

3rd ANNUAL NYC PUBLIC SCHOOL FILM FESTIVAL

Honoring the Diversity of Student Voices

ANIMATION

X MORPH 2021

This is an annual production in which the entire class makes an animation influenced by the Surrealist game the Exquisite Corpse. Each student gives their first frame to the person "behind" them and it is up to the directors and animators to determine what happens and how they transition between each section. **Directors:** Daniella Croland, Ellie Hui, Makeda Firmin, Blake Bourous, Joseph Dicecco; **Editor:** Yuna Soetomo; **Animators/Storyboard Artists:** Jaclyn Abramova, Sofia Adinolfi, Ashlee Arriaga, Blake Bourous, Mackalia Bradshaw Forrester, Amerie Chapel, Daniella Croland, Ilona Darieva, Joseph Dicecco, Nishaun Dow, Makeda Firmin, Sophie Ganshamballi, Light Haynes, Ellie Hui, Toni Innamorato, Yeji Kim, Seth Lee, Theresa Martin, Reean Miller, Margo Moore, Ebony Morrison, Ariel Odessky, Heather Oneill, Janzelle Rodriguez, Miguel Santos, Yuna Soetomo, Izabela Zajac; **Special thanks (Animator):** Gianna Tafa; **School:** Art and Design High School; **Teacher:** Adam Newman; **Principal:** Maximillia Re Sugiura

THE FUTURE IS FEMALE

A short animation from students at Urban Assembly; **School:** Urban Assembly School for Leadership and

Empowerment; **Teacher:** Patrick Lovejoy; **Principal:** Natalie Jufer

IS THIS FARMING

A mouse finds a kernel of corn and grows a cornstalk.; **Director, Animation, Editing:** Susannah Chen; **School:** Susan E. Wagner High School; **Teacher:** Shea Ryan; **Principal:** David Cugini

TO EVERY END

As baby stars work their way through space, they are taught their place in the Universe.; **Directors, Writer, Animator:** Ellie Hui; **Key Cast:** Ellie Hui, Daniella Kavouriadis; **School:** Art and Design High School; **Teacher:** Adam Newman; **Principal:** Maximillia Re Sugiura

QUARANTINE

A scope into one of the many experiences during the global pandemic. It might not be an easy time for any of us but it's important to stay hopeful. **Director, Writer, Producer, Animator/Artist:** Alexandra A Milyukov **School:** Art and Design High School; **Teacher:** Seung Lee **Principal:** Maximillia Re Sugiura

SELF CONFIDENCE

It's all about self-love and confidence. Everyone has their own thing that makes them unique and beautiful. Self-confidence can change your whole

outlook on yourself and feel comfortable in your own skin.

Director, Writer, Producer, Key Cast: Amisha Mahadeo; **School:** M.S. 202 Robert H. Goddard; **Teacher:** Kye Weaver; **Principal:** William Fitzgerald

EXPERIMENTAL

HELP, I'M DROWNING

A girl reflects on her identity and place in the world during a bath. **Director, Writer, Producer:** Luna Ubide Holmes; **Key Cast:** Luna Ubide Holmes, Gianluca La Villa, Daniela Ubide, Indigo Ubide Holmes; **Editor:** Luna Ubide Holmes; **Cinematographer:** Luna Ubide Holmes; **Animator:** Luna Ubide Holmes; **School:** Frank Sinatra School of the Arts; **Teacher:** Jason Spagnuoli; **Principal:** Gideon Rafel Frankel

LUNCH

Experimental **Director, Writer, Producer:** Calvin Ryman; **School:** Art and Design High School; **Teacher:** Hanan Harchol; **Principal:** Maximillia Re Sugiura

RIDING THE AIRWAYS

"Riding the Airways" is an experimental music video that



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features two unique tracks composed and produced by Benjamin Snazelle. Each song has their own flavor and their own style of visualization.; **Director:** Benjamin Snazelle **School:** Urban Assembly New York Harbor School; **Principal:** Jeffrey Chetirko

THE OBSTACLE

My film is based on dreams. Before I can achieve anything there will be obstacles, but you know what? "There is no obstacle bigger than your dreams." - Gerson Cherec; **Director, Writer, Editor:** Gerson Cherec; **School:** Brooklyn International High School; **Teacher:** ReelWorks; **Principal:** Kathleen Rucker

