

Nuclear-Free Future Awards with Laurie Anderson in New York

A powerful evening honoring visionary nuclear abolitionists. Unsung heroes of the Atomic Age honored.



New York City, New York Mar 16, 2025 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Headlined by American avant-garde musical artist Laurie Anderson and in the presence of several filmmakers and producers like Heidi Hutner, Greg Michell, and Emmy-award winning producer Robert E. Frye, the 2025 Nuclear-Free Future Awards took place in New York City on March 4 at the historic Great Hall at Cooper Union in Manhattan.

Brazilian-German couple Márcia Gomes de Oliveira from Rio de Janeiro and German Journalist Norbert Suchanek accepted the 2025 Nuclear-Free Future Award in the Category of Education. They are the founders of the International Uranium Film Festival, which annually presents the best films on nuclear power, uranium mining, and all radioactive risks since 2011. Márcia Gomes de Oliveira is the first Brazilian to receive the prestigious Nuclear-Free Future Award.

Filmmaker Jeff Gipe described the event as „a powerful evening honoring visionary nuclear abolitionists“. Robert E. Frye addressed the award-winning couple: „Congratulations on your receiving

the Nuclear Free Future Award, it was a well deserved recognition for all the amazing work you two have done over the years in creating the Uranium Film Festival.“

In their acceptance speech, Márcia and Norbert quoted great movie director Orson Welles: „ I have wasted the greater part of my life looking for money. Making a movie is about two percent filmmaking and ninety-eight percent hustling for financial support.“ Norbert added, „We can say the same about making a successful film festival like ours.“ Last year, the couple toured the US with their film festival, screening nuclear films in twelve US cities plus Vancouver in Canada.

Further Nuclear-Free Future laureates in New York were S.P. Udayakumar from India for resistance and Edwina Madzimure from Zimbabwe for solution. Lifetime achievement awards were given to deep ecologist Joanna Macy and, posthumously, Native American activist and musician Klee Benally from the Navajo Nation.

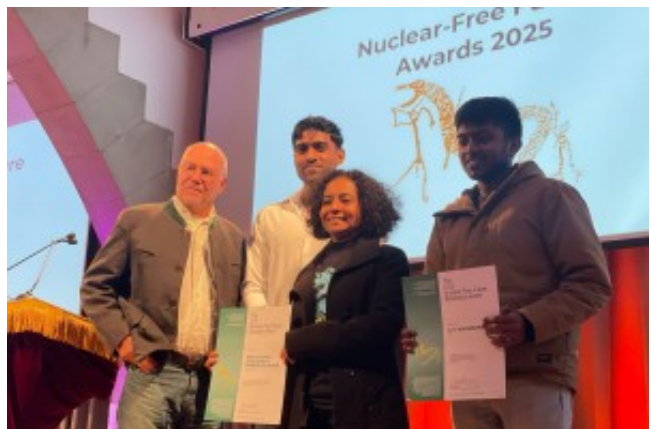
Founded in 1998 by journalist, filmmaker, and activist Claus Biegert, the Nuclear-Free Future Awards honors the largely unsung heroes of the Atomic Age who work to end uranium mining and rid the world of nuclear weapons, nuclear power, and uranium munitions. The 2025 Awards in New York City were co-presented by Beyond Nuclear and the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW).

More information

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