

24th PONFERRADA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL AWARDS

2026 RETINA AWARDS

- **RETINA SHORT LOOKS NATIONAL, €750 and the trophy** for the best national short film to **“Una vocal”** by Polo Menárguez and the production company Malvalanda (Spain)
- **RETINA SHORT LOOKS INTERNATIONAL, €750 and the trophy** for the best international short film to **“Nåde (Mercy)”** by Hedda Mjøen and the production companies True Content Productions AS and Kruela Film AS (Norway)

OTHERS AWARDS

- **FILM SCHOOLS AWARD and €500** for the best short film made by students from any school in the world that teaches film or audiovisual studies, organised in collaboration with the Local Youth Council of Ponferrada, to **“21 de Octubre”** de Joel Cánovas and Catalonia Film and Audiovisual School (ESCAC) (Spain)
- **SEE TO EDUCATE 2026 and €200** for the finalist short film of the “See to educate 2026” program that stood out for its content on values education, to **“Goma”** by Júlia Francino Rodríguez and the production companies WKND y Lusco Fusco Animation (Spain and Portugal)
- **SEE TO EDUCATE 2026 and €200** for the finalist short film of the “See to educate 2026” program that stood out for its content on values education, to **“Superescolares 2. Una mente sana”** by Íñigo Echávarri and the production company Slogan Producciones (Spain)
- **SEE TO EDUCATE 2026 and €200** for the finalist short film of the “See to educate 2026” program that stood out for its content on values education, to **“Normal”** by Verónica Bascuñana and Eva Moreno and the production companies Not Alone Productions, Lunática Films and Producciones Off (Spain)
- **SPECIAL MENTION for Best Female Performance** to actress **Marie-Pierre Nouveau** for the short film **“Sofiane”** by Fabien Ara and the production companies Dunk Films and Les Films Du Castel (France)
- **SPECIAL MENTION for Best Male Performance** to actor **Ramón Barea** for the short film **“Pordentro”** by Álvaro G. Company and Mario Hernández and the production companies Grupo IDEX, Acords Films and Aliwood Mediterráneo Producciones (Spain)
- **SPECIAL MENTION for Best Direction** to **Hedda Mjøen** for the short film **“Nåde (Mercy)”** by Hedda Mjøen and the production companies True Content Productions AS and Kruela Film AS (Norway)
- **SPECIAL MENTION for Best Photography** to **Mikah Sharkey** for the short film **“Hatch”** by Alireza Kazemipour and Panta Mosleh and the production company PK Studio Productions (Canada)

- **SPECIAL MENTION for Best Art Direction to James A. Castillo and Pakoto Martínez** for the short film “**El fantasma de la Quinta**” by James A. Castillo and the production companies Illusorium Films and Martirio Films (Spain)

- **SPECIAL MENTION for Inclusive Social Values** for the short film “**Joyeux Anniversaire (Happy Birthday)**” by Julien Bourges and the production company Production Bourges (France)

All the awards in the official sections in competition have been voted for by the audience attending the screenings. The second prizes and special mentions have been awarded by the festival organisers.

All the works that win the Retina Awards will be given a trophy representing the Festival (a ceramic piece simulating a Retina), a diploma and a laurel of recognition certifying their status as the best film in the corresponding official section.

The rest of the awards, second prizes and special mentions will be awarded a diploma and a laurel of recognition.

All finalist works from the official sections and parallel sections that have not received awards, second prizes or mentions will be awarded a laurel of recognition to certify their status as selected for the Festival.



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