



Independent Films Sweep 97th Annual Academy Awards®, Claiming 75% of Feature Film Wins

Los Angeles, CA – March 3, 2025 – At last night's 97th Academy Awards®, independent films demonstrated their artistic excellence and dominated the evening by securing 15 out of the 20 awards in feature film categories. This remarkable achievement accounts for 75% of all feature film wins, the Independent Film & Television Alliance® (IFTA®) is pleased to announce.

This year, eight independent films, distinguished by their financing, production, and territory-by-territory sales outside of the major Hollywood studios, captured Oscars®. Among the notable winners was "Anora," produced by IFTA Member FilmNation Entertainment, which triumphed in five major categories: Best Picture, Directing, Actress in a Leading Role, Writing (Original Screenplay) and Film Editing.

IFTA Member companies, including FilmNation Entertainment, Pathé, Protagonist Pictures, SND Films, STUDIOCANAL, and Wild Bunch, played pivotal roles in the production, financing, sales, and distribution of this year's award-winning films. The independent sector's impressive presence was further highlighted by its 62 nominations at this year's Oscars, underscoring a landmark year for Independents around the globe.

The full list of Independent winners is below (*Please note: *indicates films that involved IFTA Member companies*):

Best Picture

*Anora**

Directing

*Sean Baker, Anora**

Actor in a Leading Role

*Adrien Brody, The Brutalist**

Actress in a Leading Role

*Mikey Madison, Anora**

Actor in a Supporting Role

Kieran Culkin, A Real Pain

Actress in a Supporting Role

*Zoe Saldaña, Emilia Pérez**

Writing (Adapted Screenplay)

*Conclave**

Writing (Original Screenplay)

*Anora**

Animated Feature Film

Flow

Cinematography

*The Brutalist**

Film Editing

*Anora**

Music (Original Score)

*The Brutalist**

Music (Original Song)

*"El Mal" from Emilia Pérez**

Documentary Feature Film

No Other Land

International Feature Film

I'm Still Here (Brazil)*

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About the Independent Film & Television Alliance:

IFTA is the global trade association for independent film and television production, finance, distribution, and sales companies. The organization represents the independent sector before governments and international bodies and provides significant entertainment industry services to its member companies in 22 countries consisting of independent production and distribution companies, sales agents, and financial institutions engaged in production finance. Each November, it produces the American Film Market®, the world's largest motion picture event, drawing thousands of industry leaders from 80 countries and leading to more than \$1 Billion in distribution and film financing deals. IFTA also develops and publishes the IFTA® Model Agreements which articulate the industry-wide standards and key definitions for licensing international rights in motion pictures and television programming and are reviewed and revised regularly to keep pace with the evolving worldwide film and television industry. For more information on IFTA, visit www.IFTA-online.org.