



Anora sweeps Oscars with best picture, best director and best actress for Mikey Madison



"This is very surreal," says Madison, who plays a sex worker who has a whirlwind romance with a Russian oligarch's son. The film's director Sean Baker - the first person to win four Oscars for one film,

Thanks for joining us, that's a wrap on the Oscars for this year - Hollywood's biggest night. Independent film Anora was the big winner, coming away with Best Picture, Best Director and Best Actress for Mikey Madison. Adrien Brody won his second Oscar, his first in two decades, for his performance in The Demi Moore was the favourite for much of this campaign. Things did shift after Madison's Bafta win, but the race remained incredibly tight.

In the end, it was Madison's night. It marked an incredible moment for a 25-year-old actress who was relatively unknown before her role in Anor. This is exactly the type of rags-to-riches story that awards ceremonies love - and the film itself celebrate. In the winners room, the 25-year-old Madison called it "surreal" and a "dream come true". s.a.. Despite no US distributor picking up the film, No Other Land won best documentary award.

The film was a collaboration between Palestinian and Israeli film-makers about Israeli displacement of a Palestinian community in the occupied West Bank. "We made this film, Palestinians and Israelis, because together, our voices are stronger," said co-director Yuval Abraham. The Latvian filmmaker took to X, posting photos of himself and his crew celebrating their win at In-N-Out Burger - burger in one hand, Oscar in another. Citing another Hollywood classic (The Godfather), he quipped: "Just when I thought I was out, they pull me back in!"

Flow is an animated story without dialogue about a cat who lives in a flooded world without humans. It's the first Latvian film to win an Oscar. I've finished up at the press room now - in fact, they threw us out (not personal, I'm told it happens every time. It was a whirlwind of a night, and a very exciting vibe, as star after star came in clutching their trophies. For us, things are winding down, but for the A-listers, the night goes on, with afterparties going on across the city into the early hours.