



35th International First Peoples Festival Awards

Teueikan Creative Award

First and second Prize

Prizes awarded according to artistic merit to films that have shown originality in the subject matter and the mise-en-scène, relevance in their cinematographic approaches and which correspond, in substance and form, to the soul of the first peoples.

First Prize

Ka Whawhai Tonu by Mike Jonathan – Aotearoa / New Zealand

Second Prize

Canuto's Transformation by Ariel Kuaray Ortega, Ernesto de Carvalho – Brazil

Rigoberta Menchú Community Award

First and second Prize

Prizes awarded by the Rigoberta Menchú Tum Foundation to productions by an Indigenous people or community on the theme of "identity, discrimination and intercultural dialogue", or which respond to a need for community development in terms of speaking out, recording collective memory, preserving cultural heritage, moving towards healing, fighting for rights, popular education or economic leverage. The Rigoberta Menchú Tum Foundation asks the winners to donate a good video copy of their prize-winning work for non-profit use by the Foundation, for dissemination and awareness-raising purposes.

First Prize

Me Moría (Li Cham) by Ana Ts'uyeb – Mexico

Second Prize

Remaining Native de Paige Bethmann – USA

Honorable Mention

Bring Them Home by Ivan MacDonald, Ivy MacDonald, Daniel Glick - USA

APTN Award

APTN AWARD is dedicated to an Indigenous filmmaker who has distinguished himself/herself during the year. Outstanding Achievement of the Year in Indigenous Cinema.

Singing Back the Buffalo by Tasha Hubbard - Canada

Les Films du 3 Mars' Best Documentary Award

For the documentary film that succeed, in form and content, in illustrating a factual or intangible Indigenous reality, by authentically rendering the lives and stories of the protagonists.

Las Almas by Laura Basombrío – Argentina

Honorable Mention / Political Commitment Award

Free Leonard Peltier by Jesse Short Bull et David France - USA

Les Films du 3 Mars Grant for a Canadian Documentary

A \$750 bursary awarded to a documentary filmmaker in Canada, with an offer to present his/her film on the FM3.CA VOD platform, to encourage him/her in the production of meaningful works about Indigenous peoples and cultures.

Deskaheh - Quest for Justice by Katsi'tsakwas Ellen Gabriel - Canada

Air Canada – Matera Award

For Indigenous filmmakers based in Canada who have made a film with international distribution potential. Films entered for the APTN award are also eligible for this prize. The winning films will be screened at the Matera International Film Festival in Italy (November 8-16, 2025); the award includes travel both ways Montréal (or a Canadian City)-Matera via Rome for the winning filmmaker.

Inkwo for When the Starving Return by Amanda Strong - Canada

Main Film Award for emerging Indigenous Artists

Awarded to an emerging Indigenous filmmaker, from Canada or elsewhere, for a film revealing promising talent. With a \$1,000 bursary.

Ventre de Luna (Moon Belly) by Liliana K'an - Mexico

Honorable Mention

Echoes within by Pranami Koch - India

Best Canadian Short Film - Espaces Autochtones / SRC Award

Awarded to a Canadian short film for the quality of its cinematic expression (narrative structure, photo direction, set design, editing, sound concept, direction of actors, script, animation techniques, etc.). With a \$2,500 bursary for the winner.

On and On and On by Evelyn Pakinewatik - Canada

Best International Short Film

Awarded to a short film for the quality of its cinematic expression (narrative structure, cinematography, set design, editing, sound design, direction of actors, screenplay, animation techniques, etc.).

Aribada by Simon(e) Jaikiriuma Paetau, Natalia Escobar – Colombia

Best Animation Film

Awarded to an animation film for the quality of its cinematic expression (narrative structure, editing, sound design, screenplay, animation techniques, etc.).

Inkwo for When the Starving Return by Amanda Strong - Canada

A selection of those films will be available on TOU.TV in the Fall

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