

NewFilmmakers LA Announces Nominees and Jury for 12th Annual Awards (EXCLUSIVE)

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[NewFilmmakers Los Angeles](#) has released the nominees and jury for its 12th annual awards that recognize the top rising talent in independent film across the globe.

This year's awards will honor 130 nominees over 16 categories. NewFilmmakers Los Angeles (NFMLA) is a non-profit organization focused on highlighting the work of independent artists and guiding filmmakers from underrepresented backgrounds. The nominees were screened from projects that screened at NFMLA's monthly film festival season, which ran from Jan. 1, 2023, to Dec. 31, 2023.

The films nominated have been played at festivals including Tribeca, SXSW, Sundance, Cannes and Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival.

"It is incredibly exciting to enter NFMLA's 17th year as an organization with such a strong lineup of nominees and jurors," Larry Laboe, NFMLA executive director and co-founder. "The talent represented at this year's Best of NFMLA Awards is a real testament to our commitment of showcasing emerging, diverse voices from around the globe. These are definitely artists worth paying close attention to."

Jury Members for the Best of NFMLA Awards include Adriana Fernandez (Bad Robot), Alexandria Martin (STX Entertainment), Alison Small (Brownstone Productions), Amanda Miller (Psyop), Ana Bond (Sony Pictures Television), Ana Souza (Sundance Institute), Asalle Tanha (Cartoon Network), Ashlie Sapiro (MAX), Basil Khalil (Academy Award-nominated writer and director) Diego Najera and Lisa Nwankwo (Participant), Divya D'Souza (Invention Studios), Elizabeth Bell (Stampede Ventures), Evan Anglin and Rodrigo Moscoso (Zero Gravity Management), Felipe Vargas (DGA Award-winning filmmaker), Fior Fabian (Macro), Florentina Almonte (ShortsTV), Haley Pigman (Blumhouse), Ivana Martinez and Roberto Larios (Verve), Jon Hersh (Housefire Management), Jon Kee (Circle of Confusion), Juan Devis (Ninetythree Media), Mackenzie Maguire (Gravitas Ventures), Marjon Javadi (Walt Disney Co.), Matazi Weathers (Los Angeles County Museum of Art), Meggie Choi (Amazon MGM Studios), Mike Rosen (Prettybird), Mitchell Bendersky (Gramercy Park Entertainment), Noémie Sornet (Fuse), Samantha Cameron-Mowat (New Regency), Savannah Abrishamchian (Monkeypaw) and David Valdez, Montserrat Gómez and Yvette Miley (NBCUniversal).

"It's wonderful to be able to honor the talent, hard work and creative visions of our nominees, who are among some of the most exciting emerging filmmakers making work today," said Bojana Sandic, NFMLA programming director.

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