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CLASS OF 2021

SENIOR FILM SCREENING

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THE RITZ THEATER

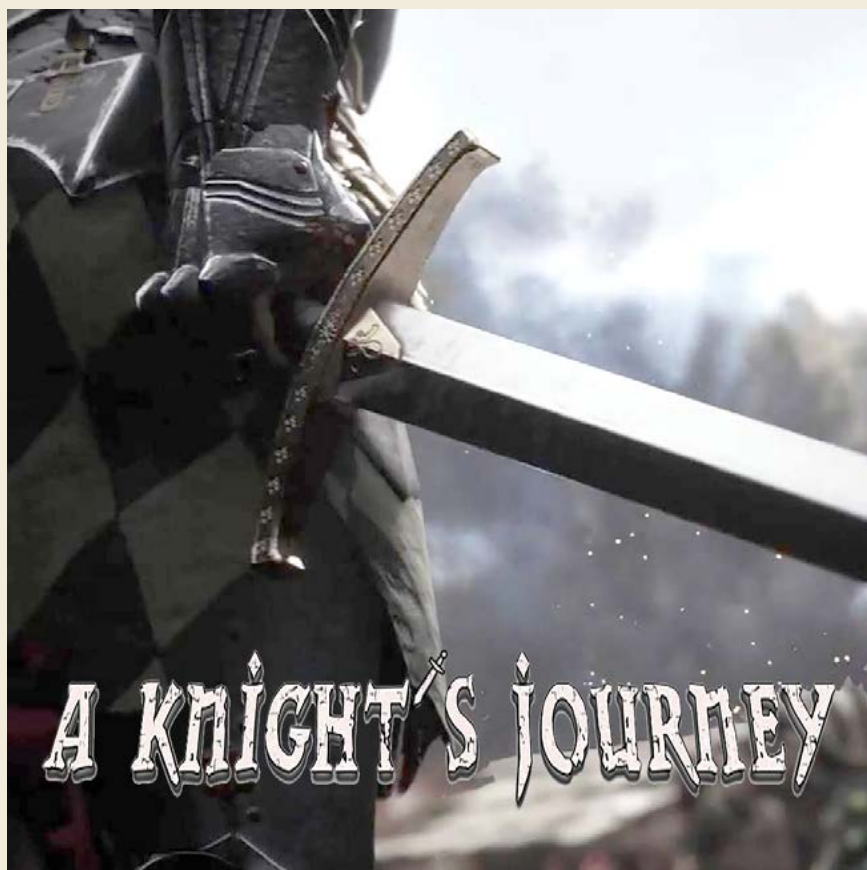
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Thank you for joining us as we celebrate our graduating class of 2021's final media projects. This year we have the pleasure of showcasing one video game trailer, four animated projects, and eight live action short films. Most of these projects are 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 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 life.

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, alumni, and individuals contributed to the success of these projects. Please watch the screen credits for full attribution.

George Simon,

Chair of Communications Media



A KNIGHT'S JOURNEY

(Suggested Rating: PG-13)

In the middle of his long journey, a mysterious knight is ambushed by a horde of bandits; will he make it to his destination in one piece?

SENIORS INVOLVED:

Director & Mocap Actor:

Taylor Prudencio

Others:

Sophia Pappas

Sebastian Romero

Liam Arter



DA CAPO TRAILER

(Suggested Rating: PG-13)

Da Capo is a first person exploration horror game following Fia as she is forced to confront ghosts from her past in the theater her father owned before his death. Using the music box from her late father, she travels to different times in the theater's past to set the ghosts to rest.

SENIORS INVOLVED:

Creative Director:

Grant Hall

Narrative Lead:

Sam LeMark

Animation Supervisor:

John Paul Diodati

Executive Producer:

Yssa Mitra

Others:

Alex Arenas

John Arvidson

Zach Bates

Mykaela Daley

Ashley Freeson

Gemma Johnson

JD Martin

Tam Nguyen

Emmanuel Okeke

Beatrix Poley

Taylor Prudencio

Jack Volpi



HOLD ON TO THE LIGHT *(Suggested Rating: PG-13)*

Two foes with clashing ideals find themselves at odds and take to battle, traversing the local graveyard and city.

SENIORS INVOLVED:

**Director, Producer
& Head Animator:**
Ashley Freeson

Writer:
JD Martin

Others:

John Paul Diodati
Emma Doane
Alex Joseph
Grace Lange
Joni Maxson

Tam Nguyen
Alex Ortega
Taylor Prudencio
Jasmin Rios
Sebastian Romero
Courtne Salvati



ECLIPSE

(Suggested Rating: PG)

A lone ranger's life's work is disrupted by the landing of a giant spacecraft, sparking a confrontation with a space trooper whose advanced weaponry gives him the fight of his life.

SENIORS INVOLVED:

**Writer, Director, Producer,
3D Artist & Animator:**
Tam Nguyen

Animator:
Sebastian Romero



BALLOON GIRL

(Suggested Rating: PG)

A personal visual interpretation of how anxiety feels and how opening up helps to overcome it.

