

Awards and Nominations

(This is a partial list of the accolades David Leidy's films have received. Comprehensive list coming soon.)

Indigo Child

Pitch Now Screenplay Festival, **Finalist**
(affiliates of InkTip and Filmmatic)
Zed Fest Film Festival, **Best Feature Screenplay Semi-Finalist**
Fantasy/SciFi Film and Screenplay Festival, **Semi-Finalist** • Big Apple Film Festival, **Semi-Finalist**
StoryPitches, **Best SciFi/Thriller Logline of the Month** • Page Turner Screenplays, **Official Selection**
Page Turner Screenplays, (Best Sci-Fi and Fantasy Genre Feature Screenplay) **Finalist**
Indigo Child screenplay received **positive coverage** from
ScreenCraft and Los Angeles International Screenplay Awards (please request copy)
Project pitch featured in December 2019 issue of InkTip magazine

Platonic

AOF MegaFest (highest honors of 16 festivals), **Best Director Winner**
AOF MegaFest, **Best Actress Winner**
Hollywood Dreams Excellence in Film Award, **Best Director (Short Film) Nominee**
Vegas Movie Awards, **Best Director Winner**
Vegas Movie Awards, **Best Actress Winner**
LAIFFA, **Best Director Winner**
LAIFFA, **Best Actress Winner**
Los Angeles Theatrical Release Competition and Awards, **Best Director Winner**
LA Theatrical Competition and Awards (LATCA), **Best Cinematography Winner**
Beyond Earth, **Best Postmodern Film Winner**
Cult Critic Movie Awards (CCMA), **Best Cult Classic Winner**
CCMA, **Best Cinematography Winner**
CCMA, **Best Supporting Actress Winner**
CCMA, **Best Screenplay Winner**
CCMA, **Best Score Winner**
CCMA, **Best Director (Outstanding Achievement) Winner**
CCMA, **Best Actress (Outstanding Achievement) Winner**
CCMA, **Best Actor (Outstanding Achievement) Winner**
Top Indie Film Awards, **Best Cinematography Winner**
Top Indie, **Best Actress Winner**
Top Indie, **Best Music Winner**
Top Indie, **Best Editing Winner**
Independent Shorts Awards (ISA), **Best Mystery (Gold Award) Winner**
ISA, **Best Film Noir (Gold Award) Winner**
ISA, **Best Experimental (Silver Award) Winner**
ISA, **Best Supporting Actress (Bronze Award) Winner**
ISA, **Best Ensemble (Bronze Award) Winner**
ISA, **Best Cinematography (Honorable Mention Award) Winner**
Los Angeles Film Awards (LA Film Awards), **Best Experimental Film Winner**
LA Film Awards, **Best Film Noir Winner**
L'Age D'Or Arthouse Festival, **Best Director (Critic's Choice Award) Winner**
L'Age D'Or International Arthouse Film Festival, **Best Actress Winner**
L'Age D'Or Arthouse Festival, **Best Actor Winner**
L'Age D'Or Arthouse Festival, **Best Editing (Outstanding Achievement Award) Winner**
Genre Celebration Film Festival, **Best Noir Short Winner**
Mindfield Film Festival, **Best Short Film (Platinum Award) Winner**
Mindfield Film Festival, **Best Score (Platinum Award) Winner**
Mindfield Film Festival, **Best Director (Silver Award) Winner**
Mindfield Film Festival, **Best Cinematography (Diamond Award) Winner**
(Diamond Award is the high honors)
Hollywood Film Competition, **Best Short Film (Diamond Award) Winner**
Hollywood Film Competition, **Best Director (Silver Award) Winner**
Hollywood Film Competition, **Best Actress (Platinum Award) Winner**
Hollywood Film Competition, **Best Cinematography (Diamond Award) Winner**
Hollywood Film Competition, **Best Editing (Platinum Award) Winner**
Olympus Film Festival, **Best Mystery Winner**
Olympus, **Best Actress Winner**
Virgin Spring CineFest, **Best Cinematography (Gold Award) Winner**
Virgin Spring, **Best Supporting Actress (Gold Award) Winner**
Virgin Spring, **Best Film Poster (Gold Award) Winner**
Virgin Spring, **Best Music Score (Silver Award) Winner**
Virgin Spring, **Best Actress (Silver Award) Winner**
LA Film Awards, **Best Mystery Winner** (Runnerup)
LA Film Awards, **Best Supporting Actress Winner** (Runnerup)
Indie Short Fest (ISF), **Best Film Noir Winner** (Runnerup)
ISF, **Best Mystery Winner** (Runnerup)
ISF, **Best Actress Winner** (Runnerup)
ISF, **Best Film Noir Nominee**
ISF, **Best Mystery Nominee**
ISF, **Best Experimental Nominee**
ISF, **Best Editing Nominee**
Rome Film Awards, **Best Experimental Nominee**
Rome Film Awards, **Best Film Made in USA Nominee**
Top Shorts, **Best Crime Film Winner**
The Oaks International Film Festival, **Best Short Film Finalist**
Indie States Indie FanFilm Fest (FanFilm), **Best Short Finalist**
FanFilm, **Best Soundtrack Finalist**
French Riviera Film Festival, **Best Experimental Finalist**
L'Age D'Or International Arthouse Film Festival, **Best Short Finalist**
JellyFest, **Best Short Semi-Finalist**
Directors Cut International Film Festival, **Best Short Film Semi-Finalist**
Los Angeles Crime and Horror Film Festival, **Best Mystery Semi-Finalist**
Los Angeles Crime and Horror Film Festival, **Best Neo-Noir Semi-Finalist**
Rome PRISMA, **Best Short Film Nominee**
Rome Film Awards, **Best Film Made in USA Nominee**

