



Uganda Film Festival

2026, NOMINATION LIST

TRANSFORMATION: THE POWER OF LOCAL STORIES



BEST VIEWER'S CHOICE

- **ADUI** BY AVENY T STEVE
- **YOU MAY KISS THE BRIDE GOODBYE** BY ELLY E. DEBUNI, EMMANUEL ILUNGOLE, NODRYN EVANCI KABUYE, VIERI MWANJE KAVUMA, COLLINE MANIRAHARI, VANESSA KHABUYA & CHLOE NSIIMA
- **LONGING TO BELONG** BY MARIAM NDAGIRE KIZITO
- **MAAMA WANGE** BY MIREMBE DOREEN JR
- **WAKA WAKA** BY KAGGWA JULIUS & NSAMBA ROBERT POSIANO

BEST ORIGINAL SOUNDTRACK

- **WHEN POWER TURNS**
- **WRONG NUMBER** BY PIZ MALLON
- **LONGING TO BELONG** BY MUVSTI JOE
- **SLEDGE**
- **SMALL GODS** BY YAKABANDE BATWA ARTISTS AND BIRARA BATWA ARTISTS

BEST SCREENPLAY

- **SMALL GODS** BY CHIMPAYE FLORENCE, MARISERENA BIZIMANA HUSSAIN, LUKE EUBULE REILLY, & ASHER ROSEN
- **YOU MAY KISS THE BRIDE GOODBYE** BY EMMANUEL ILUNGOLE, LOUIS MUHEREZA & CHLOE NSIIMA
- **THE UNFORGIVABLE** BY MATOVU MARTIN ERIC
- **MAAMA WANGE** BY MASADDE ISAA YUSUF, MIREMBE DOREEN, EUSWATA MUSA, JICAN EUNICE
- **ADUI** BY AVENY T STEVE & NATASHA CORDE CASHIMBA

BEST SOUND DESIGN

- **SLEDGE**
- **THE UNFORGIVABLE** BY SIMON AGOLA
- **LONGING TO BELONG** BY ISIKO ABUBAKER
- **ADUI** BY GREEN AMANI & KASOMA TONNY
- **YOU MAY KISS THE BRIDE GOODBYE** BY JOASH OMONDI

BEST ACTOR IN A FEATURE

- **FIDEL SANKARA** (YOU MAY KISS THE BRIDE GOODBYE)
- **MICHAEL WAWUYO JR** (THE UNFORGIVABLE)
- **MUSHIKOMA DANIEL PAPA** (AT THE VERGE)
- **OLOT BONNY OLEM** (ADUI)
- **TURINAYO JOTHAN** (SMALL GODS)

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR IN A FEATURE

- **ALLAN KUTOS KATONGOLE** (YOU MAY KISS THE BRIDE GOODBYE)
- **MUTUMBA HENRY** (WAKA WAKA)
- **OBITA VINCENT TYSON** (ADUI)
- **TOM ONGOM** (WHEN POWER TURNS)
- **BIZIMAN HUSSEIN** (SMALL GODS)

BEST EAST AFRICAN FILM

- **SHIKU** BY KATE VOBIĆ (KENYA)
- **BOBO** BY MAURICE MUENDO (KENYA)
- **NANA** BY ADAM JUMA MIKIDADI (TANZANIA)
- **PEREMENDE** BY GREEN GARNET FILMS STUDIOS (KENYA)
- **ZAHMA (THE STRUGGLE)** BY FULL FRAME PRODUCTION (KENYA)

BEST STUDENT FILM

- **BOND OF TERA** BY EMMA OKELLO
- **SHADOWS AFTER VOWS** BY SEBINOBE MATHIAS
- **MIND OVER MATTER** BY HENRY MATOVU
- **UNSEEN** BY LUBEERA SAPHINA
- **THE DREAM KILLER** BY OKOT BILL CLINTON

