

# Greenfield Youth Film Festival

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Dear Greenfield Youth Film Festival Participants and Guests,

For 16 years, the Greenfield Youth Film Festival has given a voice to aspiring student filmmakers from high schools across the Philadelphia region. This forum provides opportunities for students to work with professionals from the industry as well as teachers with film experience from local high schools and colleges.

We are grateful for the generosity of the Greenfield Foundation and the leadership of Jill Greenfield Feldman. As we celebrate this year, we recognize the Festival's success and how it has evolved into a dynamic celebration of the talents and dedication of our students. We honor not only the award winners, but all of those associated with this worthy endeavor.

On behalf of our Board of School Directors, our faculty and staff, and the Upper Dublin community, I sincerely thank the Greenfield Foundation for making Upper Dublin a center for student filmmaking.

Sincerely,

Dr. Laurie J. Smith  
Superintendent of Schools

THE 16TH  
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# GREENFIELD YOUTH FILM FESTIVAL

## Welcome:

**Jill Greenfield Feldman**, GYFF Executive Director

**Dave Thomas**, GYFF Educational Director and Emcee

## Award Presentations:

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| 1. <b>Best Director</b>        | Michelle Boas, Executive Director, UDEF                                    |
| 2. <b>Best Producer</b>        | Jared Hirsch, Filmmaker, Greenie winner                                    |
| 3. <b>Experimental (3)</b>     | Carl Woodin, AZtech Multimedia & Training Group                            |
| 4. <b>Best Screenplay</b>      | Dr. Laurie Smith, UDSD Superintendent                                      |
| 5. <b>Best Editing</b>         | TBD  |
| 6. <b>Documentary (3)</b>      | John O'Leary, Teaching Professor of Communication,<br>Villanova University |
| 7. <b>Best Animation</b>       | Ian Mallitz (V), Producer & Director, The Walt Disney Studios              |
| 8. <b>Best Acting</b>          | TBD  |
| 9. <b>Best PSA</b>             | Doug Keith, Writer, Director & Producer                                    |
| 10. <b>Narrative (3)</b>       | TBD  |
| 11. <b>Best Cinematography</b> | Dave Lamm, Cinematographer & Director, PWPvideo                            |
| 12. <b>Most Creative</b>       | TBD  |
| 13. <b>Best Comedy</b>         | Jill Feldman   |

**(V) – Virtual Presentation**

## Jury Biographies

**David J. Greenberg** -- David has written over 60 screenplays for features, shorts and documentaries, and is the author of "Screenwriting for Micro-Budget Films." Seclusion, a feature film he produced, will be released in 2024 and his writing-directing debut feature Stomping Ground is available on many streaming platforms. He teaches screenwriting at University of the Arts and Drexel University.

**Joan Rockower Greenfield** -- Joni is a devoted watcher of films. She serves on a panel to select artists in various fields for a prize connected to a major artist retreat. She is also a docent at The Barnes Foundation and the mother of Jill Feldman.

**Jared Hirsch** -- Jared is a filmmaker who works as an editor in NYC. He is a previous greenie winner.

**Carly Jennion** -- Carly is a former NBC Page now working in Los Angeles as a Standards Coordinator at NBCUniversal. In 2018, she won first place Narrative Film in the Greenfield Youth Film Festival.

**Doug Keith** -- Doug has been writing, directing and producing content for short films, music videos, documentaries and PSAs for more than 20 years. He most recently directed a 10th anniversary follow-up to his award-winning documentary about New Hope, PA, "Embraceable You." Doug especially enjoys screenwriting and has guest lectured on the subject for high school and college classes.

**Karin Kelly** -- Karin is an independent filmmaker who received her M.F.A. in Film from N.Y.U. She was a fellow for Warner Bros. and Paramount Pictures, participated in the Sundance Institute Screenwriters Intensive and is a recipient of the prestigious Princess Grace Foundation Grant. She is the co-author of Film School Confidential: The Insider's Guide to Film Schools. Her narrative short, Cinco Meses, is now on the festival circuit, and she just completed production on her latest film, L'Inverno. When not making her own films, she instructs students on how to make theirs as the Department Head of Cinema & Television at Drexel University.

**Dave Lamm** -- Dave is Cinematographer and Director for PWPvideo. He has been in the film and video world for over 20 years. He loves what he does, and he always enjoy sharing his knowledge of his craft to others.