PSA / ADVOCACY

SILHOUETTE

A PSA demonstrating how the Covid-19 virus is spread. **Director, Writer, Producer:** Emilio Rios **School:** Academy for Careers in Television & Film; **Teacher:** Ricardo Thompson; **Principal:** Edgar Rodriguez

IT'S SAD

An African-American teenager reflects on the state of our world.; **Director, Writer, Producer:** Dania Brissett; **School:** Academy for Careers in Television & Film; **Teacher:** Ricardo Thompson; **Principal:** Edgar Rodriguez

DOMINO

Domino is a public service announcement about teenage substance abuse and how every choice we make in life has consequences.; **Director & Producer:** Tom Pinkhasov, Connor Campbell; **School:** Staten Island Technical High School; **Teacher:** Michael Van Buren; **Principal:** Mark Erlenwein

DELUSIONS

A teenage girls' battle with anorexia nervosa propels her to make a change.; **Director, Writer, Producer:** Rebecca Anton; **School:** Frank Sinatra School of the Arts; **Teacher:** Jason Spagnuoli; **Principal:** Gideon Rafel Frankel

PEAK CHIC

This commercial presents Peak Chic masks, a fashion product that prioritizes looks over safety. **Director, Writer, Producer, Key Cast, Editor:** Oma Ali; **School:** The Young Women's Leadership School of Astoria; **Teacher:** ReelWorks; **Principal:** Allison Persad

THE MAGIC (AND PAIN) OF SLEEP

Quarantine has created more than isolation as a challenge. What happens when it affects sleep too? **Director, Writer, Key Cast:** Xavier Cloud; **School:** Manhattan Early College School For Advertising; **Teacher:** Todd Drake; **Principal:** Sarah Kaplan

DOG POOP

People leave more dog poop when it is snowing in Manhattan; **Director:** Nicola Nasser; **Key Cast:** Loor Nasser, Joseph Nasser, Jude Nasser, Luke Nasser, Warrd Nasser; **School:** Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy MS-HS 141; **Principal:** Lori O Mara

EMBRACE DIVERSITY

Clones are lame.... Embrace diversity! **Director, Writer, Producer, Key Cast:** Zane Mills VanWicklen; **School:** Art and Design High School; **Teacher:** Ashton Agbomenou; **Principal:** Maximillia Re Sugiura

DOCUMENTARY

NEW LIFE

From deep within the ground, this old rusty artifact gets a new life.; **Director, Writer, Producer, Key Cast:** Nikolai Usiatynski; **School:** Urban Assembly New York Harbor School; **Teacher:** Rick Lee; **Principal:** Jeffrey Chetirko

MEET THE OPTIONS PROGRAM

This Documentary follows the New York City Police Foundations Options Program which was designed in partnership with the This Documentary follows the New York City Police Foundations Options Program which was designed in partnership with the NYPD to build stronger connections between the youth and police while keeping teens active and out of trouble by working alongside Police to make their community a better place. **Directors:** Thomas Burke; **Editor:** Thomas Burke; **Audio:** John Negron; **School:** The Scholars' Academy; **Teacher:** Michael Pepe; **Principal:** Michele Smyth

ESCAPE

A teenager's documentary about life at the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic. **Director, Writer, Producer:** Leo Steele **School:** Academy for Careers in Television & Film; **Teacher:** Ricardo Thompson; **Principal:** Edgar Rodriguez

QUARANTEENS

Produced during the height of the Coronavirus pandemic in NYC, "Quaranteens" follows the experiences of a group of high-schoolers as they navigate familial relationships, frontline work, racism, healthcare and economic injustice. **Directors:** Khalil Baxter, Laye Diakite, Muhammad Fisiru, Mia Micic, Derick David Morales, Mateo Morales, Starasia Nelson, Ashlee Reyes, Ethan Ruffli, Olesya Shanabrook, Artur Zhigalev, Cirilo Ordonez; **Writers:** Starasia Nelson, Ashlee Reyes, Ethan Ruffli, Olesya Shanabrook, Artur Zhigalev;

