



Philadelphia Independent Film Awards Nominees

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Best Picture

- [Diary of a Badman](#) – Diemiruaya Deniran, director-writer (USA; crime drama; 1 hr. 50 min.; 2015; English) **Trailer:** <https://youtu.be/LJGwjHZ9drM>
- [When the Ocean Met the Sky](#) – Lukas Huffman, director (Canada; comedy, drama; 1 hr. 31 min.; 2014; English) **Trailer:** <https://goo.gl/XjYrHE>
- [Driving While Black](#) – Paul Sapiano, director (USA; dark comedy; 1 hr. 34 min.; 2015; English) **Trailer:** <https://youtu.be/xKem1Gf8-x0>
- [The Perfect Husband](#) – Lucas Pavetto, director (Italy; horror, drama, thriller; 1 hr. 25 min.; 2014, English) **Trailer:** <https://youtu.be/Oi9Z6EyLS2M>
- [Cassanova Was A Woman](#) – Kevin Arbouet, director (USA; romantic comedy, LGBT; 1 hr. 52 min.; 2015, English) **Trailer:** <http://www.fuacatafilms.com/trailer.html> or <https://youtu.be/vINUA6MII4Q>
- [Imperfect Sky](#) – Graham Streeter, director (USA; drama, drug; 1 hr. 45 min.; 2015; English) **Trailer:** <https://vimeo.com/119460419>

Best Actor

- [Douglas A. Robbs](#) – Diary of A Badman
- [Bret Roberts](#) – The Perfect Husband
- [Neil Carr](#) – [Love Him or Leave Him](#) (USA; romantic comedy; 1 hr. 2 min.; 2015, English) **Trailer:** <https://vimeo.com/128183352>

- [Dominique Purdy](#) – Driving While Black
- [Blake Scott Lewis](#) – Imperfect Sky

Best Actress

- [Jacinth Sutphin](#) – Diary of A Badman
- [Jezabel Montero](#) – Cassanova Was a Woman
- [Gabriella Wright](#) – The Perfect Husband (Italy, drama/thriller, 1 hr. 25 min., 2014)
- [Huichi-chiu](#) – [Escapes](#) aka [Huidas](#) (See Best International Film nominees for details)
- [Aylia Colwell](#) – [Fishbowl](#) (USA; drama, comedy; 1 hr. 42 min.; 2015; English) **Trailer:** <https://youtu.be/iCu85rG4RGU>

Best Supporting Actor

- [Michael Thor Love](#) - Diary of A Badman
- [Andre Antwan](#) – [I was a Teenage Superhero Sidekick](#) (USA; comedy, drama, fantasy; 1 hr. 19 min.; 2014; English) **Trailer:** N/A
- [Marc Wasserman](#) – [DisAssociationVille](#) (USA; drama; 1 hr. 29 min.; 2015; English) **Trailer:** <https://goo.gl/EXDTaS>
- [Jaimie Fauth](#) – [Better Half](#) (USA; drama, LGBT; 1 hr. 49 min.; 2015; English) **Trailer:** <https://youtu.be/ldvY0ylwBEU>
- [Peter Cilella](#) – Driving While Black

Best Supporting Actress

- [Elizabeth Pan](#) – Better Half
- [DJ Harner](#) – Better Half
- [Emily Sandiffer](#) – I Was a Teenage Superhero Sidekick
- [Carolann Valentino](#) – Cassanova Was a Woman
- [Margo Singaliese](#) – Cassanova Was a Woman

Best Director

- Kevin Arbouet – Cassanova Was a Woman
- Lucas Pavetto – Perfect Husband
- Paul Sapiano – Driving While Black
- Lukas Huffman – When the Ocean Met the Sky
- Graham Streeter – Imperfect Sky 39
- Diemiruaya Deniran – Diary of a Badman

Best Score

- Love Him or Leave Him – soundtrack by Poindexter, music by Setoria
- Cassanova Was a Woman – Tyler Westen
- Imperfect Sky – Grim Hans-Christian Bernhoft
- When the Ocean Met the Sky – Will Bangs
- Driving While Black – Taz Arnold and Thayod Ausar
- The Perfect Husband – Giuseppe Capozzolo
- Diary of a Badman – Rihki Kennebrew

Best Cinematography

- Cassanova Was a Woman – John McClung
- When the Ocean Met the Sky – Daniel Cojanu
- The Perfect Husband – Davide Manca
- Diary of A Badman – Diemiruaya Deniran
- Imperfect Sky – Graham Streeter
- Driving While Black – Bryant Jansen

