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Class of 2018

THESIS PROJECT SCREENING

Thank you for joining us as we celebrate our graduating class of 2018's final media projects. This year we have the pleasure of showcasing one senior animation trailer, six senior short films and one short from the MBA in Film Producing program. These projects are the culmination of a series of courses in which students work as part of a team and create or contribute to a significant media project that spotlights their area of emphasis in the media arena. Under the guidance of multiple professors, the students have spent many months developing a story, raising their own financing, and then traveling the long road of pre-production, production and post-production to bring their creative ideas to the screen.

We have included a brief description of each of the projects you will see this evening, along with the names of the graduating students who were involved with them. Many additional students and individuals contributed to the success of these projects. Please watch the screen credits for full attribution.



D.A.D.

 (suggested rating PG-13)

When faced with her estranged father's death, a daughter struggles to turn resentment into forgiveness.

MBA students involved:

Christina Pineda	Gabe Moore	Vicki Mellino
James Powers	Mayra Ramirez	Vince Salerno

This short was produced by a group of MBA Film Producing students and premiered at The 168 Hour Film Festival at LA Live. The MBA team acted as true producers, managing their own fundraising, writing, pre-production, and post-production. The project had to meet the festival's requirement of only 10 days pre-production and 7 days post (and additional university restrictions on budget and running time). Our students drew upon talent from both Hollywood and our university.

THURSDAY'S TRAILER

 (Trailer for an animated series, suggested rating PG)

In 1900s England, police detective Gabriel Syme, disguised as a member of an anarchist council in which the members are named after days of the week, must single-handedly thwart a plot to bring about world war.

Seniors involved:

Laura Beth Ramsay	Michelle Hall	Nicholas Willey
Angelica Lopez	Caitlin Nolan	
Ricky Cruz	John Weaver	

FRANKLIN STREET

 (suggested rating PG)

A comedic family drama in which a young ballerina learns to love her brother, whose autistic behavior complicates their relationship.

Seniors involved:

Nicolas Alayo	Tian Kok	Melissa Portugal
Christian Cuevas	Breanna Lacour	Maria Oscilowski
Beth Drozda	Lexi Lovetere	Ben Roberts
Cole Webb Harter	Elisabeth Perez	John Weaver
Thomas Herbold	Claire Phillips	Tom Zupicich

CLIPS

 (suggested rating PG-13)

This story is about a developing father and son relationship as they continue to go to their barbershop over the years. The audience experiences this story vicariously through the barber, Caesar, as he helps to shape both the father and son's lives.

Seniors involved:

Colton Machado	Michael Uyehata	Nicolas Alayo
Meghan Woodard	Lexi Lovetere	Tian Kok
Jacob Hotovy	Julius Medrano	Thomas Herbold
Christian Cuevas	Clare Landis	

AFTER YOU

 (suggested rating PG-13, mature theme)

After failing to act during a horrific event, an insecure gym employee must find the strength to chase after the love of his life before he loses her trust forever.

Seniors involved:

Shannon Disalle	Chris Bradley	Joshua Shaffer
Erica Kovacic	Clare McKay	Benjamin Roberts
Jacob Hotovy	Colton Machado	

DEAD

 (suggested rating PG-13, mature theme)

After leaping off a bridge to his death, Jason finds himself accompanied by the ghost of an old friend who subjected herself to a similar fate. Together, they embark on a journey to review the events that led up to Jason's death.

Seniors involved:

Andrew Clancy	Claire Phillips
Thomas Herbold	Benjamin Roberts
Tian Kok	Michael Uyehata
Sara Litke	John Weaver
Maria Oscilowski	Nicholas Willey

MBA students involved:

Christina Pineda
James Powers

A NIGHTINGALE SANG

 (suggested rating PG)

A heartfelt glimpse into the life of a self-reliant 87 year-old as she grapples with the fear of being a burden to her granddaughter who begins to make sacrifices in order to care for her.

Seniors involved:

Nicholas Willey	Nicolas Alayo	Cierra Campbell
Michael Uyehata	Clare McKay	Shannon DiSalle
Claire Phillips	Thomas Herbold	Josh Shaffer
Andrew Clancy	Maria Oscilowski	John Weaver
Tian Kok	Colton Machado	
Ben Roberts	Megan Geier	

PLAYING OURSELVES

 (suggested rating PG-13)

The story of two college actors brought together by a theater production and their struggle to separate their stage relationship from their real relationship as they fall for each other for the sake of their art.

Seniors involved:

Nicolas Alayo	Lexi Lovetere	Thomas Herbold
Meghan Woodard	Viva Crouse	Colton Machado
Tom Zupicich	Christian Cuevas	Breanna LaCour
Brigitta Sanchez-O'Brien	Michael Uyehata	Marissa Acosta