**Amy Wolk Mallenbaum** -- Amy has been a professional interior designer for over 25 years. Earning a BA in Communications and Design from University of Pennsylvania, and a MS in Design from Drexel University, her design roots began in Philadelphia. After spending over 12 years with a NYC architectural firm specializing in historic renovation and preservation of museums, theaters, libraries and historic interior spaces, she returned to the Philadelphia area. More recently she has been working on design projects with an emphasis on sustainable, eco friendly construction and renovation solutions.

**Ian Mallitz** -- Upper Dublin High School graduate (class of '95), Ian is a producer and director for The Walt Disney Studios in Burbank CA where he spearheads, develops and manages all live-action content for the Global Marketing Partnerships & Promotions teams. From theatrical to streaming, if it's a Disney or Lucasfilm property, chances are, Ian has been creatively involved in some capacity. Ian would like to thank Jill, Jason and to the rest of the AMAZING GYFF volunteer staff for providing such a wonderful platform from which our next generation of filmmakers & storytellers can thrive!

## Jury Biographies

**Chaz T. Martin** – Chaz is a graduate of NYU Tisch, and a screenwriter, playwright, and dramaturg based in Philly. Their short screenplay, MELISSA, was one of five finalists for Tribeca Film Institute's Through Her Lens Development Program in 2019. They are the Lead Writer with the sketch-play company Impulse Control Freaks. By day, they're the Literary and Development Manager at InterAct Theatre Company.

**Susannah McCarthy** – Susannah's claim to fame was her work as Prop Master for S2-S3 of Only Murders in the Building. She is currently working on TASK for HBO with Mark Ruffalo and Tom Pelphrey. Past credits include The Gilded Age S2, Mare of Easttown and Hunters S1.

**Glen Naessens** -- Glen is currently the President of NCS Industries, Glen Naessens has worked in the Motion Picture, Television, and Internet field prior to graduating La Salle University in 1992. His most recent experience was being himself on Paramount + Real World Homecoming. He has done it ALL...and never wants to stop!

**John O'Leary** – John is Teaching Professor of Communication at Villanova University. He is the Director of Villanova's Cultural Film Series and the Co-Founder of The Social Justice Documentary Program.

**Dr. David Pressel** -- David has broad experience in both science and art. As medical faculty from Philadelphia, he has reviewed national scientific presentations for many years. He also has worked as the Set Construction Intern for the Arden Theatre.

**Dana Bernard Sanders** -- Dana has a degree in Mass Communications from Emerson College and works regularly providing voice overs for several clients. He has worked on independent films at all stages, but loves producing. Documentaries are his favorite media!

**Roman Santa Croce** -- Roman is Pennsylvania native who has worked in the Television and Film industry for over 15 years. He has worked on many television series including Stranger Things, Doom Patrol, Watchmen, and The Walking Dead. Roman currently resides in Atlanta, GA where he now directs and runs his own production company.

**Alyse Shorland** -- Alyse is a two-time Emmy and Peabody-winning director and producer, whose work marries rigorous journalism with artful filmmaking. She's directed and produced documentaries and series independently and in collaboration with network and streaming clients, including HBO, Netflix, CNN Films, HULU, NBC Films, and FX. Her most recent projects include the coming-of-age documentary, The Debutantes, set to premiere theatrically this spring, and The Ebony Project, the first production to bring the story behind Johnson Publishing, creators of Ebony and Jet magazine, to life. She was previously a director on the documentary series The Weekly with the New York Times and Fiasco (FX). Before that, Alyse was an inaugural director for Vice News Tonight for HBO, and she's produced long-form stories for CBS Sunday Morning and the CNN documentary series Black in America with Soledad O'Brien. In 2023, she was named to Doc NYC's 40 Under 40. Her work is supported by the Ford Foundation, MACRO, and Impact Partners. In her spare time, Alyse runs marathons and teaches at Rutgers University.

**Ginny Somma** -- Ginny is a television producer who has worked on a wide variety of genres including documentary; docusoap, home renovation, true crime, adventure travel news and sports. Some of the recent shows include Say Yes to the Dress; In Pursuit with John Walsh; Live PD and various shark week episodes.

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Biographies

**Nelson Vicens** -- Nelson is the newest assistant editor for M Night Shyamalan, most recently working on Knock at the Cabin and his Apple TV series Servant. He also helped out on John Krasinski's newest film, Imaginary Friends.

**Carl J. Woodin, PhD** -- Carl worked on the most recent Billy Joel documentaries and premiered a full-length concert video in England and the US. He has traveled to 91 countries (so far) and all 7 continents.



