

# Quentin Tarantino, Michelle Yeoh, Stephen Curry, and K-Pop's ONEW Nominated for Short Shorts Film Festival & ASIA 2026 Global Spotlight Award

*Celebrating global icons and visionary creators leveraging the short film medium to illuminate critical contemporary issues and technological frontiers.*



TOKYO — May 15, 2026 — The Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia (SSFF & ASIA) 2026, one of Asia's largest Academy Award®-accredited international short film festivals, has officially announced the final nominees for its prestigious 6th Annual Global Spotlight Award.

The Global Spotlight Award honors international filmmakers, actors, and artists who utilize the short film medium to illuminate critical contemporary issues, pioneer new technologies, and push the boundaries of creative expression.

This year's curated lineup features an unprecedented gathering of cinematic masters, sports icons, and global pop stars across five stellar finalist films: **Quentin Tarantino's Yuki's Revenge**: An explosive 10-minute animated feature showcasing a "lost chapter" of the Kill Bill universe. In a groundbreaking move, this highly anticipated piece was originally unveiled within the global gaming phenomenon Fortnite.

**Sean Baker & Michelle Yeoh's Sandiwara**: Fresh off dominating the 2025 Academy Awards (winning 5 major awards including Best Picture and Best Director), director Sean Baker teams up with Oscar-winning actress Michelle Yeoh. Set against the vibrant streets of Penang, Malaysia, this 11-minute comedy-heavy drama serves as an immersive celebration of cultural identity, culinary arts, and the independent filmmaking spirit.

**Stephen Curry & Ben Proudfoot's The Baddest Speechwriter of All**: NBA superstar Stephen Curry joins forces with Oscar-winning documentary filmmaker Ben Proudfoot to co-direct this sharp 29-minute documentary. The film unravels the behind-the-scenes sacrifices and newly uncovered history of Martin Luther King Jr.'s close advisor and speechwriter during the Civil Rights Movement.

**Charlie Kaufman's How to Shoot a Ghost** (Japanese Title: 青い世界の扉が開くとき): Acclaimed *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* writer-director Charlie Kaufman brings his distinct, melancholic worldview to this 27-minute drama. Set in Athens, the film follows a recently deceased translator and a photographer as they navigate isolation and find a delicate solace in the echo of their existence.

**Jong-gyun Park's 4:44: Time of Fear (Featuring ONEW of SHINee)**: A highly buzzed-coined horror omnibus starring ONEW, the prince of K-pop group SHINee. Originally conceptualized as an OTT series with eight episodes lasting exactly 4 minutes and 44 seconds each, it has been masterfully compiled into a gripping 44-minute cinematic experience.

Special Screenings & Award Announcement: Three of the finalist films—*How to Shoot a Ghost*, *Sandiwara*, and *4:44: Time of Fear*—will be available for exclusive screenings and streaming at physical venues in Tokyo and via the festival's online platform during the event.

The ultimate winner of the GLOBAL SPOTLIGHT AWARD will be officially revealed on June 4, 2026, in celebration of "Short Film Day."

URL : <https://www.shortshorts.org/2026/news-reports/gsa-finalist/>

## [Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia 2026 Overview]

### ■ Festival Period :

Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> : Opening Ceremony

Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> : Screening at Tokyo

Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> : Award Ceremony

※Online Venue: Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>

### ■ Screening Venues : MoN Takanawa: The Museum of Narratives

(Box1000、Tatami、Park Terrace)

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※Dates and programs vary by venue

### ■ Official Website:

<https://www.shortshorts.org/2026/en/index.html>

※Full Lineup Announcement: Scheduled for April 23, 2026.

### ■ Ticket Sales:

#### [Advance Tickets]

General: 1,500 yen, University Students/ U29/ Seniors / Persons with Disabilities: 1,200 yen

Elementary School · Junior High School · High School Students: 1,000 yen

Preschool Children (under elementary school age): Free

#### [Same-Day Tickets]

General: 1,800yen, University Students /U29 / Seniors / Persons with Disabilities: 1,500 yen

Elementary School · Junior High School · High School Students: 1,200 yen

Preschool Children (under elementary school age): Free

#### [Passports]

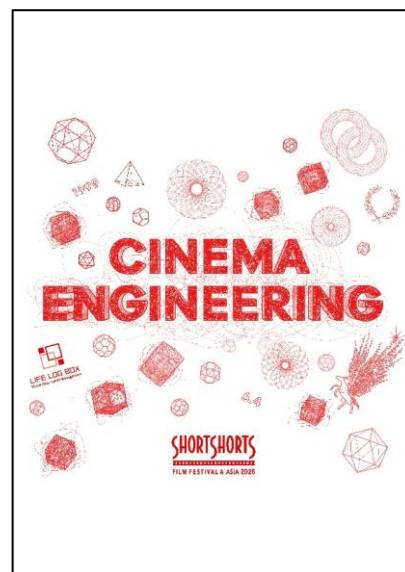
General: 7,000 yen, Students / Seniors / Persons with Disabilities: 5,500 yen

[Online Venue] 2,500 yen (Within Japan) / 15 USD (Outside Japan)

\*passport for the Online Venue will be on sale from May 25<sup>th</sup>.

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