

# News Release

## Dobbs Ferry High School's IB Film Night Features Award-Winning Student Videos

**Dobbs Ferry, NY, May 30, 2017**—The Dobbs Ferry community is invited to attend the **Annual IB Film Night at the High School on Thursday, June 1st at 7:00 PM in the High School Auditorium**. The program will feature the culminating short films produced by seniors who have participated in the two-year International Baccalaureate (IB) Film course, along with selected junior videos. Three of the films to be screened have won top honors in prestigious Westchester and New York State film festivals.

The films run approximately 4-7 minutes in length and are rated PG-13. The students worked in production teams and the groups spent three months developing their script treatment, producing storyboards, rehearsing, shooting footage and editing. These films are part of the IB Internal Assessment for 12<sup>th</sup> graders in the IB Film class and a major component of their final grade.

According to High School IB Film teachers Andrew Fischbeck and Tom Falconetti, “This year’s IB films are reflective of the students’ hard work and collaboration. They were extremely dedicated to the class and producing a great finished product. The kids put forth a tremendous effort and the audience will see their creativity and talent in each story as it comes to life on the big screen.”

Mr. Fischbeck and Mr. Falconetti will introduce the evening and the films to be shown and hand it over to the students who will discuss their specific productions. The evening’s lineup includes three films produced by 11<sup>th</sup> graders and nine “feature” films produced by 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. The films represent multiple genres including drama, comedy, romance and thrillers.

- ***Fight!*** explores and exposes the sexism young women face every day. Directed and produced by seniors Hannah Brown, Shannon O’Halloran, Alex Rossillo and Molly Selin, it won second place and was awarded “The Chester” at the Westchester County Future Film Maker’s Film Festival. ***Fight!*** was up against 35 other entries submitted by schools across Westchester County.
- ***Rewind*** is a drama about a man who accidentally sends himself thirty years into the past. It was created and produced by seniors Noel Campbell, Eliza Fry, Enrique Garcia, Dale Hasbrouck, Blake Hord, Mio Ito, Yasmine Myftija, Alex Rossillo, Shannon O’Halloran, Ivan Sarbinov, Molly Selin and Dylan Williams. Out of 305 films submitted to the Hendrick Hudson Film Festival, ***Rewind*** was selected as a finalist for best picture in the Drama category.
- ***Franpire*** also received an honorable mention in the Comedy category at the Hendrick Hudson Film Festival. Juniors Rebecca Cadenhead, Jai Guruprasad, Tiko Mkheidze, Scott Newman, Alisha Pandya, Juan Patino, Emmanuel Polakoski and Kevin Ramos produced the film. In addition, ***Franpire*** was recognized by the New York State 10 Day Film Challenge. It was nominated for “Best Use of a Character,” won “Best Title Sequence,” and placed 8<sup>th</sup> overall in the competition. It is a comedy about a misunderstood vampire just trying to get through the day.

### Senior Films:

- ***To Be Happy*** by Enrique Garcia
- ***Credence*** by Glory Akoh, Jamie Honigman, and Julian Raderman
- ***Division*** by Dale Hasbrouck, Chris Imbrogno, and Dylan Williams
- ***Open Air*** by Jessie Anker, Ray Flaks, and Mio Ito
- ***Rewind*** by Noel Campbell, Eliza Fry, Enrique Garcia, Dale Hasbrouck, Blake Hord, Mio Ito, Yasmine Myftija, Alex Rossillo, Shannon O'Halloran, Ivan Sarbinov, Molly Selin, and Dylan Williams
- ***Jordan*** by Tenia Braithwaite, Max Baumann, and Ivan Sarbinov
- ***The Sacrifice*** by Noel Campbell, Eliza Fry, Blake Hord and Yasmine Myftija
- ***Purgatory*** by Ben Greengrass, Calvin Sheely, and Frankie Staluppi
- ***Fight!*** by Hannah Brown, Shannon O'Halloran, Alex Rossillo, and Molly Selin

### Junior Films:

- ***Iris*** by Alison Gormley, Brandon Kim, Nuala Vizard
- ***A Touch of Color*** by Nicky Amendola, Jake Biale, Alex Falter, Andrew Fessler, Sara FitzPatrick, Shelby Luria, Raffael Singleton, Kyla Totoro
- ***Franpire*** by Rebecca Cadenhead, Jai Guruprasad, Tiko Mkheidze, Scott Newman, Alisha Pandya, Juan Patino, Emmanuel Polakoski, Kevin Ramos

In the first year of the challenging IB Film course in 11<sup>th</sup> grade, students make movies and study film history and film analysis. Students also take on the roles of writer, director, cinematographer, and editor in the production of their original films. By 12<sup>th</sup> grade, the second part of the two-year International Baccalaureate study in film, students make their final films for IB assessment, continue to practice film analysis, and do an in-depth study of movies from another culture.

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