Rome Film Awards, **Best Experimental Nominee**
 Gold Movie Awards, **Best Experimental Nominee**
 KinoDuel, **Best Short Film Nominee**
 The Crime List, **Best Short Film Narrative Nominee**
 Top Indie, **Best Director Nominee**
 Top Indie, **Best Short Script Nominee**
 Top Indie, **Best Short Film Nominee**
 Top Indie, **Best Writing Nominee**
 Top Indie, **Best Experimental Short Nominee**
 Top Indie, **Best Original Idea Nominee**
 Queen Palm, **Best Score (Honorable Mention Award) Nominee**
 ARFF Berlin International Awards, **Best Cinematography Nominee** Vegas Movie Awards, **Best of the Month Semi-Finalist** TMFF, **Best Experimental of the Month Nominee (Top 3)**
 Action on Film International Film Festival (AOF MegaFest), **Official Selection** New Vision International Film Festival (NVIFF) **Official Selection**
 Vegas Movie Awards, **Official Selection**
 Queen Palm International Film Festival, **Official Crown Selection**
 ARFF Berlin International Awards, **Official Selection**
 Best Global Shorts, **Official Selection**
 Gold Movie Awards, **Official Selection**
 Genre Celebration Film Festival, **Official Selection**
 Hollywood Film Competition, **Official Selection**
 KinoDuel International Film Festival (KinoDuel), **Official Selection**
 Queen Palm Film Festival, **Official Selection**
 Rome Film Awards, **Official Selection**
 Rome Independent PRISMA Awards (Rome PRISMA), **Official Selection** Top Shorts Film Festival, **Official Selection**
 Virgin Spring CineFest, **Official Selection**
 Beyond Earth Film Festival, **Official Selection**
 Anti-Hero Production Genre Fest, **Official Selection**
 The Crime List, **Official Selection**
 The Monthly Film Festival, **Official Selection**
 Los Angeles Independent Film Festival Awards (LAIFFA), **Official Selection** Silicon Beach Film Festival, **Official Selection**

Dark Orchid

Direct Online Monthly Film Festival, **Official Selection**
 LATCA, **Best Musical Score (Short Film) Winner** • Anaheim International Film Festival, **Semi-Finalist**
 Anti-Hero Genre Production Film Festival, **Official Selection**
 (screened in Burbank, California; selected among 80 films to screen from over 1000 submissions)

Faded Love

Best Film Noir of the Year Award Winner, 2019 Independent Shorts Awards (ISA)
 Cult Critic Movie Awards (CCMA), **Best Cult Classic Film Award Winner** (highest award at this festival)
 (film was screened at one of India's most prestigious cinema theaters Indira Cinema and was featured in its international film magazine Cult Critic™)
 Jean Luc Godard Award Nominee, CCMA (nlc-cultcritic.com/monthly-result-june-2018)