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Producers: Kate Levy, Ambreen Qureshi
School: Educational Video Center; Schools Represented: Cascades High School, City-As-School, Flushing International High School, Independence High School, Lower East Side Prep High School, Institute for Collaborative Education, International High School at Union Square, Satellite Academy; **Teacher:** Kate Levy; **Principals:** Claire Sheehan, Principal of Cascades High School (Rachel Seher, Principal of High School M560, City As School; Kevin Hesselstine, Principal of Flushing International High School; Ron Smolkin, Principal of Independence High School; Rene Anaya, Principal of Lower East Side Prep High School; Peter Karp, Principal of Institute for Collaborative Education; Vadewatie Ramsuchit, Principal of International High School at Union Square; Steven Zbaida, Principal of Satellite Academy

SHORT FEATURE / NARRATIVE

TYPES OF STUDENTS DURING ONLINE SCHOOL

This is about different students and how they act during online school. They all have different characteristics and are all fun in their own way!
Director, Writer, Producer: Sabriha Safa
School: M.S. 202 Robert H. Goddard; **Teacher:** Kye Weaver; **Principal:** William Fitzgerald

MIRROR

A young father is slowly becoming unhinged as he struggles to deal with his impending divorce.
Director, Writer, Producer, Key Cast: Hector Valentine; **School:** Academy for Careers in Television & Film;
Teacher: Ricardo Thompson;
Principal: Edgar Rodriguez

SISTAS

Two middle school aged African-American step sisters practice their art and debate their desire to go back to school in a post covid-19 world.
Director & Writer: Mahadia Oliver; **Producers:** Marquis Smalls, Mahadia Oliver; **Key Cast:** Mahadia Oliver, Sakari Charity, Tara Charity, Marquis Smalls; **School:** PS/IS 187; **Teacher:** Sarah Moran; **Principal:** Jessica Strong

VAPORRUB

A young girl sings about the amazing healing benefits of Vaporub.; **Director, Writer, Producer, Key Cast:** Roselin Lopez; **School:** P.S./I.S. 187 Hudson Cliffs; **Teacher:** Michael Bridenstine; **Principal:** Emel Topbas Mejia

ERASED

After the death of his brother, a man looks for answers as he enters a journey of acceptance and self-discovery. **Director & Writer:** Leonardo Cross; **Producers:** Giselle Huerta, Dora Espinoza; **Key Cast:** Diego Arciniega, Charles William Putt Jr.; **PA:** Edgar Cruz; **School:** Art and Design High School; **Teacher:** Hanan Harchol; **Principal:** Maximillia Re Sugiura

A JOURNEY

A feeling of losing something, but what exactly is missing? **Director, Writer, Key Cast, Editor:** Edwin Ng; **School:** Midwood High School; **Teacher:** Henry Mei; **Principal:** Michael McDonnell

COLORS

A teenage girl uses her artwork to express her feelings about her father.; **Director, Writer, Producer, Key Cast:** Khai Umstead; **School:** Academy for Careers in Television & Film; **Teacher:** Ricardo Thompson; **Principal:** Edgar Rodriguez

HIM: ORIGIN

A dark, tragic and brutal take on the “vigilante” archetype; identifying the true psychotic nature of someone who devotes their life to justice and pain.
Director, Writer, Producer, Key Cast: Jesiah Bailey; **School:** Art and Design High School; **Teacher:** Kevin Lopez; **Principal:** Maximillia Re Sugiura

SNACKS

A young man with purpose and an appetite must use his cunning wit to achieve his ultimate goal...
Directors: Nicholas Graham, Akasha Maldonado; **Writers:** Ashanti Tirado, Cynthia Bravo; **Producers:** Dunel Charles, Shonika Gibbs, Tahjee Williams, Jordan, Henry & David; **Key Cast:** Md Abu Sayef, Ms. Wilson, David Nelinson, Damien Falu; **School:** East Brooklyn Community High School; **Teacher:** David Nelinson; **Principal:** Patrick McGillicuddy

SCRANTON FEVER

A little girl is addicted to the television show, The Office, and wreaks havoc for her older brother.
Director & Writer: Matt Mingoia; **Key Cast:** Matt Mingoia, Olivia Mingoia; **Editor:** Matt Mingoia
School: Susan E. Wagner High School; **Teacher:** Shea Ryan; **Principal:** David Cugini