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CODE	SCHOOL	MENTOR(S)
<b>AHS</b>	Abington High School	Bryan Quigley
<b>BEN</b>	Bensalem High School	CJ Mills
<b>CRN</b>	Council Rock High School North	Benjamin Battiste
<b>GVHS</b>	Garnet Valley High School	Robin Brewer
<b>GS</b>	George School	Prescott Seraydarian
<b>HH</b>	Hatboro Horsham High School	Drew Berchick
<b>MBIT</b>	Middle Bucks Institute of Technology	Jim Davey
<b>OJR</b>	Owen J. Roberts High School	Brian Sponagle
<b>OX</b>	Oxford Area High School	Chris Pierdomenico
<b>PARK</b>	Parkland High School	John Greth
<b>CAPA</b>	Philadelphia High School for the Creative and Performing Arts	Scott Kaufman
<b>ROX</b>	Roxborough High School	Azim Siddiqui
<b>SHS</b>	Souderton High School	Alicia Simpson
<b>STHS</b>	Springfield Township High School	Dan Meder & Marlene Thornton
<b>UDHS</b>	Upper Dublin High School	John Squeri
<b>WTHS</b>	William Tennent High School	Dina McCaffery
<b>WISS</b>	Wissahickon High School	Jessica Brasch & Dina Schuman



# Film Submissions by Category

## Documentary

TITLE	FILMMAKER	ADDITIONAL FILMMAKER(S)	SCHOOL
<b>A Horse's Touch</b>	Sarah Solloway		OX
<b>Behind Bars Too Soon</b>	Grey Fraser	Ellie Remus	GS
<b>Beyond the Bell</b>	Makayla Klein	Kaila DeWees	BEN
<b>Breaking Barriers</b>	Giuliana Pasquarella	Paige Schiefer, Carmen DeCaro, Casey Bush, Jordan Domanski	BEN
<b>City of Brotherly Love</b>	Camryn Licolli		STHS
<b>Inside The Life Of A Child Actor</b>	Rowan Quinn		OJR
<b>Keeping A Watchful Eye</b>	James Donnelly		WTHS
<b>Music for the Mind</b>	Abby Martin		WTHS
<b>On Air: Radio in the Delaware Valley</b>	Anders Jacobson	Kaiya Crowley	MBIT
<b>One Small Step</b>	Samuel Medland		WTHS
<b>Pointe of Expression</b>	Kaiya Crowley		MBIT
<b>The History of the Shamrock Shake</b>	Dylan McHale	Toby McDonald	CAPA
<b>The Journey</b>	Gabe Fluehr		STHS
<b>The Scary Prairie</b>	Desmond Ferro	Vincent Ferro	AHS
<b>What If Men Disappeared from the Planet For 24 Hours</b>	Samuele Frati		OJR
<b>What is Esports?</b>	Patrick Hehir		CRN
<b>What's in the Woods</b>	Matt Rubin		CRN



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## Experimental

TITLE	FILMMAKER	ADDITIONAL FILMMAKER(S)	SCHOOL
4 Minutes	Gwen Larsen-Roeber		WTHS
A Meaningful Dialogue With a Pear	Ben Mester	Marley Dang	CAPA
Annotation	Luke Baron	John Gordynski	UDHS
BOOM!	Ian Stone		CRN
Dear Samaira	Foster Barone		CAPA
Don't Split the Pole	Sydney McCoy	Laila Carpentier, Ava Burski, Keana Rodriguez, Victoria Nespola, Ariana Jenkins, Brianna Gardner, Matt Rowan, Cole Salayda, Lauren Schneider, Sophia McKinney	BEN
Eaten	Matthias Kotlar		UDHS
Forget me	Rebecca Schlachterman		CAPA
i_hate_this_film	Ibrahim Soukouna		CAPA
In 2011	Ian Stone		CRN
Invidia	Elizabeth Chun	Rhianna Searle, Amani Speller, Zainab Olajide	GS
It's Always Ourselves we Find in the Sea	Sophia Weber		AHS
July 16;1969.Mp4	Nolan Montes		PARK
KIDS	Nick Behrenshouser	Bleach Villa	OX
Li'l Dude	Desmond Ferro	Vincent Ferro	AHS
Liminal	Sophia Weber		AHS
Magical Lake	Madeline Krassner		AHS
Malformation Adoration	Rose Reilly		CAPA
Mirror Image	Emma Nolen		STHS
No Monkey Business	Jayla Folino		CAPA
October	Caspar Harrod	Jet Muhammad	CAPA
Oranges	Emory Harmanos		OJR
RUNAWAY	Charlie Washington		ROX
Smoke and Mirrors	Madeline Krassner		AHS
SOMNICOSLEEPTEST	Nolan Montes		PARK
Stop Staring	Evan Rothman	Leo Flores, Jason Everett	AHS
Table Health	Joseph Fink	Thadeus Rusli	CAPA
The Color of Water	Madeline Krassner		AHS
The First Time I Noticed That Meghan Was Skinny	Nora Keer		CAPA
To Give	Yun Li		CAPA
UNIQUEOMBATANTS	Rhett Trejbrowski		STHS
VALENTINE	Dylan McHale	Toby McDonald	CAPA
You Are Not In Heaven	Luella Lyons	Nora Keer	CAPA