CCMA, **Official Selection** • CCMA, **Best Postmodern Film Award Winner**
 CCMA, **Best Actor Award Winner**
 CCMA, **Best Actress Award Winner**
 CCMA, **Best Editor Award Winner**

CCMA, **Best Film Score (Outstanding Achievement) Award Winner**
 CCMA, **Best Director (Outstanding Achievement) Award Winner**

LA Shorts Awards (LASA) lashortsawards.com/winners.html
 LASA, **Best Director (Diamond Award) Winner**

(Diamond is the highest award you can receive for any category at festival)

LASA, **Best Experimental Film Diamond Award Winner**

LASA, **Best Cinematography Diamond Award Winner**

LASA, **Best Score Diamond Award Winner**

LASA, **Best Editing Platinum Award Winner**

LASA, **Best Actor Silver Award Winner**

LASA, **Best Actress Platinum Award Winner**

LASA, **Best Editing Award Winner**

2018 Los Angeles Independent Film Festival Awards (LAIFFA)

www.laiffawards.com/january-2018-winners.html

Best Thriller Finalist, LAIFFA

2018 LA Neo Noir Novel, Film and Script Festival (ranked top 10 highest rated and 100 best festivals via FilmFreeway) • **Top 100 Best Films** (from over 1000 submissions)

Gold Award Recipient, 2018 LA Neo Noir Festival

Official Selection, Hollywood Boulevard Film Festival (HBFF) **Best Thriller Finalist**, HBFF hollywoodblvdfilmfestival.com/page4.html

Official Selection, 2018 Genre Competition Festival (GCF) in Tokyo **Best Noir Short Award Winner** genrecelebration.com **Best Score Finalist**, GCF

Honorable Mention Award Recipient, 2018 LA Underground Film Forum

("We would like to take this moment to recognize ... your vision and the film's unique contribution to cinema")

2018 Experimental Forum, **Honorable Mention Award Recipient**

Independent Shorts Awards (ISA), **Official Selection** independentshortsawards.com/official-selections

Best Film Noir Platinum Award Winner (highest award for any category), ISA independentshortsawards.com/award-winners-june-2018

Bronze Awards independentshortsawards.com/bronze-awards-june-2018

Best Cinematography Bronze Award Winner, ISA • **Best Editing Bronze Award Winner**, ISA • **Best Acting Duo Bronze Award Winner**, ISA

Best Actress Bronze Award Winner, ISA • **Best Actor Honorable Mention Award Winner**, ISA independentshortsawards.com/honorable-mentions-june-2018

Semi-Finalist (for multiple categories), Los Angeles CineFest 2019, **Official Crown Selection** • Queen Palm International Film Festival 2018, **Best Music Award Nominee** • Queen Palm,

Best Editing Award Nominee • Queen Palm, **Official Selection** • Dark History and Horror Con Film Festival 2018, **Best Dark Subject Narrative Film Award Nominee** (will screen at the Garden Inn Urbana to compete with other nominees) • Dark History and Horror Con Film Festival 2018, **Official Selection** • 2018 UNDO Divergent Film Awards, **Best Score Nominee** •

UNDO Divergent, **Official Selection** • Cutting Edge Film Festival, **Best Narrative Short Nominee** 2018cuttingedgefilmfest.com/2018-cutting-edge-film-festival-selections • Cutting Edge,

Official Selection • FUSION West Europe International Film Festival, **Official Selection**

Translucid

Best Shorts Competition, **Award of Recognition Winner** • Awardeo, **Runnerup for Video of the Week Award** • Katra Film Series, **Official Selection**

Protocol

SMC Film Club 48 Hour Competition, **Best 48 Hour Film Winner** • SMC Film Festival, **Best Story Winner** (won from 16 preselected films and was the only 48 hour film in competition)

Press

Fox 2 News, Teens Make Feature YoYo Documentary Bound
<https://youtu.be/yXhW3RINZy4>

LA Film Awards Interview, “Give up on the Fear of Exploring the Unknown”
<https://www.lafilmawards.net/single-post/leidy>

Top Shorts Awards, “Suddenly a Man Leaped Out of His Chair and Said What the Hell was that?!”
<http://www.topshorts.net/single-post/leidy>

