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HONORS: BEST EMERGING FEMALE FILMMAKER 2015 - NFFTY
PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR IN THE ARTS SEMI-FINALIST 2014
YOUNG ARTS CINEMATIC ARTS FINALIST 2014

Film Festivals: Screenings and Awards

- **"Hattie"**
 - Finalist | 2015**
San Diego Film Festival Qualcomm UltraHD 4K Mobile Challenge
(San Diego, CA | Sep 30-Oct 4, 2015)
 - Top 3 Finalist | 2015**
Brighton Youth Film Festival
(Brighton, UK | Sep 19, 2015)
 - Best Emerging Female Filmmaker | 2015**
NFFTY
(Seattle, WA | Apr 23-26, 2015)
 - San Diego Film Festival Qualcomm UltraHD 4K Mobile Challenge
(San Diego, CA | Sep 30-Oct 4, 2015)
 - Brighton Youth Film Festival
(Brighton, UK | Sep 19, 2015)
 - Up and Out Film Festival
(Minneapolis, MN | Jun 19, 2015)
- **"We're Okay"**
 - Best Emerging Female Filmmaker | 2015**
National Film Festival for Talented Youth
(Seattle, WA | Apr 23-26, 2015)
 - Best Overall Film | 2014**
All American High School Film Festival
(New York, NY | Oct 24-27, 2014)
 - First Place | 2014**
The Mosaic Film Experience
(Grand Rapids, MI | Nov 7-8, 2014)
 - Second Place | 2014**
Highway 61
(Pine City, MN | Oct 3-5, 2014)
 - Up and Out Film Festival
(Minneapolis, MN | Jun 19, 2015)
 - Kashish Mumbai International Queer Film Festival
(Mumbai, INDIA | May 27-31, 2015)
 - Three Cities Film Festival
(Online | TBA)
 - West Chester International Short Film Festival
(West Chester, PA | Apr 24-26, 2015)
 - NFFTY
(Seattle, WA | Apr 23-26, 2015)
 - Icarus Project
(St. Louis, MO | Nov 26, 2014)
- **"It's Just You"**
 - Top 24 Semi-Finalist | 2015**
Co-Director: Abbey Sacks
24 Hour Film Racing Film
(New York, NY | Aug 29, 2015)
- **"Togetherness"**
 - Best Direction, Best Ensemble Cast, and Best Sound Design | 2015**
Co-Director: Abbey Sacks
Seattle 48 Hour Film Project
(Seattle, WA | Aug 6, 2015)
- **"Tree Hugger"**
 - Official Selection | 2015**
Short Film Corner - Cannes Film Festival
(Cannes, FRANCE | May 13-24, 2015)
 - Jury Award for Best Youth Film, Audience Award for Best Youth Film | 2015**
Laguna Film Festival
(Laguna, CA | Oct 16-18, 2015)
 - China Women's Film Festival 中国女性影展
(Beijing, CHINA | Nov 20-29, 2015)
 - Citizen Jane Film Festival
(Columbia, MO | Oct 22-25, 2015)
 - Reedy Reels Film Festival
(Greenville, SC | Oct 16-17, 2015)
 - Qabila Film Festival
(Cairo, EGYPT | Oct 8-10, 2015)
 - Queen City Film Festival
(Cumberland, MD | Oct 1-4, 2015)
- **"Adulthood"**
 - Best in City, Best Writing, Best Direction, Best Acting, Best Sound Design, and Audience Award Screening at Filmopalooza 2016 | 2015**
Co-Directed with Abbey Sacks
- **"Counting Duet 4"**
 - Premiere of Film Produced for the Grammy-Winning Eighth Blackbird Ensemble's Piece "Counting Duet 4" | 2015**
Interlochen Academy of the Arts
(Interlochen, MI | Apr 9, 2015)
- **"Girly"**
 - Best U.S. Narrative | 2014**
The Lovett High School Film Festival
(Atlanta, GA | May 3, 2014)
 - First Place | 2014**
The Mosaic Film Experience
(Grand Rapids, MI | Nov 1-2, 2013)
 - Brighton Youth Film Festival
(Brighton, UK | Sep 19, 2015)
 - Santa Monica International Teen Film Festival
(Santa Monica, CA | Jun 6, 2015)
 - Pérez Art Museum Miami Teen Arts Council Video Screening (PAMM)
(Miami, FL | May 30, 2015)
 - Grace Film Festival
(San Francisco, CA | Apr 23-25, 2015)
 - George Lindsey UNA Film Festival
(Florence, AL | Mar 5-7, 2015)
 - StarLite Film Festival
(Winter Garden, FL | Feb 26-Mar 1, 2015)
 - Embarras Valley Film Festival
(Charleston, IL | Nov 6, 2014)
 - All American High School Film Festival
(New York, NY | Oct 24-27, 2014)
 - Princeton Student Film and Video Festival
(Princeton, NJ | Jul 16-17, 2014)
 - West Chester Film Festival
(West Chester, PA | Apr 25-27, 2014)
 - San Luis Obispo Int'l Film Festival
(San Luis Obispo, CA | Mar 9, 2014)
 - Frankfort Film Festival
(Frankfort, MI | Oct 24-27, 2013)
 - The Guam International Film Fest
(Guam | Sep 24-29, 2013)
- **"Seattle 48 Hour Horror Film Project"**
(Seattle, WA | Nov 12, 2015)

