The Aphrodite Film Awards (NYAFA) is a monthly and annual competition based in New York City which celebrates films from all around the world with awards in different categories and genres.

Our mission is to discover high quality, to promote filmmakers’ works and to help them realize their dreams.

It is our mission to recognize and celebrate the finest independent cinema the world has to offer while helping to advance the careers of promising filmmakers by providing a platform through which their talents can be recognized.

Each month, our Jury will award the best films through private screenings. There are no monthly public screenings for our film awards, so that we do not affect your other submissions or premiere status.

There will be awards in several Main Categories, and every submitter can add Additional Categories to increase their probability to win, but each entry and submission must have its own submission fee.

The winners of all monthly editions will enter the “Best of the Year” competition.

The finalists of the annual competition “The best of the year” will revealed by the jury on July 25, 2019.

The week of September 17 to 21, 2019, we will screen the best finalist films and on Saturday, September 21, the awards ceremony will take place.

We will also make an exhibition of the winning photographs.

**Rules & Terms**

Submissions in a language other than English must have subtitles. Works in progress are accepted.

Projects can be from any of the last five years.

Every month, our jury will award the best independent filmmakers through private screenings. Every submission can submit to as many categories as fits the film to increase the chances of winning.

The Jury may offer honorable mentions for filmmakers who do not necessarily win.

Our jury will select potential projects for possible distribution with our partner.

**By submitting your film, take note that:**

Aphrodite Film Awards (NYAFA) is hereby granted the rights to utilize an excerpt from any film submitted for promotional purposes of the festival.

You agree to use parts of your film (including trailer/teaser/film poster/stills) for promotional purpose.

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The films will not be available online.

We promote some of the films by uploading the trailers/teasers/posters/production stills.

Entry fees are non-refundable.

**Main Categories Available in Monthly editons (All Genre):**

Best Feature Film  
Best Animation Feature  
Best Documentary Feature  
Best Experimental Feature

Best Short Film  
Best Under 5 Minute Short Film  
Best Animation Short  
Best Documentary Short  
Best Experimental Short

Best Music Video  
Best Commercial  
Best Trailer

Best Photography (Photography Contest)  
Best Piece of Music (Only Music)

**Additional Categories:**

Best Drama (Additional Category)  
Best Comedy (Additional Category)  
Best Horror (Additional Category)  
Best LGBT (Additional Category)  
Best Action (Additional Category)  
Best Thriller (Additional Category)  
Best SCI-FI (Additional Category)  
Best Romantic Comedy (Additional Category)  
Best Crime Film (Additional Category)  
Best Fantasy Film (Additional Category)  
Best Film Noir (Additional Category)  
Best Western (Additional Category)  
Best Silent Film (Additional Category)

Best Editing (Additional Category)  
Best Original Music Score (Additional Category)  
Best Cinematography (Additional Category)

Best Producer (Additional Category)  
Best Screenplay(Additional Category)

Best Director – Ficction (Additional Category)  
Best Director – Animation (Additional Category)  
Best Director – Documentary (Additional Category)  
Best Director – Experimental (Additional Category)

Best Director Student (Additional Category  
Best First Time Filmmaker (Additional Category)

Best Actress (Additional Category)  
Best Actor (Additional Category)

**Awards:**

**All selected, finalists of each monthly edition will receive:**

Official Laurels.  
Coupon 50% discount on distribution services with our partner.

**All winners of each monthly edition will receive:**

Official Laurels.  
Official certificate (digital format).  
Coupon 100% discount in distribution services with our partner.  
Automatically enter the “Best of the Year” competition as the official annual Selection.

**All winners of the Best of Year competition received:**

Official Laurels.  
Official certificate (digital format).  
You will receive the Aphrodite Trophy during the Awards Ceremony. In case you can not attend the awards ceremony, you can receive your trophy by paying the shipping costs.