



The After Hours Film Society Announces Winners of the 2017 Say It In Eight Student Film Festival

Students from around the world were recently notified of their winning status in the After Hours Film Society's Say It In Eight Student Film Festival. Over 115 films from 16 different countries were submitted by filmmakers of varying ages and diverse backgrounds. The entrants were given the extra challenge of creating films eight minutes or less in length that meet specific criteria in order to qualify. Film educators and professionals were then recruited to judge the entries based on many factors including originality, technique, and level of education, from elementary school through graduate. The top rated films will be showcased in a special After Hours Award Ceremony on Monday, October 16 at the Tivoli Theatre at 5:00 pm.

"We will be awarding cash prizes to encourage students to continue with their filmmaking," said Deborah Venezia, founder and executive director of the After Hours Film Society. "Our goal is to support these talented artists and give them an opportunity to further their experience and education."

Venezia indicated that the judges were very impressed with the number and quality of entries this year. "We were astonished by the technical skills and creativity demonstrated by these aspiring filmmakers. I encourage anyone with a curious mind and a sense of humor to come to our program at the Tivoli Theatre on Monday, October 16 and support these emerging artists."

After Hours would like to thank Bob Fritz, John Mostacci and Tony Venezia for serving on our board of judges. These individuals were selected based on their solid background in the world of film. Between them, they possess over 150 years of experience working in film production and education.

We would also like to thank all of those who participated in the 2017 Say It In Eight Student Film Festival as we send our best wishes for a successful future, "May you forever keep your creative spirit!"

Following is a list of winners for the 2017 Say It In Eight Student Film Festival. All films will be screened at a special presentation at the Tivoli Theatre, 5021 Highland Avenue, Downers Grove on Monday, October 16 at 5:00 PM. All are welcome to attend and celebrate this new wave of cinema. Admission: \$5.00

Mira-Belle Rose Bryld
Secondary Filmmaker:
Magnus Lyche
“Cigarettes and High Heels”
Undergraduate
European Film College
Denmark
Merit

Emily Bulgar
“Lookout”
Undergraduate
College of DuPage
Glen Ellyn, IL
Merit

Sanaa Fidahussain
“Beneath the Stars”
Undergraduate
Bradley University
Peoria, IL
Merit

Lachezarov Dimitrov
“I AM VADER”
Undergraduate
The Northern Film School
West Yorkshire, Leeds, UK
Merit

Akvile Gelaziute
Secondary Filmmaker:
Pijus Maciulskis
“Butter”
High School
Skalvija Film Academy
Lithuania, Vilnius
Merit

Nicole Hines
“Dandelions”
Undergraduate
Huntington University
Huntington, IN
Merit

Kylie McGuire
“Tommy & the Little Free Library”
High School
Santa Ana, CA
Award of Excellence

Flo Miles
“Muscle Memory”
Undergraduate
Université Sorbonne Nouvelle
Paris, France
Merit

Tom Moody
Secondary Filmmaker:
Jacob Worden
“Homerom”
High School
Charlotte, NC
Merit

Laura Owens
“Lume”
Graduate
Northumbria University, United
Kingdom
Cheshire, UK
Award of Excellence

Colin Parker
“Fisheye”
Undergraduate
College of DuPage
Glen Ellyn, IL
Award of Excellence

Amanda Prager
Secondary Filmmaker:
Lucy Nebeker
“VOC POP”
Undergraduate
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, PA
Merit

Paul Scheufler
“Taste of Love”
High School
HTBLVA Graz Ortweinschule
Austria
Best of Show

John Shaw
“Hi8”
Graduate
DePaul University
Chicago, IL
Merit

Andy Sobun
“Haunting Lodge”
Undergraduate
College of DuPage
Glen Ellyn, IL
Merit

Seyed M. Tabatabaei
“Light Sight”
Graduate
Tehran University of Art
Tehran, Iran
Award of Excellence

Cal Thacher
“Picnic Perfect”
High School
Lowell High School
San Francisco, CA
Merit

Kelly Tran
“Love & Goodwill”
Undergraduate
Point Park Pittsburgh, PA
Merit

Petyr Xyst
“Donna”
High School
Roosevelt High School
Seattle WA
Merit

Beatrice Zilius
“Dreamcatcher”
High School
Willowbrook High School
Villa Park, IL
Merit

Congratulations to all of our winners!