# Film Submissions by Category

## Narrative

TITLE	FILMMAKER	ADDITIONAL FILMMAKER(S)	SCHOOL
1996	Ian Stone		CRN
9 Mile	Tevin Graham	Simon Rathman, Morris Waxman	CAPA
A Turncoat Cowpoke	Derrick Arkowitz		HH
Abnormal Activities	Shane Reilly		AHS
Better Together	Kaiya Crowley		MBIT
Big Sister	Bella Seraydarian		GS
Breath of Fresh Air	Will Tantum	Brian Daly	MBIT
Cafe Glitch	David D'Amico		STHS
Canvas	Emmanuelle Kramer		UDHS
Cards	Daniel Starke	Jesse Bradley	STHS
Cloned	Carter Stoudt Carter Stoudt		SHS
Closing Shift	Christopher Monegro		ROX
Commercialization	Jesse Lasmanis		OJR
Crossroads	Colton Waters		OJR
Cursed Candy	Charles Lodge	Jack Snyder, Dracen Bui	OJR
dad	Skye Peterson		STHS
Dear Iris	Remie Clibanoff		WISS
Decisions	Lily Majka	Sam Carey	WISS
Divine Tea	Mame Niang	Rebecca Schlachterman	CAPA
Don't Fall Asleep	Sofia DiSandro		BEN
Dream Girl	Lola Perez		CAPA
Duel!	Austin Kincaid	Brady Shaffer	OJR
Extra Credit	Colton Waters		OJR
EYES WIDE OPEN	Jet Muhammad		CAPA
Fallen Star	Lily DeCou	Melia Wittlinger, River King	OJR
Fever	Peyton Miller	Mackenzie Kramer	BEN
Game of Life	Alisa Zeng		UDHS
Glimpse	Braylon Donovan	Nick Grosso	MBIT
Grime	Thorn Harmon	Kanik Little	OX
Guhnoki	Adrián Guzmán	Daniel Kurtas	OJR
Happy Anniversary	Gavin Schneider		BEN
HENRY	Caden Angstadt	Nolan Broderick	UDHS
Her Last Breath	Taylor Sellman		HH
Intersection	Lorena Hasa		AHS

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## Narrative

TITLE	FILMMAKER	ADDITIONAL FILMMAKER(S)	SCHOOL
Invasion	Timothy Butler	Julia Lynch, Tyler Ramsay	AHS
Invisible Bonds	Nyla Mathew	Sanjivi Iyer	UDHS
Julia's Poem	Scott Burnham		BEN
Just Desserts	Orin Dalgarno-Platt		UDHS
Just Married	Jasper Brooks	Ava Stern, Riley Young	AHS
Kaufy the tooth Fairy	Mirielis Almodovar	Arielle Turner, Alayna Pace	CAPA
Kiss of Death	Shuoliang Geng	Halaylah Lewis-McGlothan, Noori Nagra	GS
Kit-Cat	River King		OJR
Knock	Maximilian Rambo		CRN
Le Mime	Neko Marrero		OX
Levels	Hagan Werner		WISS
Local 58	Gavin Derban	jimmy Thomas	OJR
Lunch	Tyler Rothe		OJR
Mind (A Social Anxiety Film)	Isa Rueger	Alexa Rueger	SHS
Missing	Maura Hayden		UDHS
Movie Scares	Cole Young		OJR
Murphy's Law	Jack Snyder	Charles Lodge, Colin Meachem, Dracen Bui	OJR
Neighbor	Adam Jean		GS
Not Ur Average Teenage Horror Movie	Hannah Torregiani	Akshay Rasal, Vee Jones	GVHS
One and the Same	Colin Meacham		OJR
Parallel	Ethan Silver		PARK
Parasomnia	Lily DeCou		OJR
Ping and Pong	Ethan Hinshaw	Nick Ferriola	BEN
Printer Jam	Jesse Lasmanis		OJR
Ranch	Riley Haring	Kiersten Effrece	OJR
Reclaiming Matt's Dorito	Matt Rubin		CRN
ripples within pt.2	Danika Roche	Connor Hinshaw	BEN
Roadside Drive	Boden Cottrell	Carlos Rivera	STHS
Robbery 101	Morrison Lee	Carsen Lee	WISS
Rules	Bryan Rico	Evan Rothman	AHS
RUN	Chloe Costello	Noah Morris	BEN
School Bathroom	Christopher Monegro		ROX
SHE HORSE	Jocelyn Ayala Medina		OX
Shopping Spree	Skye Peterson		STHS

