



The 3rd Annual Bridge Student Film Festival

at Bridgewater State University

The Bridge Student Film

Festival is an annual showcase of the newest and best short films that New England high schoolers and college undergraduates have to offer. There is a **free, in-person** event at **Bridgewater State University**, and a concurrent online showcase with additional student films.



When and Where is the festival?

The official in-person festival takes place **Tuesday, December 2nd**, from **9:30 A.M. until 4:00 P.M.**, at Bridgewater State University's **Moakley Auditorium** (100 Burrill Ave, Bridgewater, MA 02324). The online showcase will run from Tuesday, December 2nd until Monday, December 8th.



What can I expect at the showcase?

Our in-person event aims to provide not only an outlet for students to platform their work, but also valuable insight into the filmmaking process. A diverse catalog of short films (**live action, animated, and documentary under 15 minutes**) will be screened for the audience. Student and guest speakers will also be present to share additional information into their filmmaking, and **two visiting filmmakers—Lisa Olivieri (*Recovery City, Blindsided*) and Tim O'Donnell (*Not a War Story, The House we Lived In*)** will offer a glimpse into future career options on a professional panel discussion. **Complimentary food and refreshments** will also be provided during a **networking session**, and the event will wrap up with an **awards presentation!**

Invited Filmmakers

Tim O'Donnell is an Emmy-nominated and award winning documentary filmmaker. His work has appeared on ESPN, NBC, PBS,

OUTSIDETV, CNN Films, The Sundance Film Festival, and at events around the world. His Film *Not a War Story* **opened at #1** for all iTunes documentaries and **premiered at The Academy of Motion Pictures**. His follow up feature *Life Without Basketball* opened at Doc NYC and premiered on SUNDANCENOW. **Lebron James, Casey Affleck and Marcus Luttrell** have served as EP'S on Tim's projects. HBO's Mary Carillo said of Tim's Work, "the story is so beautiful, so lovingly told and so incredibly moving."



Lisa Olivieri is an award-winning documentary filmmaker in the Boston area. Her first documentary, *Blindsided*, is an intimate portrait of an artist slowly losing her sight and hearing while surviving her abusive girlfriend. The film has **won numerous awards**, including The Artistic Achievement Award in Directing from The Qflix Film Festival, Worcester and The Jury Award for Best Documentary from The Women's Film Festival, Philadelphia. *Blindside* aired on Maine public television in 2016 and received national grants from the Lef Foundation, Frameline Film and Video Completion Fund, Women in

Film Foundation and The Massachusetts Cultural Council. *Recovery City*, her second documentary, an unflinching look at addiction and recovery as seen through the eyes of four women, **had its world premiere** at The Provincetown International Film Festival where it won The Audience Award for Best Documentary Feature. **Additional awards include** The Audience Award for Best Documentary Feature at The Globedocs Film Festival, Mystic Film Festival's Human Rights Award, Outstanding Documentary Feature at The Shawna Shea Film Festival, Best Editor and Best Documentary Feature at The Lois Weber Film Festival, Best Women Empowerment Documentary at The Milan Indie Film Festival and Best Feature Documentary at The London Women Film Festival. Olivieri also teaches film and photography at Natick High School in Natick, MA.



Who is involved?

The Bridge Student Film Festival is headed by Festival Director and Associate Professor Dr. Michele Meek. Students in the Film Festival

Production class in the Communication department at Bridgewater State University organize the event, oversee logistics, choose the line-up, run the social media, and create all promotional materials. Professional filmmakers will be present for a panel discussing their work, the film industry, and future career paths for those interested!



Where can I learn more?

The best place for anything and everything relating to our festival is on our website, <https://bridgestudentfilmfestival.org>! For any questions, please contact Dr. Meek at mmEEK@bridgew.edu.



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