- **“What Are You?”**
Best U.S. Animation | 2014
 The Lovett High School Film Festival
 (Atlanta, GA | May 3, 2014)

CineYouth - Chicago International Film Festival
 (Chicago, IL | May 5-7, 2015)

Cine Probe
 (La Paz, Mexico | May 5-7, 2015)

Boomtown Film and Music Festival
 (Beaumont, TX | Feb 25-28, 2015)

Novella Showcase (Televised)
 (Lansing and Jackson, MI)

- **“Demons in Disguise”**
Best Emerging Female Filmmaker | 2015
 National Film Festival for Talented Youth
 (Seattle, WA | Apr 23-26, 2015)

Best Domestic Student Short | 2015
 StarLite Film Festival
 (Winter Garden, FL | Feb 26-Mar 1, 2015)

Michigan Womyn’s Music Festival
 (Walhalla, MI | Aug 4-9, 2015)

Three Cities Film Festival
 (Online | TBA)

 NFFTY
 (Seattle, WA | Apr 23-26, 2015)

MiCe Film Festival
 (Valencia, Spain | Mar 27-29, 2015)

South Carolina Comicon Film Festival
 (Greenville, SC | Mar 22, 2015)

- **“Hello From Malaysia”**
Second Place Narrative | 2014
 The MY HERO Int’l Film Festival!
 (Santa Monica, CA | Nov 22, 2014)

- Top 3 in Theme Category | 2014**
 Cresskill High School Film Festival
 (Cresskill, NJ | May 22, 2014)
- Finalist | 2014**
 First White House Student Film Festival
 (Washington, DC | Feb 28, 2014)

International Peace and Film Festival
 (Orlando, FL | Nov 12-15, 2015)

San Diego Asian Film Festival
 (San Diego, CA | Nov 5-14, 2015)

The Lawrence Arts Center’s Free State Film Festival
 (Lawrence, KS | Jun 22-28, 2015)

Los Angeles Film Festival - the Future Filmmakers Showcase
 (Los Angeles, CA | Jun 13, 2015)

StarLite Film Festival
 (Winter Garden, FL | Feb 26-Mar 1, 2015)

Citizen Jane Film Festival
 (Columbia, MO | Nov 7-9, 2014)

Chicago Int’l Children’s Film Festival
 (Chicago, IL | Oct 24-Nov 2, 2014)

All American High School Film Fest
 (New York, NY | Oct 24-27, 2014)

The Int’l Children’s Television Festival “Dytiatko”
 (Kharkiv, Ukraine | Sep 24-27, 2014)

Guam International Film Festival
 (Guam | Sep 23-28, 2014)

- **“Warm Rush”**
Best U.S. Animation | 2015
 The Lovett School High School Film Festival
 (Atlanta, GA | May 2, 2015)

Semi-Finalist | 2014

- Highway 61
 (Pine City, MN | Oct 3-5, 2014)
- Second Place - Experimental | 2014**
 Josiah Media Festival
 (San Antonio, TX | Jul 10-12, 2014)
- Top 3 in “Music Video” | 2014**
 Cresskill High School Film Festival
 (Cresskill, NJ | May 22, 2014)

Heart of the Pines Film Festival
 (Minden, LA | Jul 25-26, 2015)

Pérez Art Museum Miami Teen Arts Council Teen Video Showcase
 (Miami, FL | May 30, 2015)

CineYouth - Chicago International Film Festival
 (Chicago, IL | May 5-7, 2015)

The Lovett School High School Film Festival
 (Atlanta, GA | May 2, 2015)

West Chester International Short Film Festival
 (West Chester, PA | Apr 24-26, 2015)

All American High School Film Festival
 (New York, NY | Oct 24-27, 2014)

Grenada Afterglow Film Festival
 (Grenada, MS | Oct 18, 2014)

Music Malt Online Festival
 (Online | Oct 18, 2014)

 NFFTY
 (Seattle, WA | Apr 24-27, 2014)

- **“Halfway”**
Top 10 | 2014
 Colchester International Film Festival
 60 Hour Film Challenge
 (Colchester, UK | Oct 26, 2014)

Novella Showcase (Televised)
 (Lansing and Jackson, MI)

Directed and Produced by Kira Bursky

- **Short Films**
 “Adulthood” | 2015
 Co-Director Abbey Sacks
 “It’s Just You” | 2015
 Co-Director Abbey Sacks
 “Hattie” | 2015
 “Togetherness” | 2015
 Co-Director Abbey Sacks
 “Tree Hugger” | 2015
 “Counting Duet 4” | 2015
 “Demons in Disguise” | 2014
 “The Beckoning” | 2014
 “We’re Okay” | 2014
 “Hello From Malaysia” | 2014
 “What Are You?” | 2013
 “Eating for Beginners” | 2013
 “Clean” | 2013
 “Girly” | 2013
 “Bye Bye Lullaby” | 2013
 “Fool’s Paradise” | 2012
 “Sleepyhead” | 2012
- **Music Videos**
 “Warm Rush” | 2014
 “Beautiful Creature” | 2014
 “Water Girl” | 2012

