



ILLINI FILM FEST 2020



Program One

INTRO

DRAKE ZIMMERMAN

DAILY PROJECT

ERICA MEYER

HOME MOVIE

BACKFLIPPING

MICHAEL PURK

TIK TOK

THIS QUARANTINE HAS ME FLIPPING OUT...

START TO FINISH: ONE CREATIVE SHARES HIS 4 YEAR EXPERIENCE AT U OF I

CV HIXON

SHORT FILM

A VIDEO ESSAY REVEALING ONE CREATIVE'S JOURNEY THROUGH
COLLEGE FROM START TO FINISH.

CHOOSE YOUR CHARACTER: ZOOM EDITION

ABBY SCHLUETER

TIK TOK

A PARODY OF VIDEO GAME CHARACTER SCREENS USING TYPES OF
PEOPLE ON ZOOM CALLS IN QUARANTINE.



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THE FRESHMAN GIRLS TAKE ON QUARANTINE

KATE SANDERS

HOME MOVIE

A PARODY OF THE FULL HOUSE INTRODUCTION.

MR. HANNIBAL

GIOVANNI ORTEGA

SHORT FILM

GEORGE ASKS JULIE TO WATCH OVER HIS NEEDY CAT, BUT SHE BEGINS TO SUSPECT A SINISTER MOTIVE BEHIND HER FRIEND THE LONGER SHE STAYS IN THE HOUSE.

QUARANTINE DIARIES: THE SUPERCUT

BENNET SMITH

HOME MOVIE

THIS FILM DETAILS THE FIRST THREE WEEKS IN QUARANTINE AND HOW I SPENT THEM, CUT DOWN INTO SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS. IT'S DONE VLOG STYLE, WITH MANY PLAYFUL AND HUMOROUS VIGNETTES. WARNING: SOME SEQUENCES CONTAIN FLASHING LIGHTS WHICH MAY TRIGGER PHOTOSENSITIVE VIEWERS.

REPLICATE

RYAN LESHOCK

SHORT FILM

NO MATTER HOW HARD MATT TRIES, LOVE CAN'T BE FORCED.

MUNDANITY OF QUARANTINE

CARSON HAYES

HOME MOVIE

A SHORT VIDEO SHOWING HOW MUNDANE LIFE IN QUARANTINE CAN BE.



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THE SAME

BRIANNA BOYNTON

SHORT FILM

"THE SAME" IS A SHORT MOVIE I MADE ABOUT MY TIME DURING THE CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC. WHEN I BEGAN TO TRY TO MAKE THE FILM I STRUGGLED BECAUSE I WAS SEEING THE SAME PEOPLE AND DOING THE SAME THINGS EVERY DAY. IT'S HARD TO FEEL INSPIRED WHEN NOTHING CHANGES. EVENTUALLY I REALIZED THAT THAT WAS MY MOVIE. THE MONOTONY OF DOING THE SAME THINGS IS SOMETHING EVERYONE CAN RELATE TO RIGHT NOW. SO I SPENT THE NEXT FEW WEEKS FILMING MYSELF DOING THE SAME THINGS EVERY DAY. THE FILM IS A BRIEF LOOK INTO MY LIFE, BUT REALLY IT'S A LOOK INTO EVERYONE'S LIVES RIGHT NOW. I HOPE THAT "THE SAME" GIVES PEOPLE A GLIMPSE INTO WHAT LIFE IS LIKE FOR SOME RIGHT NOW AND THAT IT INSPIRES THOSE WHO NEED IT.

GLASSHOUSE: A COLLABORATIVE PERFORMANCE FILM

MICHELLE BURNS

SHORT FILM

THIS FILM EXPLORES MOVING SO FAST THAT ALL YOUR EYES CATCH IS COLOR AND A DISTORTED OUTLINE OF SHAPE. THIS MOTION BLUR MIGHT FEEL GENTLE, BUT ROUGH AROUND THE EDGES. IN CERTAIN MOMENTS, MOVEMENT MIGHT FEEL STUCK AS A PHOTOGRAPH THAT SOMEONE HAS WALKED THROUGH. THE COLOR MAY DRAG AND LIGHT MAY BECOME SKEWED. THIS FILM IS A COLLABORATION BETWEEN DANCERS AND MUSICIANS. THANK YOU TO ALL OF COLAB SPRING 2019 FOR YOUR COLLABORATION AND SUPPORT IN THIS PROJECT!

