



JOHN PAUL
THE GREAT
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

CLASS OF 2024

SENIOR PROJECT SCREENING

Friday, August 30, 2024

Ritz Theater | 7:00pm

Thank you for joining us as we celebrate our graduating class of 2024's final media projects. This year we have the pleasure of showcasing two animation projects, two documentaries, and five 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



Animated Short Film

CARLO ACUTIS

With nothing but a knack for computers and love for the Eucharist, a young soul inspires a new generation of artists, programmers, and filmmakers to spread the Gospel via their God-given talents. This project celebrates the life of Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint, who will be canonized in 2025.

Director, Writer, & Producer:

Bridget Baker

Other Seniors:

Amanda Hardcastle

Rebecca Saladino

Suggested Rating: G

Run Time: approx. 2 mins



Animated Short Film

INCONTENT

A man gains the ability to change anything. We see what he does with this, and what it does to him.

Director & Writer
Stephen Bull

Producers:
Emma Schumaker
Stephen Bull

Other Seniors:
Aiden Maxwell
Kasey Van Horne
Mark Pagaduan
Mary Truelson
Sam Gutierrez

Suggested Rating: PG
Run Time: approx. 5 mins



Documentary Short Film

KE ALOHA

"Ke Aloha" is a captivating documentary that takes audiences on a soul-stirring journey through the rich cultural heritage of hula. Journey into the lives of Hawaii's hula masters, devoted to preserving culture for generations.

Director & Producer:

Elizabeth (DeWitt) Krog

Other Seniors:

Adam Buffini

Anthony Koonce

Bryson Armstrong

Grace Edwards

Raphael Whalen

Taya Bolotte

Suggested Rating: G

Run Time: approx. 15 mins



A Documentary Mini-Series

NET IRELAND

In the Fall of 2023, six students from JPCatholic were selected to become missionaries in Ireland. In this three-part series, they share their testimonies.

At tonight's screening, we will watch the episode featuring Kayla Sacluti.

Director & Writer:
Simon Homer

Producer:
Ariella Thrasher

Other Seniors:
Evan Mock
Jaden Doyle
Joshua Cueva

Suggested Rating: G

Run Time: approx. 5 mins



Short Film

EMERALD QUEST

Davy, a confused office worker, is sent by his boss on an "Emerald Quest"—which was definitely not in his job description.

Director & Writer:

Jaden Doyle

Producer:

Anthony Koonce

Lead Actors:

Donovan Bakin

Paul Bonner

Timothy Battle

Other Seniors:

Adam Buffini

Aiden Maxwell

Bryson Armstrong

Catherine Koltuniuk

Christopher Smith

Evan Mock

Ezekiel Huber

Grace Edwards

Jennifer Valdez

Joseph Donelson

Luca Hoang

María Díaz-Rubín

Maria Mendez

Saige Ruiz

Sebastian Morzen

Tara Castricone

Suggested Rating: G

Run Time: approx. 22 mins



Short Film

SOLO ACT

Zalthar, "The Worst Wizard Ever," goes on a journey to get rid of his new student Nigel, "The Worst Apprentice Ever," but things don't exactly go as planned.

Director & Writer:
Ryan Carrell

Producer:
Avila Dauvin

Other Seniors:

Adam Buffini
Amanda Hardcastle
Anne Rutherford
Anthony Koonce
Bryson Armstrong
Catherine Koltuniuk

Christopher Smith
Francis Ysmael
Jaden Doyle
Joseph Donelson
Kiki Vorderbruggen
Makayla May

Maridie Sturkie
Nathaniel Jacob
Stephen Bull
Tara Castricone
Taya Bolotte
Zeke Huber

Suggested Rating: PG-13

Run Time: approx. 12 mins



Short Film

LOVE YOUR MOTHER

Upon hearing about the death of his mother, a young skater must return home to reconcile his relationship with his estranged father.

Director:

Bryson Armstrong

Writers:

Bryson Armstrong
Joseph Donelson

Producers:

Avila Dauvin
Sebastian Morzen

Other Seniors:

Adam Buffini
Anna Sofía De Orduña
Anthony Koonce

Catherine Koltuniuk
Christopher Smith
Grace Edwards

Jaden Michael Doyle
Jennifer Valdez
Saige Ruiz

Suggested Rating: R (for some strong language)

Run Time: approx. 15 mins



Short Film

NAHUAL

Brothers Kai and Ale disobey their grandmother by stealing a book containing mysterious powers. After attempting to use it, they begin to experience strange and unsettling events that threaten their lives.

Director & Writer:

Liam Schulz

Producer:

María Díaz-Rubín

Other Seniors:

Anna Sofía De Orduña

Anthony Koonce

Avila Dauvin

Bryson Armstrong

Evan Mock

Francis Ysmael

Genevieve Rentmeester

Grace Edwards

Kiki Vorderbruggen

Luke Dampf

Miguel Ortiz

Raphael Whalen

Sebastian Morzen

Suggested Rating: PG-13

Run Time: approx. 12 mins



Short Film

LETTERS TO DANIEL

Ex-convict Daniel just wants to forget his past, but soon realizes this is impossible — he must confront it and forgive himself by reading the unopened letters from his sister.

Director & Writer:
Tara Castricone

Producers:
Tara Castricone
Joseph Olivas
Donald Conklin
Luke Dampf

Other Seniors:
Adam Buffini
Bryson Armstrong
Catherine Koltuniuk
Delaney Rayner
Evan Mock
Francis Ysmael
Joshua Cueva

Suggested Rating: R (for some strong language)

Run Time: approx. 16 mins



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