BEST ACTRESS IN TV DRAMA/SERIES

- **DIANA KAHUNDE** (CHOICES)
- **NAKUBULWA CLARE DESIRE** (TIES THAT BIND US)
- **NAMBUSI FLORENCE** (LOVING BEYOND)
- **MIREMBE DOREEN** (DAMALIE)
- **CINDERELLA OKUYO** (CROSSROADS)

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS IN A TV DRAMA/SERIES

- **KUNIHIRA CAROLYN** (TIES THAT BIND US)
- **RUKIA NALUBEGA** (DAMALIE)
- **FLORENCE IGA** (LOVING BEYOND)
- **NATULINDA BLESSED** (KAVULE TOWN)
- **ANNA MARIE NANTAMBI** (CHOICES)

BEST COSTUME DESIGN

- **SMALL GODS**
- **ADUI** BY HURRY SUITS & KAKU MICKYDAD LOVEWELL
- **YOU MAY KISS THE BRIDE GOODBYE** BY ELTON OYAZA
- **MAAMA WANGE** BY NABAKIIBI JOANAH JOJO
- **WAKA WAKA** BY ROKA STARS, NAMAKULA HILDA & NAKIMULIJANIFER

BEST POST-PRODUCTION/EDITING

- **ADUI** BY OKOTH PETER & ALIBET JOSHUA
- **YOU MAY KISS THE BRIDE GOODBYE** BY JOSHUA ALIBET & JOASH OMONDI
- **LONGING TO BELONG** BY SUUNA PETER
- **WAKA WAKA** BY MARVIN RAIN SSENTONGO
- **THE UNFORGIVABLE** BY FRANCIS MATOVU

BEST DIRECTOR

- **DRAKE MAKANGA** (YOU MAY KISS THE BRIDE GOODBYE)
- **AVENY T STEVE** (ADUI)
- **MARIAM NDAGIRE KIZITO** (LONGING TO BELONG)
- **SSENTONGO MARVIN RAIN** (WAKA WAKA)
- **MASADDE ISAA YUSUF** (MAAMA WANGE)

BEST PRODUCTION DESIGN

- **ADUI** BY MARK BITARINSA
- **MAAMA WANGE** BY NIXON IBRA
- **YOU MAY KISS THE BRIDE GOODBYE** BY IMRAN MUSABE
- **WAKA WAKA** BY ROKA STARS, MACOOLA JOTHAM
- **SMALL GODS** TUMUSIIME ROBERT QUINTES

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS IN A FEATURE

- **HELLEN LUKOMA** (YOU MAY KISS THE BRIDE GOODBYE)
- **NABAKIIBI JOANA JOJO** (MAAMA WANGE)
- **ANNET NANDUJJA** (LONGING TO BELONG)
- **NAMAKULA HILDA (AGATHA)** (WRONG NUMBER)
- **NAKITENDE HASIFAH (ZAHARA)** (AT THE VERGE)

BEST ANIMATION

- **AMARA AND THE SPIRIT OF NYAMAGUNDA** BY DHIKUSOOKA DENIS JUNIOR
- **QUEEN KITAMI** BY KATOTO STUDIO
- **WHO KILLED CAPTAIN ALEX?** BY KATOTO STUDIO
- **MOTHER TONGUE** BY DUNCAN SENKUMBA
- **NYOTA FORCE** BY DHIKUSOOKA DENIS JUNIOR

BEST INTERNATIONAL FILM

- **SAFARI** BY REUBEN ODANGA (KENYA)
- **EUGENE O'NEILL'S-THE FIRST MAN** BY HARDEEP CIANI & MATTHEW PITTS-TUCKER (UNITED KINGDOM)
- **IN OTHER WORDS** BY AMIR FEKRI (IRAN)
- **NELSON MANDELA: THE MAN BEHIND THE LEGEND** BY ANTON KONKIN (RUSSIAN FEDERATION)
- **MY FATHER** BY MAURITIUS FILM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION / ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD (MAURITIUS)

