

DAVY WALKER

BFA FILM, VIDEO, NEW MEDIA, AND ANIMATION

Unto The Circle, 2016

digital video
sound, color
20:00

They think about the L.A. water drought. And their mom getting electroshock therapy when she was younger. And now they're lost. It's going to be sad. But it'll be funny. And beautiful they hope. Pay them their money. In cash.

ANDRA HELTON

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Conveyor, 2016

puppet animation
sound, color
6:00

MA grocery clerk's judgmental fantasies take on a life of their own.

DENA SPRINGER

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Solar Pulse, 2014

Sandin Image Processor transferred to video
sound, color
3:11

Solar Pulse is a collaboration between Michael Sullivan (MFA 2015) and Dena Springer (BFA 2016). Using the Sandin Image Processor, a video synthesizer, and the E-MU Synthesizer, the film hopes to create a sublime experience strictly through analog means.

ANYA ALFORD

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Anx, 2016

digital animation
sound, color
2:30

A young woman struggles with a little monster interrupting her work.

FILM, VIDEO, NEW MEDIA, ANIMATION, AND SOUND FESTIVAL

GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER
164 NORTH STATE STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

May 12
Program 6

6:00 - 7:45 p.m.

Tavia David
Cory Feder
Jeremy Lyon Freedberg
Jamie Farney
Davy Walker
Andra Helton
Dena Springer
Anya Alford



Welcome to the 2016 BFA and MFA Media Arts Festival and screenings! Here you will encounter the next generation of film, video, new media, animation, and sound artists as SAIC students present their thesis projects. In this festival, you will experience innovative live-action shorts, all kinds of animation, feature-length narrative and nonfiction works, video essays, and experimental digital and audio pieces that will provoke, pleasure, instigate, and surprise you.

In FVNMA and at SAIC, we embrace radicalities of different shapes, sizes and forms in our experimental Media Arts. We encourage and are committed to a fluidity of ideas, theories, and practices. FVNMA students move far beyond traditional approaches, often working in interdisciplinary ways. The works here cross and intermix technologies, genres, and approaches, manifesting new and hybrid forms of expression.

We salute all these graduating students in celebrating the work that they will now share with us. We appreciate your time, labor, love, and the community that you have built together with us these last few years as you worked hard to compose, write, shoot, record, re-enact, direct, perform, edit, sample, digitize, experiment, generate, render, draw, model, design, photograph, chroma-key, interact, loop, re-mix, re-author, re-form, collaborate, improvise, craft, and hone your materials, ideas, sounds, and visions.

We congratulate you all, and wish you the best in your continuing lives as artists!

Mary Patten
chair, FVNMA
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
May, 2016

Presented by the Department of Exhibitions and Exhibition Studies in collaboration with the Film, Video, New Media, and Animation Department, and the Gene Siskel Film Center.

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TAVIA DAVID

BFA FILM, VIDEO, NEW MEDIA, AND ANIMATION

W2W, 2016
digital video
sound, color
5:00

W2W is a coming-of-age story with a specific focus on a young girl growing up in Chicago. Through pain, laughter, and gentle scolding on the part of her grandmother, she discovers true facets of her identity. *W2W* seeks to tell a story from the perspective of a contemporary black family and all the complexities that come along with being such.

CORY FEDER

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Heavy Blanket, 2016
hand-drawn animation
sound, color
7:00

Underneath the heavy blanket there is a train stopping in all the same places and it is passing between all the known and unknown evils of today and yesterday. Who is to say what evil really is; what makes a train stop in one place over and over again?

JEREMY LYON FREEDBERG

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Cave, 2016
digital video
sound, color
20:58

An excerpt from an experimental documentary exploring the routine, monotony, and small joys of a near-century-old man. The artist has lived with and documented Bernie, his grandfather, for four years, getting to know him yet remaining somewhat distant. The piece strives to define a perception of a relative and the artist's view of himself, while accidentally revealing the cynical, uncomfortable undertones of a soft-spoken, kind old man.

JAMIE FARNEY

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Old Lorraine, 2016
digital video
sound, color
5:22

The piece is entirely hand drawn and colored by watercolor. The work was originally written by the artist; image and sound followed suit. Special thanks to Judith Raphael for voice-acting the character of Lorraine.