

23. **“Soul Barter” by Xinzhe Liu**

Award of Excellence | Graduate | New York, NY | Running Time: 2:10 Mins.

During her mysterious journey through a magical land, young girl is repeatedly struck with unfamiliar memories. A voice in her mind is guiding her actions and she follows the commands to explore the truth.

24. **“Patches” by Georgie Athanasopoulos**

Best of Show | Undergraduate | Laval, Quebec, Canada | Running Time: 2:01 Mins.

Outcast due to physical differences, a lonely little boy in the 1920's makes an unlikely friend and finds belonging through sacrifice.

25. **“I Find Him in The Weather” by Mia Lorentsen**

Best of Show | Undergraduate | Chicago, IL | Running Time: 3:34 Mins.

Through the use of rotoscope and abstract animation, this short film recounts the final moments the director had with her father and his lasting impact on her life through signs in the weather.

After Hours Film Society thanks all students who entered the 2021 Anim8 Student Film Festival.
May they always be successful in their creative endeavors!



A Special Thanks to Our Judges!

After Hours Film Society goes to great lengths to recruit highly-qualified film professionals and film educators to serve as judges for the student film festival. These individuals are required to watch hours and hours of video in order to evaluate the work of the filmmakers. Each entry is rated on structure, creative approach, and technical excellence, with special consideration given to the academic level of the student. The judges' scores are calculated and the submissions earning the highest scores are presented at our festival. We would like to thank all of our participants – judges and student filmmakers – for enabling us to create this special program.

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2021 Virtual anim8 student film festival



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Thank you for joining us as we showcase the talents
of the award-winning student filmmakers of the
2021 After Hours Film Society's
Anim8 Virtual Student Film Festival!

1. **“Eye Robot” by Noah Harrison & Benjamin Harrison**
Award of Excellence | Middle School | Downriver Detroit, MI | Running Time: 2:13 Mins.
A robot witnesses the various emotions of the earth's inhabitants.
2. **“H.I.V. PSA” by Audrey Maxon & Devin Riskin**
Award of Excellence | Middle School | Pasadena, CA | Running Time: 2:59 Mins.
An enlightening PSA about the human immunodeficiency virus that helps explain why medical science has yet to find a vaccine for H.I.V.
3. **“Cross Currents” by Eli Berliner**
Merit Award | High School | New York, NY | Running Time: 2:00 Mins.
A stop motion animation finds beauty, abstraction, and movement in static electronic circuitry.
4. **“Goodbye Corona TBC” by Willowbrook High School Group Project**
Merit Award | High School | Villa Park, IL | Running Time: 3:45 Mins.
A group project where animation students explored the common theme of the pandemic's end.
5. **“The Shadow” by Jacob Inoshita**
Award of Excellence | High School | Villa Park, IL | Running Time: 3:45 Mins.
After trying to run away, the protagonist realizes he must confront his own dark shadow.
6. **“Eyes” by Chelsie Jordan**
Award of Excellence | High School | Villa Park, IL | Running Time: 3:45 Mins.
A student drawn digital animation set to a viral internet clip's audio.
7. **“Ruth & Nick: A Confectionery Tale” by Carter Rostron**
Award of Excellence | High School | Kansas City MO | Running Time: 6:21 Mins.
This stop-motion animated short tells the bittersweet story of Nick, a piece of candy, who falls in love with a girl who seems out of reach.
8. **“A Compulsive Job” by Dunja Dordevic**
Merit Award | Undergraduate | Novi Sad, Serbia | Running Time: 2:35 Mins.
A secret agent on a hunt; A serial killer expected to appear; and an unusual barman very determined to do his job perfectly. What could go wrong?
9. **“Anchored” by Genevieve Bega & Clayton Cowden**
Merit Award | Undergraduate | Redmond, WA | Running Time: 3:20 Mins.
A girl who likes to fix things discovers a robot that is broken, but not in the way she expects.
10. **“Heartstrings” by Erin Donahue**
Merit Award | Undergraduate | Savannah, GA | Running Time: 5:15 Mins.
A young Irish immigrant arrives in New York City in 1910 with little more than her father's old violin. Through the magic of her music, she encounters a spirit that leaves her with confidence to follow her dreams and make an impact in her new life.
11. **“Danse Macabre” by Andreanne Dussault**
Merit Award | Undergraduate | Montreal, Quebec, Canada | Running Time: 1:43 Mins.
An old lady attempts to escape death...literally.
12. **“Hellp Wanted” by Natalie Mercado**
Merit Award | Undergraduate | Glen Ellyn, IL | Running Time: 3:30 Mins.
Don't fall for the tricks of a sneaky fox demon when applying for a job that sounds too good to be true or you could find yourself bound to the fiery pits of the underworld forever. Remember to read the fine print before you sign your life away . . .
13. **“Escape Velocity” by Tamas Rebak**
Merit Award | Undergraduate | Budapest, Hungary | Running Time: 7:43 Mins.
An astronaut awakens in an abandoned cave of a strange planet. He is an interstellar vagabond who has been chased endlessly by an alien creature and his only way to freedom is to escape this curious planet.
14. **“Ideal Dating With Condom” by Mingyue Sun**
Merit Award | Undergraduate | Kassel, Hessen. Germany | Running Time: 1:14 Mins.
Across all STIs, the highest rates of diagnoses are seen in 16 to 24 year olds. And the best way to reach that audience is to speak in a language they can understand.
15. **“Switcho” by Alison Vega**
Merit Award | Undergraduate | Glen Ellyn, IL | Running Time: 2:35 Mins.
Mysterio is a story about two curious cats who stumble into a forbidden room where they find a mysterious potion which will change their lives forever.
16. **“Kejo” by Brooke Burnett**
Merit Award | Undergraduate | New York, NY | Running Time: 3:30 Mins.
Against his father's wishes, Kejo ventures out to find the beast who is destroying the village. And through his journey, Kejo discovers that things are not always what they appear to be.
17. **“Hopper's Day” by Jingqi Zhang**
Award of Excellence | Undergraduate | Los Angeles, CA | Running Time: 4:45 Mins.
A cricket endeavors to achieve his dream in an abandoned quarry.
18. **“Together Apart” by Felix Haller**
Award of Excellence | Undergraduate | Deggendorf, Germany | Running Time: 7:26 Mins.
A tragic story about a camel mother and her child leaving their home town to escape an oncoming sandstorm. The tempest's fury separates the two and the mother camel wakes up alone in the middle of the dessert. A desperate search begins. . .
19. **“Out of Touch” by Yuhan (Henry) He**
Award of Excellence | Undergraduate | Oakville, Ontario Canada | Running Time: 3:20 Mins.
After falling from the sky, our character relives his early childhood memories with his grandparents - except, they are not his grandparents, and he is not in his regular body.
20. **“Peach!” by Christina Su**
Merit Award | Graduate | Savannah, GA | Running Time: 4:08 Mins.
A simple task becomes challenging when an outside force gets in the way.
21. **“Parked” by Yoon Hei Cho**
Award of Excellence | Graduate | Valencia, CA | Running Time: 3:50 Mins.
Parked is a visual representation of emotional distress: the mind struggles to flee an inescapable internal torture chamber while the physical self is paralyzed with anxiety.
22. **“There You Are” by Rui Huang**
Award of Excellence | Graduate | Los Angeles, CA | Running Time: 6:00 Mins.
After her mother dies, a teenager feels estranged from her father who seems to have already moved on.