SOCIAL DISTANCING: HOME EDITION

SAMANTHA HEYMAN

TIK TOK

SOCIAL DISTANCING: HOME EDITION A FEW WEEKS AGO, I WAS STUDYING ABROAD IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA. OUR PROGRAM GOT CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19, AND I HOPPED ON A FLIGHT WITHIN HOURS FOR MY LONG VENTURE HOME. THE 20+ HOUR JOURNEY HOME CONSISTED OF PACKED FLIGHTS, BUT FORTUNATELY I MADE IT HOME SAFELY. UPON MY ARRIVAL AT HOME, I DID THE 2 WEEKS OF QUARANTINE AS INSTRUCTED. A FEW WEEKS LATER THOUGH, I BEGAN MOVING AROUND TO OTHER PARTS OF MY HOME. THIS VIDEO IS OF ME AND MY DAD IN OUR LIVING ROOM, 5 WEEKS AFTER COMING HOME FROM AUSTRALIA. THE TAPE MEASURER IS OUT AND SET AT 6 FEET, AND MY DAD AND I CAN BARELY SIT ON AN 8 FOOT COUCH WITHOUT DRIVING EACH OTHER CRAZY. SOCIAL DISTANCING IN MY HOUSE IS NOT A MATTER OF OUTDOOR VS. INDOOR, WHICH IS SEEN IN THIS SHORT CLIP. THIS WAS INSPIRED FROM THE BLACK EYED PEAS "MEET ME HALFWAY," WHICH STARTS OFF WITH THE INTRO "I CAN'T GO ANY FURTHER THAN THIS". THAT IS WHAT I CONSTANTLY FOUND MYSELF TELLING MY DAD WHEN HE TRIED KICKING ME OFF THE COUCH FOR BEING CLOSER THAN 6 FEET. I HEARD THIS SONG RANDOMLY AND KNEW IT WOULD BE PERFECT!



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MARILYN'S DEATH

LEXIE VOGEL

TIK TOK

INTENDED TO BE A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE VARIOUS CONSPIRACY THEORIES SURROUNDING THE DEATH OF MARILYN MONROE, THIS TIKTOK MAKES LIGHT OF THE EXTENT THEORISTS GO TO UNDERSTAND THE TRAGEDY.

179TH STREET

MONISHA ROYCHOUDHURY

SHORT FILM

THE SAME INTERACTION WITH A POLICEMAN OCCURS TO NUMEROUS DIFFERENT PEOPLE, ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM NEW YORK CITY, FROM DIFFERENT NEIGHBORHOODS WITH DIVERSE SOCIOECONOMIC AND ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS. HOW DO THEY ALL REACT TO THE SAME SITUATION?

LOSING MY MIND

KAROLINA KANIEWSKI

TIK TOK

QUARANTINE IS MAKING ME LOSE MY MIND! AS PICTURED BY THIS TIKTOK.

HAWKEYE: SOLO MISSION

ALEX HERROLD

SHORT FILM

IT'S A BRIEF STOP-MOTION THAT I MADE BASED AROUND ONE OF MY FAVORITE MARVEL SUPERHEROES. THE PLOT REVOLVES AROUND HAWKEYE, SENT OUT ON A MISSION BY TONY STARK, DISPATCHING SOME HENCHMEN TO RETRIEVE AN IMPORTANT OBJECT. DESPITE BEING AROUND JUST 1 MINUTE IN LENGTH, THIS TOOK MANY WEEKS TO SET-UP, FILM, AND EDIT, DUE TO ITS STOP-MOTION NATURE.



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WAY OVER YONDER

JADE R.

HOME MOVIE

DESPITE ALL THE SERENITY AND GROWTH, THERE IS STILL THE WANT TO ESCAPE TO SOMETHING WAY OVER YONDER. FORTUNATELY, ONE DAY WE WILL GET TO THAT PLACE.

SOLO.

KEVIN GAO

SHORT FILM

A DAY IN LIFE OF A QUARANTINE STUDENT BY HIMSELF, AND HIS LINGERING THOUGHTS.

