



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **G-STAR SWEEPS STATE FILM CONTEST – AGAIN!**

The G-Star School of the Arts for Motion Pictures and Broadcasting, the largest Film, TV Production and Acting high school in the nation, swept the Entertainment Industry Incubator's 9<sup>th</sup> annual "*Collaboration...A Short Film Contest*" for the second year in a row. The contest is produced by The Incubator with Lions Gate Films, a major film industry production and distribution company (CRASH, Monster's Ball, Gods and Monsters) contributing the first place prize. G-Star finished first, second, and third in the student category.

The unique rules of the contest make it the premier event in short film production in the State of Florida with prizes totaling \$75,000 including a personal meeting with Lions Gate Films' head of Production and Development in Los Angeles. The contest called for teams to produce 5-minute short films based on an assigned theme from idea stage to delivery of a final cut in 21 days. The theme this year was, "Where do we go from here?" Each team consisted of seven members --- writer, producer, director, editor, camera, sound and music. Participants must be Florida residents and the categories included Professional, Novice (industry experience of 3 years and under) and a special category for high school students.

Out of the final six student films nominated, four were G-Star student entries. The G-Star student films that won were:

#### *First Place:*

##### **The Will**

Producer: Emilie Pitts  
Director: Debra Siew  
Writer: Daniel Perez  
Camera: Albert Nicolas  
Editor: Candace Halpin  
Sound: Leah FitzSimons  
Music: Shannon Shepard

#### *Second Place:*

##### **Stay or Leave**

Producer: Lori Perry  
Director: Benjamin Wayne  
Writer: Kim Grabenhorst  
Director of Photography: Sarah Garcia  
Editor: Hanna Stallard  
Lighting: Scott Diamond  
Sound: Anna Bell

*Third Place:*

**Utopia**

Producer: Kylee Howard Plevin

Director: Shay Howard Roman

Writer: Lauren Howard Beshara

Camera: Camry Howard Schuster

Editor: Jordan Howard Wolfe

Sound: Jimmy Howard Watson

Music: Clay Howard Smith

*Finalist:*

**Repose**

Producer: Desiree Cordero

Director: Eliza Fletcher

Writer: Megan MacGregor

Camera: Savanna Hudson

Editor: Nick McFarlane

Sound: Will McNeil

Music: Michael Dritto

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