

LAcon V Worldcon Film Festival Announces 2026 Award Winners

Anaheim, Calif. — The LAcon Worldcon Film Festival is proud to announce the award-winning films of our 2026 festival.

The film festival, held as part of LAcon V, the 84th World Science Fiction Convention takes place from August 27–31, 2026, at the Anaheim Convention Center. This year's festival saw an extraordinary turnout, receiving in excess of 100 submissions from filmmakers representing more than 25 countries. The winning films highlight the very best in international science fiction, fantasy, horror, animation, and independent filmmaking.



“I’m very proud of the films we’ve selected for the LAcon Film Festival. They prove that speculative fiction is alive and well in the international independent film world.” film festival director Shawn Marier said. “One of the highlights for me is getting to show speculative fiction films from around the globe.”

This is the second annual Worldcon Film Festival after the 2025 World Science Fiction Convention in Seattle held a highly successful pilot project. Films are selected for the festival by a jury of filmmakers and fans, including Tina Anderson, Kathy Bond, Ching-In Chen, Abie Ekenezar, Kin Ferate, Chris Garcia, David Haas, Kevin Lawrence, Arendse Lund, Sarah Scrivano, Mark Sebring, and David Haas.

2026 Festival Winners

Best Feature (Over 45 minutes)

Film: **Dead Media**

Director: Joseph Scrimshaw | Country: United States

Screening: Friday, August 28 at 6:00 PM

Best Featurette (15–45 minutes)

Film: **Pocket Change**

Directors: Tanner Mobley & Heston Roewe | Country: United States

Screening: Saturday, August 29 at 11:00 AM

Best Short (Under 15 minutes)

Film: **Battle of LA**

Director: Patrick Pizzolorusso | Country: United States

Screening: Saturday, August 29 at 3:00 PM

Best Science Fiction

Film: **One Minute Problem**

Director: Nicolás Delgado de la Cámara | Country: United States

Screening: Sunday, August 30 at 5:00 PM

Best Fantasy

Film: **The Screenwriter**

Director: Mark Petrasso | Country: Italy

Screening: Thursday, August 27 at 1:00 PM

Best Horror

Film: **Bug**

Director: Filip Momirovski | Country: North Macedonia

Screening: Sunday, August 30 at 1:00 PM

Best Animated

Film: **The Black Smoke of Prediction...**

Director: Damir dado Šuša | Country: Croatia

Screening: Saturday, August 29 at 5:00 PM

Best Student Film

Film: **My Name is Ringo**

Director: Jon Peter Lewis | School: University of Southern California (USC) | Country: United States

Screening: Friday, August 28 at 1:00 PM

About LAcon V & Worldcon

LAcon V, the 2026 World Science Fiction Convention (Worldcon), takes place August 27–31, 2026, across the Anaheim Convention Center, Hilton Anaheim, and Anaheim Marriott hotels. LAcon V is presented by the Southern California Institute for Fan Interests (SCIFI), Inc., a California 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

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