

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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After Hours Film Society Presents

2024 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 After Hours Film Society's 2024 Anim8 Virtual Student Film Festival.

- 1. "TEASER TRAILER" by JJ Gibson**
Award of Excellence | Undergraduate | Savannah, GA | Running Time: 3 Mins.
The ultimate trio of unlikely heroes battle an action movie teaser trailer that's out to kill them.
- 2. "The Perks of Being an Oak Tree" by Will Gadsden**
Award of Excellence | Undergraduate | Columbia, MO | Running Time: 3 Mins.
Have you ever watched a star take its last breath? I have. I think I was supposed to learn something from it, but instead I made a short film about being a tree.
- 3. "Storey's Adventure" by Johanna Wieden & Celeste Pratt**
Merit Award | Undergraduate | Chicago, IL | Running Time: 2 Mins.
Told through real life experiences, "Storey's Adventure" centers on a new-kid-in-school experience. After being shunned by the "popular" students, the heroine, unaffected, pursues her true calling and finds her place.
- 4. "A Minuteman's Minute (Or Five) of History: The U.S. Constitution and Its Relevance Today!" by Steph Jackman**
Award of Excellence | Graduate | Pocatello, ID | Running Time: 6 Mins.
This documentary-style film uses humor and creative visuals to tell the story of the Constitution in an engaging way for students.
- 5. "Girl in Retrograde" by Karina Chun**
Merit Award | High School | Pacific Palisades, CA | Running Time: 6 Mins.
"Girl in Retrograde" exemplifies the ineffable feelings that are difficult for words to describe.
- 6. "Rhythm of Rain" by Kathy Cheung**
Merit Award | Undergraduate | Vancouver, BC | Running Time: 3 Mins.
In a drought-stricken farmland, an ancestor spirit guides a young boy to embrace his heritage and explore the traditions of the past. By following this advice, the boy finds the power that can lead to a brighter future.
- 7. "Cold Soda" by Huayi Yu**
Award of Excellence | Undergraduate | Valencia, CA | Running Time: 3 Mins.
Your dog is always thinking about you and wants to get you a cold soda.
- 8. "Life Isn't Fair" by The Animation Course**
Award of Excellence | High School | Online | Running Time: 3 Mins.
A grandfather and granddaughter compare different reasons why life isn't fair.
- 9. "Purrseverance" by Erin Main**
Merit Award | Graduate | Bowling Green, OH | Running Time: 7 Mins.
A stray cat wanders the streets and tries to make the best of a bad situation.
- 10. "Freedom St. 24/2" by Galya Bistritskaya & Katerina Eli**
Award of Excellence | Undergraduate | Haifa, Israel | Running Time: 5 Mins.
The history of the Ukrainian building from the 19th century to the present day is told through a series of events that have unfolded over the years. This film documents the tragedies and wars that humans repeatedly create without learning from past experiences.
- 11. "Ghost" by Emy Main & Sebastian Frazier**
Merit Award | High School | St. Petersburg, FL | Running Time: 10 Mins.
On Austin's first visit to Craig's house, he discovers that families come in all forms, shapes, and sizes.
- 12. "Bluelight" by Jean-Ellis Gbessia**
Merit Award | Undergraduate | Dun Laoghaire, Dublin | Running Time: 6 Mins.
"Bluelight" explores the primal fear of the unknown and the fragility of a child's plea against encroaching darkness. Can the purity of a helpless cry break through the malevolent grip of the shadows, or will she be consumed by the abyss of her own fears?
- 13. "Night Light" by Elizabeth Adamson & Naomi Plasterer**
Merit Award | Undergraduate | San Francisco, CA | Running Time: 3 Mins.
While out on a late night coffee run, a young woman comes face to face with a cryptid stalker.
- 14. "Le Charade" by Erika Totoro & Josie Howe**
Award of Excellence | Undergraduate | Savannah, GA | Running Time: 3 Mins.
A psychological comedy set in a run-down 1950s diner, "Le Charade" follows the final performance of a lonely mime and the psychotic episode that ensues after his imaginary friend breaks up with him thus forcing him to re-enter society.
- 15. "Jack's a Lantern" by Olivia Nendick**
Award of Excellence | Undergraduate | Glen Ellyn, IL | Running Time: 4 Mins.
"Jack's A Lantern" is a 2D animated horror film about two kids trying to trick or treat on a Halloween night that was canceled. They are approached by a stranger who says he can take them to the house with the most candy. . .
- 16. "The Every Day Life of Everyday Cups" by Sofi Tongson**
Exceptional Achievement Award | Undergraduate | Glen Ellyn, IL | Running Time: 6 Mins.
Filmed in a "mockumentary" style, this short combines live action and 2D animation and explores the perspectives of a VW Bus mug, Espresso Cups, Wine Glasses, and more! You never know what you could learn from their point of view.
- 17. "Conej Steps Out" by Pablo Río**
Best of Show | Undergraduate | Bilbao, Spain | Running Time: 7 Mins.
Conej devises an unusual plan to capture the heart of his beloved and builds a rocket designed to travel to the moon. But will he succeed in persuading her to take a sidereal trip through the cosmos?
- 18. "Chick Magnet" by Wylder Levkoff**
Merit Award | High School | New York, NY | Running Time: 1 Min.
"Chick-Magnet" is a light hearted story told in 60 seconds of stop motion animation. Our unlikely hero has a date with destiny!