SENIORS INVOLVED:

**Writer, Director, Producer,
2D Artist & Animator:**
Michelle Campuzano

Artists:
Marie Thérèse Hallagan
Yssa Mitra

MOM'S COOKIES

WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY CIAN MAGNER



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(Suggested Rating: PG)

Unable to remember his mom's Christmas cookie recipe; a young man becomes pushed to reconcile a long overdue broken relationship with her, with guidance from his girlfriend.

SENIORS INVOLVED:

Writer & Director:

Cian Magner

Producer:

Eleazar Palma

Others:

Amanda Guardado

Sarah Guardado

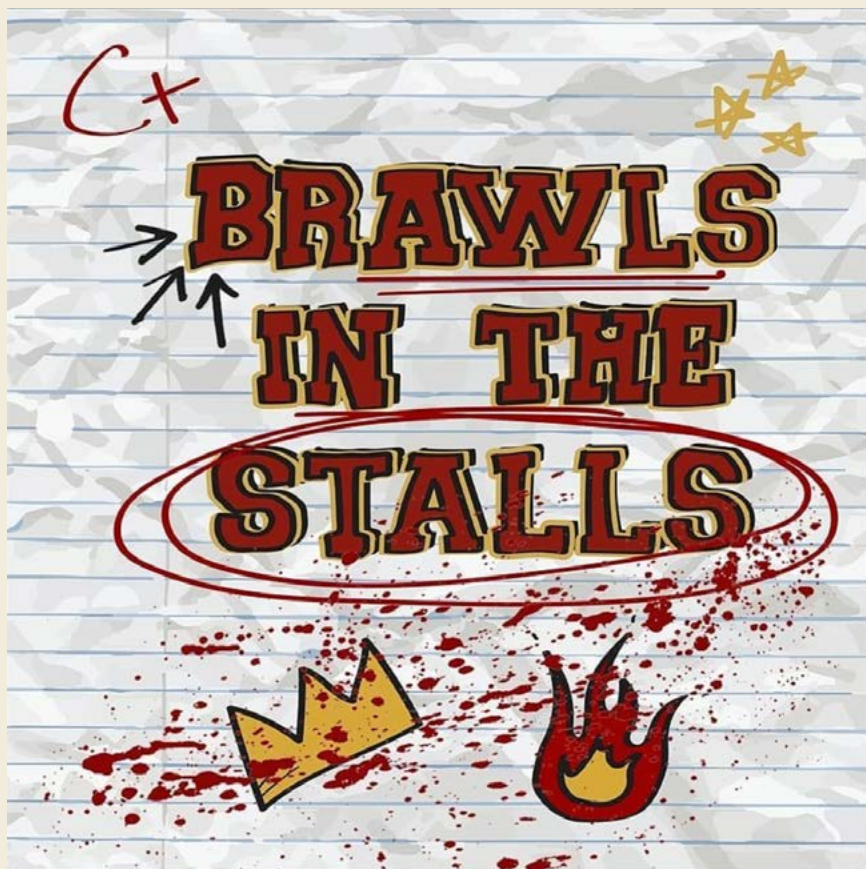
Paula Heine

Joseph Kusic

Beatrix Poley

Diego Ruiz

Emmanuel Zavala



BRAWLS IN THE STALLS *(Suggested Rating: PG-13)*

In this satirical crime-comedy, a high school senior runs a school-wide homework cartel, but his reign is challenged by the champion of the secret freshman fight club.

SENIORS INVOLVED:

Writer & Co-Director:

JD Martin

Co-Director:

Isaac Toche

Producer:

Katerina Gerlach ('22)

Others:

Rosemary Bailey

Courtne Salvati

Ian Barth

Pablo Sotelo

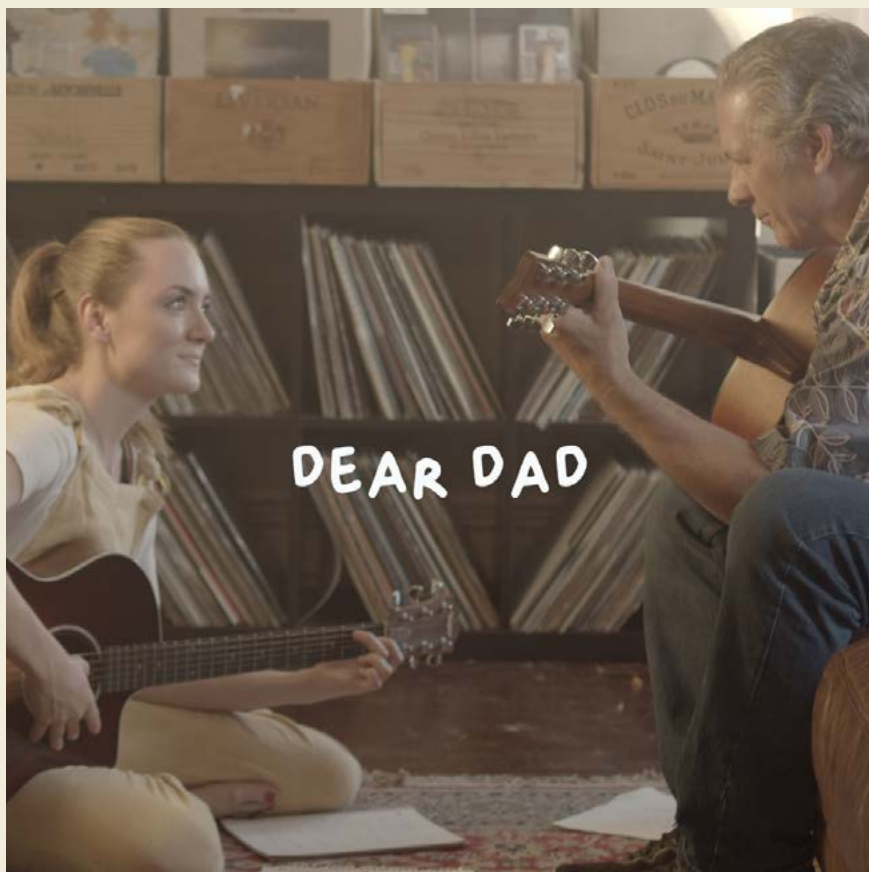
Cian Magner

Juliana Ukrainetz

Eleazar Palma

Jack Volpi

Beatrix Poley



DEAR DAD

(Suggested Rating: PG)

An indie drama about a girl coming to terms with her changing relationship with her father.

SENIORS INVOLVED:

Writer & Director:

Gianna Allegretti

Producer:

Jake Germain ('20)

Others:

Eleazar Palma

Isaac Toche

KAIKETSU

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(Suggested Rating: PG-13)

A samurai witnesses the death of his master and goes on a quest of revenge in hopes of finding inner peace – but in that quest to find inner peace he realizes that mercy is one of the biggest lessons to be learned.

SENIORS INVOLVED:

Co-Writer & Director:

Joe Kusic

Co-Writer:

Ryan Thie ('22)

Producer:

Gabe O'Malley

Others:

John Bacich

Charley Blum

Jake Campbell

Justin Daniels

Rhian Harris

Cian Magner

Beatrix Poley

Emmanuel Zavala

THE TRUTH ABOUT LYING



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(Suggested Rating: PG-13)

When a guarded young woman's first semester of college begins with a cancer diagnosis that she is determined to keep to herself, a reluctant relationship with an estranged friend begins to unravel her and her secret.

SENIORS INVOLVED:

Writer & Co-Director:

Rosemary Bailey

Co-Director:

Andrew Koltuniuk ('20)

Producer:

Rhian Harris

Others:

Ian Barth

James Bilot

Paula Heine

Joseph Kusic

Cian Magner

JD Martin

Diego Ruiz

Courtnie Salvati

Juliana Ukrainetz

Jack Volpi

THE COLORFUL MIND OF JAYCE DEAN PARKER



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(Suggested Rating: PG-13)

Jayce Parker is a high school art student suffering from a severe lack of confidence and constant loneliness – that is until he meets JD, who, little does he know, is his portrait come to life. Over just a few short days, JD opens Jayce's eyes to the world in a new and colorful way.

SENIORS INVOLVED:

Writer & Director:

Carley Kormanis

Producer:

Paulina Barragan

Producer &

Music Composer:

Celeste Arteaga

Others:

John Bacich

James Pio Bilot

Teresa Doherty

Ora Garcia

Marie-Thérèse

Hallagan

Mike Hart

Paula Heine

Brandon Kalinowski

Ruvianne Mercado

Nathan Pocon

Beatrix Poley

INTRODUCING

The Short Film:



BRUSSELS SPROUTS

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(Suggested Rating: PG)

An empathetic mother tries to turn around her obstinate husband in order to rebuild the broken ties of a marriage.

SENIORS INVOLVED:

Director:

Chuck Adams

Writer:

Audrey Daniels ('22)

Producer &

Assistant Director:

Eleazar Palma

Others:

Liam Arter

Sarah Guardado

James Pio Bilot

Brandon Kalinowski

Charley Blum

Cian Magner

Anthony Cooper

Raquel Palma

Amanda Guardado



THE BIRDHOUSE

(Suggested Rating: PG)

A comedy short film about the bond between two sisters and the marriage that comes between them.

SENIORS INVOLVED:

**Co-Directors, Co-Writers
& Co-Producers:**

Amanda Guardado
Sarah Guardado

Co-Writer:

Gabe O'Malley

Others:

James Pio Bilot
Charley Blum
Joseph Kusic
Jasmin Rios
Diego Ruiz
Ty Zeiter

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