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## Narrative

TITLE	FILMMAKER	ADDITIONAL FILMMAKER(S)	SCHOOL
Smashed	Kylie Gary	Luna Lucini	CAPA
Solitaire	Frank Walsh		STHS
Stage Fright	Skyler Orton	Kolton Mavrelos	OX
Studio Breakdown	Kaeden Keates		UDHS
Swapped	Billy Gardner	Emma Standen	UDHS
Takeout Trouble	Gavin Mraz	Joey Gentner, Kyle Mulholland, Sam Medland	WTHS
Taxidermy	Max Huertgen		HH
Teacher and Student	Evan Rothman		AHS
The Appointment	Kylie Scales		STHS
The Bomb Squad	Jacob Cruz		CRN
The Box	Madeline Krassner		AHS
The Box	Carter Stoudt		SHS
The Brown Triplets	Olivia Isaacs		UDHS
The Dark Room	Garrett Westervelt	Nolan Broderick	UDHS
The Great Outdoors	Rebecca Schlachterman		CAPA
THE HYPNOTIST	Alex Pasquarello	Shawn Leach	AHS
The Monster	Luke Heim	Christopher Kirk, Colton Waters	OJR
The Murdered Traveler	Ronan Cullina		STHS
The Power of Dreams	Ethan Crowell		CRN
The Promposal	Drew Rothman	Christian Foster	UDHS
The Reflection	Kyla Garrison		UDHS
The Rubber Duck Conspiracy	Aidan Dougherty		STHS
The Stalker	Sarah Boss	Devon Bell	BEN
The Tip	Eli Snyder	Adam Jean	GS
The Understudy	Kaeden Keates	Ryan McNamara	UDHS
The Winds of Love	Ava Stern	Jasper Brooks, Riley Young	AHS
Told You	Shawn Leach	Leo Flores	AHS
Touch	Neven Hicks		ROX
Trimmers	Gabriel LaGrossa	Lex McCurry	OJR
WE'RE DEAD!	Liam Ashman	Holden Todd	OX
What About The Lasers?	Brian Daly	Will Tantum	MBIT
Witch, Please!	Emma Hancock		MBIT
Writer's Block	Brady Shaffer	Austin Kincaid	OJR
Writer's Room	Ryan McNamara	Derek Lam, Paul Lee	UDHS

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## Other

TITLE	FILMMAKER	ADDITIONAL FILMMAKER(S)	SCHOOL
988	Melia Wittlinger		OJR
Court Of Vision	Tanmay Bhat		GVHS
Dangers of Distracted Driving	Cole Young		OJR
Drowning	Gabe Fluehr		STHS
Drowning In Thoughts	Victoria Bell		UDHS
Fields of Youth	Issabella Solofsky		HH
Fire in My Dream	Amina Bamba		AHS
Hide and Huddle	Shane Vogel		GS
My WeeWee Weeps	Ben Mester	Miles Ottinger	CAPA
New Administrator	Kelly Kokas	Isabella Risich	MBIT
Panic	Kiersten Effrece		OJR
Poverty is not a game	Daniel Piscitelli-Cruz		GS
Ralph Fingers: Nuest Yu	Noori Nagra	Beyla Khabensky	GS
The Chase	Viviana Ruiz		UDHS
The Nurse	Divinefavour Ochiagha		ROX
The Promotion	Samuel Wong		GS
Things Will Get Better	Abby Martin		WTHS
THIS IS MY MOMENT	Demi Ball		CAPA
Verve Dating Show	Raquel Rieng	Suzie Chen	CAPA
Welcome to Clifftop: Computer Chaos	Max Kline		SJP
WGY Juneteenth Celebration 2023	Samantha Alexander		AHS



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APRIL 24, 2024, 7 PM

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