

2013

SHORT SCREENPLAY FINALISTS

A Pirates's Choice | Written by Tammy Gross | Orlando, Florida
The true story of a swashbuckling 11-year-old and his life-altering decision.

Foreplay | Written by Cullen Douglas | Pasadena, California
Two desperate souls meet for a night to remember, but they first must learn to forget.

Ghost Dance | Written by Dana Cowden | Austin, Texas
With her medical skills, Ruth battles to save patients in a military hospital in Iraq — until she gets a patient that forces her to bond with her heritage to help him.

Icarus of Normandy | Written by Duncan Putney | Providence, Rhode Island
A shy egg farmer has a moment of brilliance and makes plans to replace his bicycle with a pair of wings.

Memento Mori | Written by Stuart Creque | Moraga, California
When Charon arrives in a limo instead of a ferryboat, McInerney isn't reluctant to leave behind a wasted life. But when Charon picks up another passenger, McInerney discovers that life can be worth fighting for.

Men of Color | Written by Mike Kearby | Lometa, Texas
A wrongly accused man fights to survive in a futuristic society where the convicted are not incarcerated, but dyed specific colors that proclaim their crimes to the citizen state.

This Modern Man Is Beat | Written by David Schroeder | Miami, Florida
In a world of cultural confusion, Habib bin Habib al Fulan faces discrimination while trying to pawn his guitar and reconcile with his young wife.

These Foolish Things | Written by Kenneth Lemm | Atlanta, Georgia
A young widow finds a reason to smile.

HCFF Notes: These eight finalists had their scripts read and scored by a panel of directors, writers and producers. The winner will be announced at the closing night party and awards ceremony on Saturday, May 4, at the Hangar Hotel's Pacific Showroom in Fredericksburg, Texas.



What is a screenplay?

It's a script written by screenwriters for a film or television program. They can be original works or adaptations from existing pieces of writing. The movement, actions, expression, and dialogues of the characters are noted with a screenplay, as well as notes about framing shots.