Absurducopia: A Musical Comedy Web Series

- (Co-directed and co-starring with Wayne Culpepper. All produced in 2014.)
- **Episodes**
 “Big” | Ep. 1
 “ALS Ice Bucket Challenge Fail” | Ep. 2
 “The Antidote” | Ep. 3
 “Halfway” | Ep. 4
 “Use That Talent” | Ep. 5

My Blog: All Around Artsy Adventures

All Around Artsy Adventures is my little corner of the internet where you can learn about me, my films, Miss Whimsy’s music, my art, and my awards, festivals, and articles.

<http://allaroundartsyadventures.blogspot.com/>

Directed and Produced by IA Productions

- (Company co-owned by Kira Bursky and partner Mida Chu. Films can be screened at <http://vimeo.com/iaproductions>)
- **Short Films**
 “Wait in Silence” | 2012
 Co-Director/Co-DP
 44th Nashville Film Festival
 Nashville, TN | Apr 18-25, 2013
 Unofficial Google+ Film Fest Online | Nov 30-Dec 2, 2012
 Utopia Film Festival
 Greenbelt, MD | Oct 13-21, 2012
 Ruby Mountain Film Festival
 Elko, Nevada | Sep 28-30, 2012
 - **“Johnny Boy” | 2012**
 Director
 - **“Hello World” | 2012**
 Co-Director/Co-DP
 - **“First Dusk” | 2012**
 Co-Director/Co-DP
 - **“Looking Through” | 2012**
 Co-Director/Co-DP



Additional Work Experience

Post Production Intern

- **Warrior Poets** (Jan-Apr 2015)

Freelance

- **Tesla Motors Instructional Video** | 2015
Co-Director and Cinematographer
- **SOCAP Intro Videos** | 2015
Motion Graphics Designer
- **"Really Looking"** (Narrative | In Post-Production | 2015)
Director (Masada Eyewear Film)
- **"The Blue Ghost Firefly"** (Short Documentary | In Post-Production | 2015)
Director (Fisheye Studios)
- **"Counting Duet 4"** (Video | 2015)
Director (in collaboration with Grammy-winning Eighth Blackbird Ensemble)
- **"Windows"** (Short | 2015)
Director (Sony)
- **"9 Day Production in 2 Minutes of Time-Lapse"** (Short | 2014)
Editor (Fisheye Studios)
- **"Feather"** (Music Video | 2014)
Director | DP (Jonathan Brown)

Director of Photography

- **"I Hate You Norah Smith"** (Short | 2014)
Directed by Leah Yrastorza-Dagman
- **"Love Triangle"** (Short | 2014)
Directed by Lily Li
- **"Round About the Cauldron"** (Short | 2013)
Directed by Miles Carey
- **"Monarchs"** (Short | 2013)
Directed by Irene Jiang
- **"Taste the Power"** (Short | 2013)
Directed by Wayne Culpepper

Editor

- **The Downtown Project** (Short | 2015)
Post-Production Assistant
Directed by Morgan Spurlock
- **"Border Woods"** (Short | 2014)
Directed by Miles Carey

Composer

- **"Wires" and "Caves"** (Shorts | 2015)
Directed by Abbey Sacks
- **"Summer of Ava"** (Short | 2014)
Directed by Rachel Lin

Script Supervisor

- **"Brat"** (Short | 2012)
Directed by Jesse Einhorn-Johnson
- **"Cold Coco"** (Short | 2011)
Directed by Colin Campbell
- **"The Throwaway"** (Short | 2011)
Directed by Quinton Wayne

Grip

- **"One Hell of an Angel"** (Feature | 2013)
Directed by Katie Damien

Production Assistant

- **"My Toxic Backyard"** (Feature Documentary | 2014)
Directed by Katie Damien

Photo Assistant

- **Danielle Paul Photography** (Greenville, SC | 2014)
- **Fisheye Studios** (Greenville, SC | 2013 -)

Actress

- **Adulthood** (Seattle | 2015)
Lead (Winner: Best Acting Award)
- **Togetherness** (Seattle | 2015)
Lead (Winner: Best Ensemble Cast)
- **Absurducopia** (Web Series | 2014)
Lead
- **Bright Star Touring Theater**
Lead actress in two plays
(Two month U.S. tour | 2014)
Roving character - different time periods
(Asheville | 2013)

Special Skills

- **Language**
Mandarin Chinese
- **Technical Proficiencies**
Hardware
Canon DSLRs
Software
Avid
Final Cut Pro 7
RedCine Pro
Dragonframe
After Effects
Premiere
Photoshop