PETS OF UIUC

CLARE MULHERN

TIK TOK

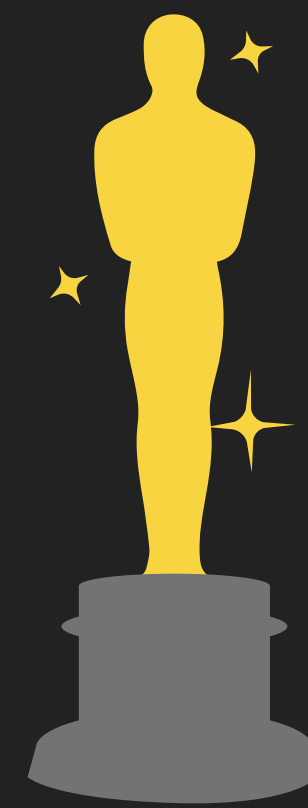
OUR BRIEF TIKTOK FEATURES THE PETS OF CURRENT UIUC STUDENTS, AS SEEN WITH THEIR ILLINOIS GEAR. THE CAPTION OF THE TIKTOK IS "SOCIAL DISTANCING IS RUFF". THIS TIKTOK IS AN UPLIFTING VIDEO THAT ALSO EXPRESSES HOW EVERYONE IS FEELING AND MISSING SCHOOL.

GROUP EFFORT CREATED FOR A CLASS.

[END OF PROGRAM ONE]



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Program Two

A PHOTO OF A FLOOD.

SYMONE SANZ

SHORT FILM

A PHOTO OF A FLOOD. IS SYMONE'S FIRST DANCE FILM AND MOST RECENT PROJECT. DEVELOPED IN PERTH, AUSTRALIA WITH DANCERS FROM WAAPA IN 2019, THE FILM PRECEDES SYMONE'S CURRENT WORK-IN-PROGRESS AND HAS BEEN PRESENTED AROUND WESTERN AUSTRALIA AND URBANA, ILLINOIS. 80% OF THE HUMAN BODY IS MADE OF WATER. IN THIS WORK, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE HUMAN BODY AND BODIES OF WATER ARE EXPLORED. THE CYCLICAL NATURE OF PSYCHOLOGICAL AND EMOTIONAL PATTERNS GUIDES THE DANCERS THROUGH DISASTER AND RECONCILIATION. CHOREOGRAPHY. SYMONE SANZ DANCERS. ELSA BIGNELL, CAMPBELL GATELEY, ELLIE MATZER, CASEY TRIPLETT SOUND DESIGN. ABBEY BRADSTREET CINEMATOGRAPHY. ZANE JAGER-ANCANS EDITING. SYMONE SANZ SPECIAL THANKS. EMMA FISHWICK AND FIONN MULHOLLAND.

LOVE RECOGNIZES LOVE

SOPHIA ABDELLA

TIK TOK

THE TWO CHARACTERS IN THIS VIDEO ARE A MUSLIM MOTHER AND HER QUEER, CLOSETED DAUGHTER. THE MOTHER LETS HER DAUGHTER KNOW THERE'S NO NEED FOR HER TO COME OUT BY ASKING ABOUT HER "FRIEND" THAT SHE KEEPS HANGING OUT WITH. THE SUPPORTIVE MOTHER LOVES HER AS SHE IS.

FAMILY HOME VIDEOS

JAMES HALL

HOME MOVIE

FAMILY HOME VIDEOS IS A SHORT, ARCHIVAL DOCUMENTARY FOCUSING ON OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR PAST, HOW WE PRESERVE OUR PAST THROUGH VIDEO, AND THE EFFECTS OF TIME ON MEMORY.



ILLINI FILM FEST

COLLECTIONS FROM DAYS NOT WASTED

SHAYLEE BENT

HOME MOVIE

I PUT TOGETHER CLIPS OF MYSELF AND FRIENDS FROM THE PREVIOUS YEARS TO HELP SOOTHE US AS WE PARTICIPATE IN THESE STRANGE TIMES.

BEST MAN

ANTWON BILLUPS

SHORT FILM

TWO FRIENDS SEPARATED FIND THEMSELVES TALKING THROUGH COMPLICATIONS.

LOSING IT

RICHA ABRAHAM

TIK TOK

TO MAKE UP FOR THE TIME LOST AT COLLEGE MY FAMILY AND I SET UP OUR OWN PARTY AT HOME. THE SONG USED IN THIS FILM IS TITLED "LOSING IT", WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT IS HAPPENING DURING THIS TIME OF QUARANTINE.

SMILE

ERIC CARNIVELE

SHORT FILM

ESSENTIALLY, JUST A FUN QUICK LIL SHORT ABOUT A TRAPPED MAN.

