

Cordillera International Film Festival 2025 Award Winners

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Cordillera's Full House on Awards Night

The Cordillera International Film Festival, named one of "MovieMaker" Magazine's "Top 25 Coolest Film Festivals in the World," two years in a row, is thrilled to announce the [Grand Jury](#), Special Jury, and PitchFest! Winners of its eighth annual festival, which took place September 25-29, in Reno-Tahoe, Nevada.

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Cordillera's 8th year was a celebration of community and diverse voices. From Tribeca, Sundance, SXSW & World Premieres, honoring our winners and awarding a \$175K PitchFest! was truly inspiring!"

Emily Skyle-Golden, Founder

Grand Jury Awards and Special Jury Awards with cash prizes.

Grand Jury Award, Short Film (presented by: Kelly Ward): The Singers (\$1,000 Prize)

Grand Jury Award, Feature Film (presented by: Disney Legend Bill Farmer): The Fisherman (\$1,000 Prize)

Special Jury Award, Innovate Award (presented by: Tony Manfredi) Hand Job (\$500 Cash Prize)

Special Jury Award, Impact Award (presented by: Dawn

Gilliam, Bilali Mack) Ado (\$500 Cash Prize)

Programmer's Choice (presented by: Paul Sloop) The Music Store (Wins Sponsored Oscar

Qualifying Theatrical Run)

Cordillera's 2025 PitchFest! winner:
Wildlands, Merlin Camozzi

Grand Prize Package worth up to
\$175,000 includes:

Obscured Releasing will offer a letter of
intent and potential distribution deal

Worre Studios - Production Package
with Worre Studios worth \$45,000

Film(N)NV Production Package & Grant
valued at \$45,000

VFX Consulting with Bilali Mack - 50
hours of VFX supervision and
consultation

Atherton Public Relations - Publicity
Package w/ Atherton Public Relations
valued at \$25,000

American Film Market Platinum Badge
valued at \$1,295

This year's festival took place
September 25-29, 2025 in the beautiful
Reno-Tahoe area, and captivated
audiences with an extraordinary
selection of thought-provoking films
from around the globe, engaging panel
discussions, and nightly parties.
Special Guests included: Kristoffer
Polaha, SNL's Chris Parnell, Marvelous
Miss Mazel's Austin Basis, and Stephen
Tobolowsky.

This year's featured list of films can be
found [here](#).

Media credentials application can be
found [here](#) for future events.

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About Cordillera International Film Festival

As a champion of diverse voices, the Cordillera Int'l Film Festival, located in the beautiful Reno Tahoe region of Nevada, has quickly become one of the "Top 25 Coolest Film Festivals in the World" according to MovieMaker Magazine, and is ranked in the Top 1% of over 12,000 film



Disney Legend Bill Farmer presents 2025 Grand Jury Award to Zoey Martinson of The Fisherman for Best Feature Film



Mimics Red Carpet - Kristoffer Polaha, Stephen Tobolowsky, Chris Parnell and Producer Ken Carpenter

festivals worldwide by FilmFreeway. Cordillera features 5-Days filled with 150+ films, celebrity panels, red carpet premieres, parties and a Grand Jury made up of iconic industry leaders. More than 150 official selections will screen throughout the 5-day annual festival the final weekend of September. For more information, visit www.ciffnv.org.

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