jason & Kevin Ward
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What Have We Done? By Jack Balta
What's Mine is Mine by David Elmy & Max Schuster
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White Out by Brandon Bacall Tehrani
Who Killed Zebedee? By Wilkie Collins
Willow Dale by Maceo Greenberg
Witch Hunt by Valerie Burnham
Witch's Coin by Vladimir Morozov
Worst Fears by Bryan Bakker
Wrecker by Jack Hilkewich
Yellow Jacket by James Croteau
You Gotta Touch the Dead by Ivan Scandola
Youth Eternal by Anthony Vivian
Yuanfen by Lynn Mills & Briana London
Zero Time by Danny Flynn
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