Best International Film

- [Agnus Dei](#) – Agim Sopi, director; Agim Sopi, Milazim Saihu, producers (Kosovo; drama, tragedy; 1 hr. 50 min.; 2013; Albanian) **Trailer:** <https://goo.gl/2XQxP1>
- [Pechorin](#) – Roman Khrushch, director; Leonid Litvak, producer (Russian Federation; historical drama; 1 hr. 37 min.; 2011; Russian) **Trailer:** <http://youtu.be/9dQCGztXbjo>
- [EVA](#) – Barbot Gery, director – Burkina Faso; drama; 1 hr. 19 min. 29 sec.; 2015; French) **Trailer:** <https://youtu.be/yMhuSJMgthc>
- [ILAKKANA PIZHAI](#) (aka GRAMMATICAL ERROR) – Nava Bharat Selva Balraj, director (India; 13 min.; crime, detective; 2015; Tamil) **Trailer:** N/A
- [Escapes](#) (aka [Huidas](#)) – Mercedes Gaspar, director (Spain; drama, social drama; 1 hr. 30 min.; 2014; Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Other, Spanish) **Trailer:** <https://goo.gl/dpgLfZ>

Best Short Films

- [A Shadow of Dara](#) – Kirill Proskura, director (United Kingdom; sci-fi; 14 min. 15 sec.; 2015; English) **Trailer:** <https://goo.gl/oeMy7>
- [Parallel](#) – Mikel J. Wisler, director (USA; sci-fi, romance, drama; 11 min. 28 sec.; 2015; English) **Trailer:** <https://youtu.be/iTBOQenw5vE>
- [On Flying Water](#) – (aka Au Fil de l' Eau) Dominique Monfery, director (France; action, music, drama, animation, metaphorical, adventure, silent film; 2 min. 18 sec.; 2015) **Trailer:** N/A
- [Baggage](#) – Sarah Ball, director (United Kingdom, filmed in USA; romantic comedy; LGBT; animation, live action; 13 min. 40 sec.; 2015; English) **Trailer** – <https://vimeo.com/135252714>

- [Sealed With a Kiss](#) – Darren Rapiere, director (United Kingdom; period drama; 3 min. 34 sec.; 2015; English) **Trailer:** N/A
- [The Guest](#) – Federico Olivetti, director (Italy; drama; 19 min. 26 sec.; 2014; Italian) **Trailer:** <https://goo.gl/lAdgHm>

Best Student Film

- [Bears Discover Fire](#) – Scott Riehs, producer (USA; sci-fi, fantasy; 14 min.; 2015; English) **Trailer:** <https://vimeo.com/106998956>
- [Two Fish](#) – Divina Hassleman, director-writer (Germany; drama, kids, women, underwater, narrative; 23 min.; 2015; English) **Trailer:** N/A
- [What Are You Looking At?](#) – Naysan Baghai, director-writer (Australia; drama; 6 min. 25 sec.; 2015; English) **Trailer:** N/A
- [Daughter of an Ocean](#) – Kintan Chauhan, director-writer (USA; animation, drama; 3 min.; 2014; English) **Trailer:** <https://vimeo.com/105937093>
- [3:00 PM](#) – Hongyi Cao, director-writer (USA; comedy; 13 min. 41 sec.; 2015; English) **Trailer:** N/A
- [Umbrella Girl](#) – Monika Norcross-Cerm, director-writer (USA; animation, buddy film, fantasy, adventure; 2 min. 10 sec.; 2015; English) **Trailer:** N/A

Best Documentary

- [Through The Lens](#) – Paul Conley, director (Bahamas; adventure; 25 min.; 2015; English) **Trailer:** <https://vimeo.com/125095924>
- [The Dog Walkers of Buenos Aires](#) – Peter Wilson, director-producer (Australia, filmed in Argentina; 30 min.; 2015) **Trailer:** <https://filmfreeway.com/submissions/1990828>
- [The Guy With The Knife](#) – Alison Armstrong, director (Canada, filmed in USA; feature, LGBT, true crime; 1 hr. 25 min.; 2015; English) **Trailer:** <http://theguywiththeknife.com/>
- [When The Bell Rings](#) – Brad Bores, director (USA; sports, boxing; 1 hr. 22 min.; 2014; English) **Trailer:** <https://vimeo.com/121152107>
- [Glen's Village](#) – Dorian Geiger, director (USA; 32 min.; education, mental health, trauma, social justice; 2015; English) **Trailer:** <https://youtu.be/pUN5759UwFM>
- [ALL THE WORLD IN A DESIGN SCHOOL](#) (aka HELA VÄRLDEN I EN DESIGNSKOLA) Mattias Low, director – (Sweden; TV documentary, drama, news, education, cultural clash; 58 min; 45 sec.; 2015; English, Swedish) **Trailer:** <https://vimeo.com/133142947/>

Best Screenplay

- [Expiration Dating](#) (USA; romantic comedy; short, 79 pages) – Andrew Abdou, Sarah Mogin, Michael Petzinger
- [Seriah's Legacy](#) (USA; drama, coming-of-age; feature-length, 130 pages) – Julie M. Kaufmann
- [Madea Goes to Oz](#) (USA; comedy, fantasy; feature-length, 141 pages) – Timajin Ali
- [Filmmakers](#) (USA; comedy, romance; short, 74 pages) – Jordan Dove