



# 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NYC PUBLIC SCHOOL FILM FESTIVAL

*Honoring the Diversity of Student Voices*

## ANIMATION

### FIRST ONE UP

A mushroom goes on a quest for company. **Director:** Solomon Shulman; **School:** Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts; **Teacher:** Ben Swope; **Principal:** Yeou Jey Vasconcelos.

### THE ENDLESS CORRIDOR

8th grade student-made stop motion animation using clay, paper, Adobe Photoshop & Adobe Premiere. **Directors:** Kingston Wong, Jayden Yan, Ethan Kim, Aidan Lau; **School:** MS74 Nathaniel Hawthorne Middle School; **Teacher:** Keith Crowley; **Principal:** Brandon Contarsy.

### DAVID VS. GOLIATH

In this animation, David must overcome impossible odds and beat the great Goliath in a game of basketball. **Director:** Jackson Rob Milott; **School:** The Beacon School; **Teacher:** Chelsea Green; **Principal:** Brady Smith.

### THE FOX KING

When a lonely Fox King sends himself into exile, he must go on a hero's journey through the Blue Forest before he can find his way home. **Director:** William Chellis French; **School:** West End Secondary School; **Teacher:** Nicole Zernone; **Principal:** Jessica Jenkins.

### SPACE CAT

A cat goes out to fix a machinery malfunction on their spaceship, but ends up drifting into space. **Director:** Abigail Summer Rees; **School:** Stuyvesant High School; **Teacher:** Natasha Marciano Dillon; **Principal:** Seung Yu.

### SEARCHING FOR A FRIEND

Experimental animation by student Juniper Candelario. **Director:** Juniper Candelario; **School:** Brooklyn High School of the Arts; **Teacher:** Lauren Rocco; **Principal:** Daniel Vecchiano.

### MORSE CODE FLOWER

Gif Animation created by student Samya Blake. **Director:** Samya Blake; **School:** Brooklyn High School of the Arts; **Teacher:** Lauren Rocco; **Principal:** Daniel Vecchiano.

### A HUNDRED SEEDS, A HUNDRED WISHES

Animated short created by student Kaitlin An. **Director:** Kaitlin An; **School:** Brooklyn High School of the Arts; **Teacher:** Lauren Rocco; **Principal:** Daniel Vecchiano.

### EMPTY STOMACH

Digital animation about bulimia. **Director:** Moranchel Dayanara; **School:** Digital Arts and Cinema Technology High School; **Teacher:** Naomi Barak; **Principal:** Dawn Meconi.

## EXPERIMENTAL

### TWO DOORS TWO WORLDS

7th Grade student-made stop motion animation pixilation project using iStopMotion and iMovie. **Directors:** Brianna Daney, Rihanna Garcia, Georgia Grodsky, Janice Kim, Stella Leighton; **School:** MS74 Nathaniel Hawthorne Middle School; **Teacher:** Keith Crowley; **Principal:** Brandon Contarsy.



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## REAL GIRL/CLAY GIRL

**Director:** Kaliopé Tapper; **School:** Frank Sinatra School of the Arts; **Teacher:** Jason Spagnuoli; **Principal:** Gideon Rafel Frankel.

## PIECE BY PIECE

Upon returning to full-time school, students wrote, edited and filmed a cinematic Poem about their experiences with COVID.

**Directors, Writer & Key Cast:** Myles Spivey, Alexa Stone, Connor Margolis, Justice Repucci, Tehodora Pritchett, Joseph Ulloa, Emma White, Craig Ashton Marshall, Francisco Aponte, Elliot Stone; **Producers:** James Walkup, Daniel Verdejo, Justus Snyder; **School:** MS 243 The Center School; **Teachers:** Mr. Walkup, Mr. Verdejo.

## BE THE CHANGE

Queens high school student Tiara Stewart created an original song articulating her concerns for the world. Tiara touches on topics of great concern to young people today, including racial profiling, police brutality, the environment, discrimination and medical freedom. Collaborating with video production high school students from the Theatre Arts Production Company school in the Bronx, including Director/Co-editor Danny Lopez, a video was created that combined the music video and documentary genres. **Director and Writer:** Danny Lopez; **Editors:** Danny Lopez, Anthonely Lora; **Special Thanks:** Ron Link, Bonnie Milner, Steven Mudrick, The Clean

Green Music Machine; **School:** The Theatre Arts Productions Company School; **Teacher:** Steven Mudrick; **Principal:** Elaine Schwartz.