Independent Shorts Awards Interview, “Award Winning David Leidy Who People Are and What We See About Them Can Be Quite Different”
independentshortsawards.com/2018/07/22/isa-award-winning-david-leidy-who-people-are-and-what-we-see-about-them-can-be-quite-different

Cult Critic Film Magazine Interview, Experimental Filmmaking and Other Mysteries
<https://www.hlc-cultcritic.com/experimental-filmmaking>

Cult Critic Film Magazine Interview, Faded Love
<https://www.hlc-cultcritic.com/david-leidy/>

Screenings

(This is not a comprehensive list. Full list coming soon.)

Platonic

Cinemark 18 & XD in Los Angeles, California

Screened June 20, 2019 for **Silicon Beach Film Festival**

French Riviera Film Festival, Best Experimental Finalist

Screened May 19, 2019 in Cannes, France

Brenden Theatres at Palms Hotel

Screened July 29, 2019 in Vegas, Nevada

Distributed Theatrically by Fourwalled | Laemmle Theatres Noho 7

Premiered July 26, 2019 and screened until August 1, 2019 at

Laemmle Noho 7 in Los Angeles. Red carpet and Q&A on opening night.

Platonic was the finale every night of award winning short film series.

Faded Love

Screened May 20, 2018 at 1:55pm for Best Thriller Finalist Circuit in Los Angeles, California
Hollywood Boulevard Film Festival

Translucid

Katra Film Series Screening

Bound

Premiered at Landmark Theatres (roughly 200 attendees)
Frontenac Mall in Saint Louis, Missouri

Skills

Directing, Screenwriting, Producing, Film Editing, Adobe CC Suite, Avid, Operating Cameras (Digital or Film), Story Structure, Story Ideation, Creative Brainstorming, Teaching, Grammar, Acting, Cinematography, Post Production, Literary Studies, Grip and Electric, Lighting, 8mm and 16mm Film Cameras, Graphic Design, Photography, Screenplay Coverage, Fundraising, Crowdsourcing, Ads, Painting, Drawing, Music Videos, Social Media Marketing and Promos

Recommendations

“Two of the most incredible talents I know...”

Del Weston on a picture of **David Leidy** and his wife Dasha with Del at the 2019 Action on Film International Festival Award Ceremony after we had just met and won our awards

“I worked with David on multiple film projects. He’s an honest guy, means well and listens to people in the creative process while being ambitious with quality. I had a great time on his sets!”
Tobias Deml, **Cinematographer of Monster Party and 2014 SXSW Best Cinematography Nominee**

“David is hard working, intelligent and, as I quickly found out, capable of things far more challenging than is the average person his age [...] a unique exceptional talent who has an eagerness and refreshingly fearlessness to push himself into areas he knows little about in order to gain new knowledge and experiences.”
Justin Lerner, **Emmy Award Winning Director**



Reviews

“[...] the greatest experimental film I have ever seen. Such an edge of your seat mystery that keeps you guessing at every turn. There are not many directors that could bring something like this to life.”
Olympus Film Festival judges on Platonic

“David Leidy [...] woke me up with his film Platonic. Brilliant!”
Del Weston, **Action on Film International Film Festival Founder**

“[...] so taut and full of noiresque flourishes, Faded Love never wastes a second. A brutal and slick short film [with] unique atmosphere [and] great visual flair [that becomes] an erotic and deeply unsettling exploration of manipulation.”
Cult Critic Film Magazine on Faded Love
<http://hlc-cultcritic.com/faded-love>

“an irreverent and unconventional work [on a] toxic psychosexual game [which makes for a] disturbing and visually powerful short film.”
Independent Shorts Awards on Faded Love
<https://independentshortsawards.com/2018/07/22/isa-award-winning-david-leidy-who-people-are-and-what-we-see-about-them-can-be-quite-different/>

“A complex cinematographic experiment [which] contains a series of [...] symbolic elements that create correspondences with oriental spirituality or ancient philosophy [in a way that] would be useless to [fully] examine here since its magnetic atmosphere is implicitly fed by the intertextual symbiosis of these components. It is quite difficult to sum up the epic consistency of this project.”
The Monthly Film Festival on Platonic
<https://adobe.ly/2l1FmEe>

