



SPECTRUM PRODUCTIONS

14th annual

gala

& screening

Nov. 18 17h
Monument-National
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7 short films from the
autism community



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WELCOME

BIENVENUE

I am truly delighted to welcome you to our 14th Annual Gala and Screening, an evening dedicated to celebrating and promoting the creative talent of autistic artists in film and media. I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for joining us tonight.

Spectrum Productions has always striven to create a platform where autistic voices are heard and creativity is celebrated. We firmly believe that diversity and inclusivity are the cornerstones of creativity, and through the power of film and media, we have witnessed the transformative impact of these talents on our community. Tonight, you will witness some incredibly imaginative films and character explorations made by our creators.

Your belief in our mission has been integral to reaching this milestone. The people who have come together to make up this organization continue to inspire me, and this support enables our team to build meaningful relationships and care for each other. We are immensely grateful for our communities generosity, both in spirit and in resources because it supports our ability to develop opportunities for autistic and neurodiverse creators.

The Monument-National once again provides us with a prestigious stage to showcase the incredible talents of our filmmakers and artists. With every narrative you watch tonight, and every conversation you engage in to understand and celebrate the effort invested, you are contributing to the growth and development of this unique creative community.

Lets look forward to the evening ahead, and open our senses to the artistic brilliance, hilarious and touching moments on screen, and a shared commitment to the future. Together, we make a positive impact and inspire a more inclusive and diverse future in the world of film and media production.

Sincerely,
Dan Ten Veen, Director
Spectrum Productions



Dan Ten Veen
Co-founder/Director





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2023 was a year of incredible growth and transformation at Spectrum Productions. This year we focused on expanding and enhancing the Spectrum experience and reaching a broader audience. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone here for being an integral part of our success, especially the Spectrum team for their hard work and dedication to our mission. The Board takes immense pride in the accomplishments of the past year and eagerly anticipates the opportunities that 2024 will undoubtedly bring!

- Sandra Fraser, Board President



EVENING SCHEDULE

HORAIRE DU SOIR

5PM | 17H00

DOORS OPEN | OUVERTURE DES PORTES

Find your seats, grab a drink and a hotdog and browse the silent auction!

Trouvez vos places, prenez un verre et un hotdog et parcourez l'encan silencieux !

6PM | 18H00

WELCOME | BIENVENUE

Welcome and introductions.

Bienvenue et introductions.

6:30PM | 18H30

OPENING ACT | ACTE D'OUVERTURE

Films - part one | Premières du film - première partie

7:15PM | 19H15

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Take a moment to stretch! | Prenez le temps de vous étirer!

8:00PM | 20H00

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8:30PM | 20H30

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Thanks to our team of dedicated staff and volunteers, 36 participants from this year's summer camps created the 7 short films and other creative content screened tonight!

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The Gala brings everyone together. Families. Friends. It's a chance for everyone to appreciate all the hard work we have done over the summer and celebrate autistic talent.

- Sam Clark, Filmmaker

We create our own original film ideas by working together and giving each other feedback, helping each other grow by improving our skills, and making movies together.

- Robert Girolami, Filmmaker



LIST OF FILMS

LISTE DES FILMS



FORKLAND

Rose, Alex, Max



OVERPOWERED

Emily, Penelope, Hunter



VIOLET HAWK II: ASCENSION OF THE FEATHERED GUARDIANS

Alex, Bruce, Phillippe, Lucas, Alexander



SCU: CLASH OF THE HEROES

Sam, Thomas, Colm, Tristan, Brendan



DARK TALES OF GREENER PASTURES: SKINWALKER

Giulia, Austin, Daniel, Cory, David, Ben



WHALE OF A COOKOFF

Maya, Peter, Isaiah, Owen



B-MOVIE MADNESS

William, Oliver, Liam, Luca, Adrien

FORKLAND

CAST & CREW

Alexander Gleason - Forkman

Rose Berntsen - Rose

Max Wershler - Collector

Felipe Arasanz - Victoria's
Brother

Jasmin Rose- Guerrero - Sarvente

Maximilliano Garcia de Regules -
Monkey

PRODUCTION HEADS

Jasmin Rose-Guerrera

Ke Xin Li

Leo Clark

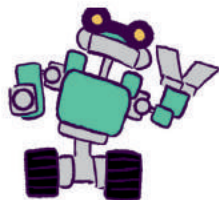


Our main character's life takes a tumultuous turn as he drowns in a sea of debt, forcing him to part with his cherished treasures. After unearthing a mysterious artifact, he finds himself transported to the whimsical world of "Forkland". Our protagonist must wrestle with the inexplicable as the forks spring to life. Amidst the chaos, a fearless demon emerges as an unexpected saviour. Join our duo as they embark on a quest to escape Forkland before it's too late.