THE ESCAPE

SARAH GAO

HOME MOVIE

FAMILY MEANS A LOT TO ME. DURING THIS SPECIAL TIME, I WANT TO RECORD HOW THEY DROVE 30HOURS FROM CALIFORNIA TO BRING ME BACK HOME. IT'S A TOUGH TIME BUT THERE'S ALWAYS A RAINBOW AFTER THE RAIN.



ILLINI FILM FEST

SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE

ELENI SAKAS

TIK TOK

MY BROTHER AND I RECREATE ONE OF OUR ICONIC SIBLINGS' PICTURES.

SKILLS DURING QUARANTINE

FABIAN TOVAR

HOME MOVIE

IT IS A FILM ABOUT MY FRIEND AND I DOING SOME MAGICAL SKILLS DURING QUARANTINE. WE MADE IT SEEM LIKE THE BALL WAS PASSED AMONGST ONE ANOTHER BUT WE EDITED TO MAKE IT SEEM LIKE WE PASSED IT TO ONE ANOTHER FROM DIFFERENT LOCATIONS. IT IS AN AMAZING SHORT FILM THAT WE CREATED DURING QUARANTINE DAY 17.

FOCUS

COLTRANE ZERAI-CHE

SHORT FILM

AN ASPIRING MUSICIAN WHO WAS IN A RECENT CAR ACCIDENT WILL STOP AT NOTHING TO PERFECT A SONG TO AUDITION FOR HIS DREAM MUSIC SCHOOL.

REMEMBER WHEN

TIEGAN HARTLEY

HOME MOVIE

REMEMBER WHEN WE COMPLAINED ABOUT GOING TO SCHOOL? IT'S AMAZING HOW MUCH WE CAN MISS IN TWO MONTHS WHEN WE ARE STUCK AT HOME. FROM STUDY ABROAD TO GRADUATIONS, TO JUST BEING A COLLEGE STUDENT, EVERYONE LOST SOMETHING BECAUSE OF THE CORONAVIRUS. BUT WHEN WE DO FINALLY GET TO GO OUTSIDE, ARE YOU GOING TO GO BACK TO NORMAL? OR ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ALL LIFE HAS TO OFFER?



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PSYCHO

NEHA ARUN

SHORT FILM

PSYCHO IS AN ELEGANT, GOTHIC-STYLE DANCE COVER INTERPRETATION BY UIUC DANCE GROUP TNB, BASED OFF OF POPULAR K-POP GIRL GROUP RED VELVET'S SONG "PSYCHO."

THE CHUTE

NICK ARROYO

SHORT FILM

WHILE HER PARENTS ARE AWAY, A GIRL DISCOVERS A MYSTERIOUS LAUNDRY CHUTE IN HER HOUSE- SO SHE INVESTIGATES.

LOOKING FORWARD

LATOSHA POINTER

SHORT FILM

THIS FILM IS AN OPTIMISTIC REPRESENTATION OF THIS CURRENT PANDEMIC WE ARE IN. SHOWCASING THE EFFECTS OF COVID - 19 BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER IT HAS IMPACTING OUR LIVES. ENCOURAGING EVERYONE WHO WATCHES THIS, TO KEEP PUSHING THROUGH BECAUSE IT WILL GET BETTER.

SOCIAL GAZE IN CLEO FROM 5 TO 7: FOR 2020 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

ZHEN QIN

SHORT FILM

THIS IS A VIDEO ESSAY BASED ON CLEO FROM 5 TO 7 (AGNÈS VARDA, 1962) DISCUSSING SOCIAL GAZE AND SOCIAL PRESSURE. WOMEN HAVE LONG BEEN WATCHED AND TOLD TO MEET SO MANY STANDARDS OF BEING BEAUTIFUL AND GENTLE THAT THEY LOST THEMSELVES BEFORE THEY KNOW. CLEO HAS GONE THROUGH A ROUGH TIME AND FINALLY REALIZES HER OWN IDENTITY AND SPIRITUAL WORLD THAT WORTH VALUING AS MEN'S.



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HEARTS IN WINDOWS

ZOE REPLINGER

HOME MOVIE

I WAS ABOUT TO FALL IN LOVE, BUT THEN COVID-19 HIT, AND ALL I GOT WAS THIS STUPID SONG.