BEST TV DRAMA SERIES

- **DAMALIE** BY DOREEN MIREMBE
- **LOVING BEYOND** BY JERRY SESSANGA
- **KAVULE TOWN** BY USAMA MUKWAYA, MEDDY SSERWADDA & HADJAH NAKANJAKO
- **CHOICES** BY MULLINDWA RICHARD
- **TIES THAT BIND US** BY BALWASE EDWARD & SSERWADDA SHAFIC

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR IN TV DRAMA/SERIES

- **AUSTIN JJEMBA MUSOKE** (DAMALIE)
- **ISAAC MENDEZ KINTU** (LOVING BEYOND)
- **YUSUF KAIJA BOXA** (CHOICES)
- **RAYMOND RUSHABIRO** (TIES THAT BIND US)
- **BLAIR KOONO** (KAVULE TOWN)

BEST LOCAL SHORT FILM

- **INFINITY** BY MIRIAM NSIMBI, ERNEST NSIMBI, NABBANJA RUKIA & NSIMBI MUSIC
- **MFUKO THE DUFFLE BAG** BY PASCAL PRAISE MUMBERE & IAN OWORA
- **SUBLIMINAL** BY SHARON ATUHAIRE ACHIRE
- **TWISTED** BY NAMULINDWA MYRA SHARIFAH & NTALE DERRICK CHRISTOPHER
- **LAST TAXI TO KAWEMPE** BY WALTER GABRIEL BUSULWA

BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY

- **AT THE VERGE** BY FAUZIA MULIMIRA
- **ADUI** BY IZAEK EKUKA
- **YOU MAY KISS THE BRIDE GOODBYE** BY ALEX IRETA
- **LONGING TO BELONG** BY KENNETH MUGERWA
- **WAKA WAKA** BY LUTAAYA KIVUMBI ASHIRAF

BEST FILM IN INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE

- **SMALL GODS** JACK POLLINGTON, SHEMA FAUSTIN, ANDREAS RAOLD, IAN PRIOR & DAN WECHSLER
- **ADUI** BY AVENY T STEVE
- **WAKA WAKA** BY KAGGWA JULIUS & NSAMBA ROBERT POSIANO
- **MAAMA WANGE** BY MIREMBE DOREEN JNR.
- **WHEN POWER TURNS**

BEST FEATURE FILM

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BEST ACTRESS IN A FEATURE

- **MBABAZI CATHERINE UWERA** (YOU MAY KISS THE BRIDE GOODBYE)
- **JACKLINE KATUSIIME** (THE UNFORGIVABLE)
- **IRENE ENYEGU** (LOST AND FOUND)
- **NAKAKEETO IMMACULATE** (WRONG NUMBER)
- **CHIMPAYE FLORENCE MARISERENA** (SMALL GODS)

BEST RISING STAR

- **KATUSHABE JOVIAN ANN** (MAMA WANGE)
- **YOMCWINY EMILY** (ADUI)
- **SANYU MILLIE MARTHA** (AM SORRY MAMA)
- **TURINAAYO JONATHAN** (SMALL GODS)

BEST LOCAL DOCUMENTARY

- **WANAWAKE** BY SARAH SMITH & NSOBYA LIVINGSTON
- **EKITIBWA KY'OLUBUGO** BY MARIAM NDAGIRE KIZITO
- **BECOMING HER, BECOMING FREE** BY ELEVA PRODUCTIONS & LUCAS RAVIE
- **AJON-THE SPIRIT OF TESO** BY PETER ABRAHAM OKOLIMO
- **THE BLIND FAMILY** BY ISRAEL DENIS

BEST ACTOR IN A TV DRAMA/SERIES

- **DERRIK BAKKA** (DAMALIE)
- **MUGAGGA TEVIN** (KAVULE TOWN)
- **RUKUNDO KENNY** (CHOICES)
- **HERBERT KAFRIKA** (CHOICES)
- **JJEMBA MUSIBE** (TIES THAT BIND US)

