

# Foreign Language Film Award

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The Process

The Foreign Language Film nominees for 2008 were determined in two phases.

The initial selections were made by several hundred Los Angeles-based Academy members, who screened the 65 eligible films between mid-October and January 10. The group's top six choices, augmented by three additional selections voted by the Academy's Foreign Language Film Award Executive Committee, constituted the shortlist.

The shortlist was then winnowed down to the five nominees by specially-invited Academy committees in New York and Los Angeles whose members screened all nine contenders over a three-day weekend. Among the members who determined the final selections for 2008 were screenwriters Michael Arndt ("Little Miss Sunshine"), Larry Karaszewski ("Man on the Moon") and Tony Kushner ("Munich"); directors Sidney Lumet ("Before the Devil Knows You're Dead"), Mira Nair ("Monsoon Wedding") and Dean Parisot ("Galaxy Quest"); producer Michael Shamberg ("World Trade Center"); and actors Fionnula Flanagan ("Yes Man") and Keanu Reeves ("A Scanner Darkly").

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