## SHINE YOUR LIGHT

Brooklyn high school student Nancy Pierre created an original song articulating her concerns for the environment. Nancy highlighted topics of great concern to young people today, including climate change, pollution, over-population and sustainability. Created as part of the rFuture2021 project, Nancy was teamed with students from the Theatre Arts Production Company School (TAPCo) in the Bronx to create a video that had both documentary and music video elements. Directed and co-edited by HS junior Anastasia De Jesus, who has been studying video production and technology at TAPCo since 7th grade. **Director:** Anastasia De Jesus; **Key Cast:** Nancy Pierre; **Editors:** Anastasia De Jesus, Samantha Alvarex; **Special Thanks:** Ron Link, Bonnie Milner, Steven Mudrick, The Clean Green Music Machine; **School:** The Theatre Arts Productions Company School; **Teacher:** Steven Mudrick.

## SHORT FEATURE / NARRATIVE

## A SILENT DREAM

A man has the same dreams everyday of an empty world, but it wasn't a dream at all. **Director:** Avery Hong; **School:** Brooklyn

Technical High School | Independent Submission; **Principal:** David Newman.

## TOXIC PRODUCTIVITY

In a society where to work is to live—literally—a girl defies the incessant productivity demanded of her by an authoritarian government.

**Director, Writer, Producer:** Olivia Dartley; **Key Cast:** Salvador Gonzalez; **School:** The Clinton School; **Teacher:** Michael McGuire; **Principal:** Jonathan Levin.

## DON'T TOUCH

During an infectious pandemic, a high school student takes quarantine in a classroom, but is then faced with the challenge of risking his safety to help another. **Directors:** Richecia Henry, Issac Allen; **Camera:** Thorin Watts; **School:** Academy for Careers in Television and Film; **Teachers:** Ricardo Thompson, Shaziya Ali; **Principal:** Robert McCubbin.

## HELLTH SCIENCE

A science teacher's experiment goes horribly wrong and an infection spreads throughout a school community and only Eric Adams Vegan Fridays can bring an end to the reign of terror. **Directors:** Alpha Bah, Christopher Cumberbatch, Shay Thomas, MD Sayef, Jayshaw Chery; **Writers and Producers:** Alpha Bah, Jayshawn Chery, Christopher Cumberbatch; **Key Cast:** Alpha Bah, Justus Snyder, Daniel McGarrell, Shay Thomas, Naiya Kirkland, Kalanji Clark,

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Chardonnae Coly, Beth Kling, Luz Martell, Juan Reddick, Patrick McGillicuddy, David Nelinson; **School:** East Brooklyn Community High School; **Teachers:** David Nelinson, Justus Snyder; **Principal:** Patrick McGillicuddy.

## BLACK FOREST

A boy is caught between reality and fantasy. A story of jealousy, dark instincts and forgiveness. **Director:** Kim Leonhardt; **School:** Brooklyn Collaborative Studies; **Principal:** Priscilla Chan.

## THE EMAIL

A student procrastinates on writing an email to their teacher, but later dawns upon what they should say. **Director, Writer, Producer:** Isaac O'Shea Allen; **School:** Academy for Careers in Television and Film; **Teacher:** Ricardo Thompson; **Principal:** Robert Mccubbin.

## PROS OF CON

A store owner is accused of racially profiling a customer. **Director:** Sekou Cherif; **Editor:** Edward Zuniga-Velasco; **Producers:** Sekou Cherif, Edward Zuniga-Velasco, Timothy Crean, Nicolo Pinzolo; **Key Cast:** Sekou Cherif, Mara Matthews, Edward Zuniga-Velasco; **School:** Art & Design High School; **Teacher:** Hanan Harchol; **Principal:** Maximillia Re Sugiura.

## LATINX IN "AMERICA"?

A professor argues with two eager students

over the value and appropriateness of the term "Latinx". **Director:** Roselin Lopez; **Key Cast:** Roselin Lopez, Jacob Lopez; **School:** P.S./I.S. 187 Hudson Cliffs; **Teacher:** Michael Bridenstine; **Principal:** Emel Topbas Mejia.

## SIMON'S WORLD

A boy travels to parallel worlds to find himself. **Directors:** Simon Grinfeld, Lev Vitrak; **Producers:** Sasha Paone, Ardi Buqaj, Ivan Shelest; **Key Cast:** Simon Grinfeld; **School:** P.S. 145 The Bloomingdale School; **Teacher:** Mr. Hunter; **Principal:** Natalia Russo.

## LOVE UNFLINCHING

Captures the relationship between a boy and his dog through a poem by Rudyard Kipling. Puppetry and poetry meet to explore the power of a dog's love. **Director, Writer, Producer:** Oscar Giles; **School:** Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts; **Teacher:** Lee Lobenhofer; **Principal:** Yeou Jey Vasconcelos.