IF YOU LAUGH, THINK, AND YOU CRY

AUSTIN NAVICKIS

TIK TOK

WHILE SITTING AROUND BORED DURING QUARANTINE, I WAS INSPIRED TO MAKE A VIDEO FOR MY SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES BASED ON MY FAVORITE QUOTE FROM JIMMY VALVANO, "IF YOU LAUGH, YOU THINK, AND YOU CRY THAT'S A FULL DAY. THAT'S A HECK OF A DAY. YOU DO THAT 7 DAYS A WEEK AND YOU'LL HAVE SOMETHING SPECIAL." THE VIDEO IS PRIMARILY A COMPILATION OF SOME OF MY OLD VIDEOS DATING ALL THE WAY BACK TO HIGH SCHOOL. I MADE THE AUDIO IN AUDITION WITH A FREE BEAT, JIMMY VALVANO'S SPEECH, AND SOME VINYL POPS.

[END OF PROGRAM TWO]



MEET THE FILMMAKERS!

ERICA MEYER

I AM A THIRD YEAR STUDENT AT UIUC MAJORING IN PSYCHOLOGY, WITH A NEW INTEREST IN VIDEO EDITING AND CINEMATOGRAPHY.

CV HIXON

CV IS A 22 YEAR OLD VISUAL AMBASSADOR FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO TELL THEIR STORY THROUGH A DIFFERENT LENS. WITHOUT KNOWING IT, CV LAUNCHED HIS LIFELONG CREATIVE CAMPAIGN IN 2016. NOW A SENIOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, HE REMINISCES ON THE PAST AND SHARES HIS TAKE ON GOING THROUGH THE CREATIVE PROCESS.

ABBY SCHLUETER

I AM A FRESHMAN IN AGRICULTURAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM ST. JOSEPH, ILLINOIS WHO MAKES VIDEO CONTENT IN MY FREE TIME HOPING TO BECOME FAMOUS.

KATE SANDERS

HI! I AM FRESHMAN GIRL NUMBER 3. I HOPE YOU ENJOY THIS SILLY VIDEO MY FRIENDS AND I CREATED.

GIOVANNI ORTEGA

I AM A THIRD YEAR STUDENT AT UIUC STUDYING MEDIA AND CINEMA STUDIES AND MINORING IN CREATIVE WRITING. MY GOAL IS TO USE THE POWER OF STORYTELLING TO HELP PROGRESS THE MEDIA INDUSTRY AND POSITIVELY IMPACT UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES THROUGH NEW PERSPECTIVES. THAT HAS LED ME TO BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED WITH MY COMMUNITIES (CULTURAL, FILM, SCHOOL) THAT ENRICH MY EXPERIENCES AND IMPROVE MY STORYTELLING ABILITIES AS WELL AS DEVELOP THE EMPATHY TO TELL THEM.

BENNET SMITH

BENNETT IS A COMMUNICATION MAJOR AT UIUC WITH A MINOR IN THEATRE AND A CERTIFICATE IN VIDEO PRODUCTION. ON-CAMPUS HE IS INVOLVED WITH ILLINI STUDENT MUSICALS AND IS ON THE RADIO SHOW FLASHBACK ON 107.1 WPGU. THIS FILM IS HIS FIRST SUBMISSION TO THE FILM FESTIVAL AND HE HOPES EVERYONE ENJOYS IT!



MEET THE FILMMAKERS!

RYAN LESHOCK

HEY! I'M RYAN LESHOCK, FRESHMAN AT UIUC. I LOVE CREATING ANY KIND OF VIDEO CONTENT, I'VE BEEN DOING IT FOR MANY YEARS NOW. I HAVE A NEVER-ENDING LIST OF IDEAS TO PULL FROM AND HAVE ALWAYS GOT SOMETHING IN THE WORKS, SO IF YOU'RE LIKE ME AND ARE LOOKING FOR CREATIVE PEOPLE TO CREATE WITH, HIT ME UP!

CARSON HAYES

GIES COLLEGE OF BUSINESS FRESHMAN WITH A MINOR IN CINEMA STUDIES.

