



## 2018 anim8 Student Film Festival

Students from around the world were notified today of their winning status in the After Hours Film Society's anim8 Student Film Festival. Over 60 films from 12 countries were submitted by filmmakers of varying ages and diverse backgrounds. The entrants were given the extra challenge of creating animated and/or experimental films of eight minutes or less in. 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 program on Monday, October 15 at the Tivoli Theatre at 5:30 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 15 and support these emerging artists."

After Hours would like to thank this year's panel of judges for their time in selecting the festival winners. These individuals were chosen based on their expertise and solid background in the world of film. Between them, they possess over 100 years of experience working in film production and education.

We would also like to thank all of those who participated in the 2018 anim8 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 2018 anim8 Student Film Festival. All films will be screened at a special presentation at the Tivoli Theatre, 5021 Highland Avenue, Downers Grove on Monday, October 15 at 5:30 PM. All are welcome to attend and celebrate this new wave of cinema. Admission: \$5.00

# 2018 anim8 Student Film Festival Winners

**Manny Aguirre**

**“The Mission”**

Undergraduate

Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, IL

Merit

**Paul Kritikos**

**“Bria Bermuda”**

Undergraduate

College of Dupage, Glen Ellyn, IL

Best of Show

**Sarah Amburgey**

**“Etude”**

Undergraduate

DigiPen Institute of Technology, Redmond,

WA

Award of Excellence

**Kacper Kucharski**

**“The One About Dragons”**

Undergraduate

College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, IL

Honorable Mention

**Bismark Fernandes**

**“Expend”**

Graduate

Savannah College of Art and Design,

Savannah, GA

Award of Excellence

**Lei Lei**

**“Shadow”**

Undergraduate

China Academy of Art, Zhejiang Province,

China

Honorable Mention

**Yoo Jung Hong**

**“Eyedentity”**

High School

Chadwick International, Incheon,

Republic of Korea

Honorable Mention

**Hailey Marshall**

**“Descent”**

Graduate

UCLA, Los Angeles, CA

Award of Excellence

**Jaehyeong Kim**

**“IDOL-L”**

Graduate

School of Visual Arts, New York, NY

Honorable Mention

**David Niemczyk**

**“Wingless”**

Undergraduate

College of Dupage, Glen Ellyn, IL

Honorable Mention

**Dongjun Kim**

**“Fun to Cook 'World's Best Food”**

Graduate

School of Visual Arts, New York, NY

Merit

**Andrew Speidel**

**“A Good Idea”**

High School

Willowbrook High School, Villa Park, IL

Honorable Mention

**Haemin Ko**

**“I am Worthless”**

Graduate

Central Saint Martins, London, England

Award of Excellence

**Marisa Tolomeo**

**“Smart Nightmares”**

Undergraduate

School of the Art Institute of Chicago,

Chicago, IL

Award of Excellence

Congratulations to all of our winners!

What: 2018 anim8 Student Film Festival

Date and Time: Monday, October 15, 5:30 PM

Location: Tivoli Theatre, 5021 Highland Avenue, Downers Grove

Cost: \$5.00

For info call 630-534-4528 or visit us at [www.afterhoursfilmsociety.com](http://www.afterhoursfilmsociety.com).

THE AFTER HOURS FILM SOCIETY is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing the western suburbs with the widest variety of cinema. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 630-534-4528.