## PSA / ADVOCACY

## TALKING MURALS

Talking Murals' brings light to the many talented black artists in NYC. It highlights the beautiful street art made by black artists, and the impact it has on New Yorkers! **Directors:** Joshua Alatraste; **Director of Photography and Editor:** Joshua Alatraste; **Voiceover by:** Fiona Slattery **School:** Frank Sinatra School of the Arts; **Teacher:** Jason Spagnuoli.

## THE RIGHT THING

A boy battles with himself in an effort to do the right thing—not lash out at his mother when she tells him he can't meet his friend. **Director:** Zane Mills VanWicklen; **Key Cast:** Zane Mills VanWicklen, Teja VanWicklen; **School:** Art & Design High School; **Teacher:** Ashton Agbomenou; **Principal:** Maximillia Re Sugiura.

## BURNING OUT

**Directors, Writers, Producers:** Veronica Royzen, Abigail Tenenbaum; **School:** Staten Island Technical High School; **Teacher:** Michael Van Buren; **Principal:** Mark Erlenwein.

## REPRESENT US, PROPERLY

Media representation of girls and women of color that isn't based on stereotypes is important because it helps young girls pursue their dreams and have role models who inspire them. **Director, Writer, Producer:** Abeer Saed; **School:** Young Women's Leadership of East Harlem | Independent submission; **Principal:** Colleen Mcgeehan.

## HATE CRIMES

A young New Yorker wakes up to the reality of his environment while watching television. **Director, Writer, Producer:** Hayden Celentano; **School:** Midwood High School; **Teacher:** Elizabeth Bouiss; **Principal:** Michael McDonnell.

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## DOCUMENTARY

### A DAY IN THE LIFE OF ADAM

A teenage boy moves to the city, and faces challenges in his new living environment.

**Director, Writer:** Adam Bailey; **School:** New Dorp High School (Reelworks); **Teacher:** Ebony Hatchett (Reelworks); **Principal:** Seth Schoenfeld.

### ASMAIT: AROUND THE WORLD

Ruth's mom, Asmait/Sara, details her time growing up in different countries all over the world while making a family favorite pasta dish.

**Director, Writer:** Ruth Allen; **Key Cast:** Sara Allen; **School:** Edward R. Murrow High School; **Teacher:** Amanda Mcleer; **Principal:** Allen Barge.

### CULTURE

The growth of African dance and drumming in New York City. **Director, Writer, Editor:** Nana Kwame Williams; **School:** Digital Arts and Cinema Technology High School; **Teacher:** Carlos Rentas; **Principal:** Dawn Meconi

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Short documentary on how black history month is acknowledged at Tottenville High School on Staten Island. **Director:** Jaylette Jones; **Producers:** Regina Lee, Sudan Raphael, Nadia Michel; **School:** Tottenville High School; **Teacher:** Aaron Afflitto; **Principal:** Gina Battista.

### THE LAST PLAY

**Director:** Cristian Zumba; **Writers:** Muhamad Karatayev, Bryant Kyin; **School:** Midwood High School; **Teacher:** Elizabeth Bouiss; **Principal:** Michael McDonnell.

### FRIENDSHIP

What it feels like to have friends and the struggle to let someone go. **Director:** Dina Yamazaki O'Leary; **School:** Academy for Careers in Television and Film; **Teacher:** Ricardo Thompson; **Principal:** Robert Mccubbin.

### WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A WINNER

A documentary about the Susan E. Wagner Track Team. **Director:** Gio Choi; **Key Cast:** Zander Mercado, Mia Petersen; **School:** Susan E. Wagner High School; **Teacher:** Shea Ryan; **Principal:** David Cugini.

### WE ACHIEVE GREATNESS

A glimpse into P37R's vocational training program. **Directors:** Katie Marrow, Patricia Marcero; **Writers:** Katie Marrow, Elizabeth Farrell; **Producers:** Katie Marrow, Frankie Cannizzo; **Key Cast:** Katie Marrow, Matthew D'Orio, Anthony Donato, Frankie Cannizzo, Brendan Bonomo, Matthew Lopez, Elizabeth Farrell, Dylan Accornero, Michael DiSchiavi, Supreme Ryant, Joseph Mariano, Matthew Martinez, Sofia Guido, Vincent Fattarusso, David Zhou, Anastasios Sialakas, Tyler McAnuff, Yousuf Asghar, Skylar Cerami, Rusty Tam Diaz, Elias Lacina, Patricia

Marcero, Tiffany Lin; **School:** P37R: The David Marquis School of the Arts; **Teacher:** Nicholas Giglio; **Principal:** Cori Regan