BRIANNA BOYNTON

BRIANNA BOYNTON GREW UP IN THE SMALL TOWN OF WILMINGTON, ILLINOIS. UPON GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL AT 18 SHE BEGAN HER COLLEGE EDUCATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS IN URBANA-CHAMPAIGN WHERE SHE IS MAJORING IN GLOBAL STUDIES. BRIANNA HAS ONLY RECENTLY BEGUN HER FILM CAREER THIS SEMESTER BY TAKING MEDIA AND CINEMA STUDIES CLASSES. WHILE HER INTEREST IN FILM HAS JUST BEGUN SHE PLANS TO TURN IT INTO A CAREER IN DOCUMENTARY FILM MAKING. DURING HER FINAL YEAR OF COLLEGE SHE HOPES TO COMPLETE A SENIOR CAPSTONE PROJECT WHICH WILL ALSO INCLUDE A SHORT FILM ABOUT HER RESEARCH.

MICHELLE BURNS

MICHELLE BURNS IS A SENIOR BFA CANDIDATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DANCE AND A PSYCHOLOGY MINOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS IN URBANA-CHAMPAIGN. SHE BEGAN DANCING UNDER THE DIRECTION OF RACHEL BRADY AT THE CREATIVE DANCE STUDIO IN ALTON, IL. SHE RECENTLY RECEIVED HER YOGA TEACHER CERTIFICATION WITH LINDA LEHOVEC AND HAS PERFORMED IN WORKS BY REBECCA NETTL-FIOL, LINDA LEHOVEC, AND RENEE WADLEIGH. MICHELLE IS PRESIDENT OF THE KRANNERT CENTER STUDENT ASSOCIATION AND LOVES SPENDING HER TIME WORKING ON DANCE FILMS!

SAMANTHA HEYMAN

I AM SAMANTHA HEYMAN, A JUNIOR MAJORING IN MARKETING AND MINORING IN MEDIA CINEMA STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA CHAMPAIGN. ON CAMPUS I AM INVOLVED IN THE ORGANIZATION STUDENT ALUMNI AMBASSADORS, I AM AN INTERN FOR THE GIES COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, AND I AM A CONSULTANT FOR TECH SERVICES. I AM EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN CINEMA AND THE ARTS, AND I THINK THAT MY LIFE WOULD BE QUITE BLAND WITHOUT THE CREATIVES IN IT. SOME OF MY FAVORITE THINGS INCLUDE: THE MOVIE LORD OF THE RINGS, COFFEE, ROCK CLIMBING, STAND UP COMEDY, THE BULLS, CAMPING, STAR GAZING, EVERYTHING BAGELS, CHESS, SODOKUS, AND THE WEST COAST.



MEET THE FILMMAKERS!

LEXIE VOGEL

LEXIE VOGEL IS A CURRENT JUNIOR AT UIUC STUDYING MEDIA AND CINEMA STUDIES AND SPANISH. SHE IS INVOLVED WITH ILLINI SPEECH AND DEBATE AND THEATRE ON CAMPUS. SHE WOULD LIKE TO THANK HER FAMILY FOR THEIR EXTRA PATIENCE AS SHE FILMED WHILE THEY WERE ALL QUARANTINED TOGETHER.

MONISHA ROYCHOUDHURY

MONISHA ROYCHOUDHURY IS A JUNIOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS MAJORING IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES. SHE HAS SERVED ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR THE ILLINI FILM AND VIDEO CLUB AND HOPES TO CONTINUE DOING SO IN HER SENIOR YEAR. SHE LOVES WRITING, FILMMAKING, AND STORYTELLING. SHE HOPES TO INCREASE REPRESENTATION IN THE FIELD AND DIVERSIFY THE ARTFORM THROUGH HER WORK.

KAROLINA KANIEWSKI

MY NAME IS KAROLINA KANIEWSKI I'M A JUNIOR IN ADVERTISING! I'VE SLOWLY BECOME ADDICTED TO TIKTOK AND I LOVE LONG WALKS ON THE BEACH!

ALEX HERROLD

ALEX HERROLD AKA LEO BUTCHINSKY (YOUTUBE NAME) STOP-MOTION ANIMATOR AGE: 18 YEAR: FRESHMAN MAJOR: CINEMA STUDIES

JADE R.

JADE IS A 2ND YEAR STUDENT IN THE COLLEGE OF LAS, SHE BEGAN HER LOVE OF FILM FROM AN EARLY AGE, INHERITING FROM HER FILMMAKING PARENTS AND BEING A MAIN ACTOR IN HER FAMILY'S VARIOUS SHORT VIDEOS. SHE WROTE HER FIRST SCREENPLAY WHEN SHE WAS 13 AND CONTINUES HER FILMMAKING DEVELOPMENT IN HER FREE TIME.

KEVIN GAO

HI, MY NAME IS KEVIN GAO AND I AM A FRESHMAN STUDYING ADVERTISING IN THE COLLEGE OF MEDIA AT UIUC! I HAVE BEEN MAKING INDIE FILM PROJECTS SINCE MY HUMBLE BEGINNING IN THE 6TH GRADE, AND HOPE TO PRODUCE MORE CONTENT IN THE FUTURE WITH MORE STORIES TO TELL!



MEET THE FILMMAKERS!

SYMONE SANZ

SYMONE IS A FOURTH YEAR BFA CANDIDATE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DANCE, FROM WHICH SHE RECEIVED THE COURTNEY B. KELLOGG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP IN 2018. SHE IS AN EXPERIENCED ARTIST IN PERFORMANCE, IMPROVISATION, AND CHOREOGRAPHY AND IS INTERESTED IN DANCE THROUGH THE LENSES OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY. SHE HAS PREVIOUSLY ENJOYED WORKING WITH ARTISTS JENNIFER MONSON, JAMES VU ANH PHAM, AND LAUREN LANGLOIS, AMONG MANY OTHERS. RECENTLY, SHE SPENT SEVERAL MONTHS IN PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA DANCING AT THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS (WAAPA). SHE WAS THE RECIPIENT OF THE FRIENDS OF THE ACADEMY GRANT FROM WAAPA, WHICH ALLOWED HER THE OPPORTUNITY TO SECOND WITH SYDNEY DANCE COMPANY IN 2019. HER WORK, INCLUDING HER MOST RECENT DANCE FILM, A PHOTO OF A FLOOD, HAS BEEN PRESENTED THROUGHOUT THE WEST COAST. SYMONE ALSO ENJOYS DIRECTING, EDITING, AND PHOTOGRAPHING DANCE IN HER SPARE TIME.

SOPHIA ABDELLA

ETHIOPIAN AMERICAN MUSLIM BLACK QUEER FEMALE

JAMES HALL

JAMES HALL IS A SENIOR IN MEDIA AND CINEMA STUDIES. DOCUMENTARY FILM HAS BEEN A PASSION OF HIS FOR YEARS, AND HE IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON A FEATURE FILM. HE HAS DEVOTED HIMSELF TO SPREADING HIS LOVE OF FILM, FILMMAKING, AND CINEMA HISTORY THROUGH HIS RSO THE C-U CINEFILE, WITH WHICH HE HAS CREATED A YOUTUBE CHANNEL AND EVEN A SHORT-LIVED, PRE-COVID SCREENING SERIES.

SHAYLEE BENT

SHAYLEE BENT IS CURRENTLY A FRESHMAN AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN STUDYING JOURNALISM. BY NO MEANS DOES SHE CONSIDER HERSELF A FILMMAKER, JUST A PERSON WITH A LOVE FOR THE ART AND TIME TO KILL. SHE HOPES TO MAKE MORE HOME VIDEOS AS A MEANS OF SHOWING HER LOVE FOR THE WORLD AROUND HER.

ANTWON BILLUPS & EDER REBOLLAR

EDER REBOLLAR IS A FILM MAKER AT UIUC. REBOLLAR IS ALSO A SCREENWRITER AND DIRECTOR OF BEST MAN. ANTWON BILLUPS IS A FILM AND MUSIC EDITOR.



MEET THE FILMMAKERS!

RICHA ABRAHAM

I AM A FRESHMAN AT UIUC AND CURRENTLY UNDECLARED BUT HOPING TO MAJOR IN MARKETING AND MINOR IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS. I ENJOY SPENDING TIME WITH MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY AND EXPRESSING MY CREATIVITY BY MAKING ART AND FILMS SUCH AS THESE TIK TOKS.

SARAH GAO

SARAH GAO, JUST A JUNIOR IN ADVERTISING WHO DEVOTED PRETTY MUCH ALL HER TIME IN MAKING VIDEOS.

ELENI SAKAS

HELLO! MY NAME IS ELENI SAKAS AND I AM CURRENTLY A FRESHMAN PURSUING A DEGREE IN MEDIA ARTS AND CINEMA STUDIES. ONE DAY I HOPE TO BECOME A LOCATION SCOUT FOR THE ENTERTAINMENT BUSINESS.

FABIAN TOVAR

MY NAME IS FABIAN. I AM A STUDENT AT UIUC. I AM A SENIOR. I STARTED MAKING VIDEOS JUST FOR FUN MY FRESHMAN YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL. I WAS INSPIRED TO START FILMING VIDEO BY WATCHING LOGAN PAUL AND A FAMOUS GAMER NAMED WHITEBOY 7TST. THEY MADE ME START MY OWN YOUTUBE CHANNEL AND CREATE FUN SHORT VIDEOS AND TRY TO EDIT THE BEST I CAN. I JUST LOVE FILMING AND EDITING IS THE MOST FUN PART BECAUSE YOU ARE THE ONE CREATING SOMETHING THAT EVERYONE WILL WATCH AND LIKE. ONE CREATIVE MIND FOR A MILLION VIEWERS. I AM JUST A YOUNG BOY WITH BIG DREAMS. I AM TRYIN TO MAKE PEOPLE LAUGH AND FEEL HAPPY AFTER WATCHING ONE OF MY VIDEOS. THANK YOU. LIKE AND SUBSCRIBE.

COLETRANE ZERAI-CHE

COLTRANE ZERAI-CHE AND GIO ORTEGA ARE MEDIA AND CINEMA STUDIES STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.



MEET THE FILMMAKERS!

TIEGAN HARTLEY

MY NAME IS TIEGAN HARTLEY AND I AM A JUNIOR STUDYING MEDIA AND CINEMA STUDIES AND CREATIVE WRITING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS. I HAVE A PASSION FOR TELLING STORIES THROUGH FILMMAKING. I HAVE BEEN FILMING AND EDITING VIDEOS SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL. I NOW WORK FOR FIGHTING ILLINI PRODUCTIONS AND I AM THE VIDEO CHAIR FOR THE CHI OMEGA SORORITY. AFTER MY TIME STUDYING ABROAD IN ITALY WAS CUT SHORT DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS I DECIDED NOT TO DWELL ON WHAT I MISSED THIS SEMESTER, BUT WHAT I WOULD DO ONCE IT WAS OVER. THIS WAS THE INSPIRATION FOR MY VIDEO AND I HOPE YOU ENJOY!

NEHA ARUN

NEHA ARUN IS THE SOCIAL MEDIA, MEDIA, AND EVENT DIRECTOR FOR TRUTH AND BEAUTY (TNB), A K-POP DANCE COVER GROUP AT UIUC. TNB IS A VERSATILE GROUP OF DANCERS THAT INTERPRETS VARIOUS K-POP GROUPS' DANCES THROUGH MUSIC VIDEO SETTING, STAGING, AND COSTUMING.

NICK ARROYO

NICK ARROYO IS A QUARANTINED SENIOR IN MEDIA & CINEMA STUDIES. HIS FAVORITE THINGS TO DO IN QUARANTINE ARE WAKING UP AT 6PM, EATING NOTHING BUT CHEERIOS FOR DAYS, AND BANGING HIS HEAD AGAINST A WALL. HE ALSO LIKES MAKING FILMS.

LATASHA POINTER

I AM LATOSHA POINTER, BORN AND RAISED IN THE SUBURBS OF CHICAGO. I LOVE THE ARTS AND ART IS THE ENGINE THAT KEEPS ME GOING. DANCE HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY NUMBER ONE PASSION AND I LOVE EXPLORING NEW WAYS TO EXPRESS IT. FILM HAS BECOME THAT NEW OUTLET FOR ME AND I'M SO GRATEFUL YOU, YES YOU READING THIS, GET TO EXPERIENCE VIEWING MY WORK. EVEN THOUGH THIS IS NEW FOR ME, I HOPE YOU ENJOY MY WORK AND IT MAKES YOUR DAY A LITTLE BETTER!

ZHEN QIN

ZORA (ZHEN) QIN, A MEDIA AND CINEMA STUDIES STUDENT, A FILM LOVER.



MEET THE FILMMAKERS!

ZOE REPLINGER

ZOE REPLINGER IS A THEATRE ARTIST, A WRITER, AND THE MOST OUTGOING BOOKWORM YOU'LL EVER MEET. SHE IS A JUNIOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN, AND SHE IS WORKING TOWARD MY BFA IN ACTING AND MY BS IN ADVERTISING. SHE LOVES PLAYING SOCCER, TRAVELING BY TRAIN, AND DANCING AROUND HER HOUSE TO HER PERFECTLY CURATED SPOTIFY PLAYLISTS.

AUSTIN NAVICKIS

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