La vie de notre personnage principal prend une tournure tumultueuse lorsqu'il se noie dans un océan de dettes, ce qui l'oblige à se séparer de ses trésors les plus chers. Après avoir découvert un mystérieux artefact, ils se retrouvent transportés dans le monde fantaisiste de "Forkland". Notre protagoniste doit faire face à l'inexplicable alors que les fourchettes prennent vie. Au milieu du chaos, un diable intrépide apparaît comme un sauveur inattendu. Rejoignez notre duo dans sa quête pour fuir Forkland avant qu'il ne soit trop tard.



OVERPOWERED



CAST & CREW

Penelope Hoss-Gagnon - Victoria / Mordrid

Emily Petsche - The Wizard

Omar Khan - Fan

Felipe Arasanz - Victoria's Brother

Hunter Cullen - Stop Motion Creator



PRODUCTION HEAD

Jasmin Rose-Guerrera

In a world where magic meets reality, lifelong friends Victoria and the Wizard visit a bustling marketplace, both wielding incredible powers. When a rude customer insults the Wizard, a fiery altercation unfolds and a shocking revelation is revealed, throwing our two protagonists into an epic battle. When their destruction begins to scorch the Earth, Mordrid, the Priest of Earth, and his Mechanical Earth and Peace Protector (MEPP) stand up to defend Earth's tranquility. Overpowered is a thrilling tale of power, redemption, and Earth's preservation.

Dans un monde où la magie rencontre la réalité, Victoria et le Magicien, amis de longue date, se rendent sur une place de marché animée, tous deux dotés d'incroyables pouvoirs. Lorsqu'un client grossier insulte le magicien, une altercation enflammée se produit et une révélation choquante est faite, plongeant les deux protagonistes dans une bataille épique. Lorsque leur destruction commence à brûler la Terre, Mordrid et son Protecteur mécanique de la Terre et de la Paix (MEPP) se dressent pour protéger la tranquillité de son monde. Overpowered est un récit palpitant sur le pouvoir, la rédemption et la préservation de la Terre.



VIOLET HAWK II: ASCENSION OF THE FEATHERED GUARDIANS

CAST & CREW

Alex Ponte - Violet Hawk

Bruce Smith - Red Robin

Phillippe Ouellette - PeeWee Bird

Lucas Leroy - Dark Evil Cat

Alexander Paszko - Mutant Cat /
Tweetie Bird

PRODUCTION HEAD

Leo Clark



After learning of his close friend Tweetie Bird's disappearance, Violet Hawk becomes driven by a promise to uncover why and by whom. A showdown with Mutant Cat, an enigmatic glitch villain, begins an unexpected inter-dimensional journey. In this new uncharted and desolate realm, Violet Hawk crosses paths with Red Robin and PeeWee Bird. Initially resistant to their help, a startling revelation might change his mind. Will Violet Hawk learn the value of teamwork and find the sheriff in time to save his friend?

Après avoir appris la disparition de son amie Tweetie Bird, Violet Hawk s'est promis de découvrir pourquoi et par qui. Un affrontement avec Mutant Cat, un méchant énigmatique, dévoile un voyage inter-dimensionnel inattendu. Dans ce nouveau royaume inexploré et désolé, Violet Hawk croise le chemin de Red Robin et de PeeWee Bird. D'abord réticent à leur aide, une révélation surprenante pourrait le faire changer d'avis. Violet Hawk apprendra-t-il la valeur du travail d'équipe et trouvera-t-il le shérif à temps pour sauver son ami?



SCU: CLASH OF THE HEROES

CAST & CREW

Sam Clark - SCF

Thomas Kreigler - Strike

Colm McCarry - Dragon

Tristan Maroun - Corspin

Brendan Giglio - Shadow



PRODUCTION HEAD

Ke Xin Li

The Spectrum Cinematic Universe (SCU) is back with an electrifying new installment, *Clash of the Heroes*. The Strike, Jared Taylor, mysteriously resurfaces after a baffling six-year absence, leaving his friends both elated and perplexed. News of The Strike's return ripples through society. Curiosity and fear intertwine as many seek to capture him and harness his potent abilities. A thrilling tale of trust, loyalty, and betrayal...what happens when the power becomes too much to bear?

Le SCU est de retour avec un nouvel épisode électrisant, "Le choc des héros". Le Strike, Jared Taylor, refait mystérieusement surface après une absence déroutante de six ans, laissant ses amis à la fois ravis et perplexes. La nouvelle du retour de The Strike fait le tour de la société. La curiosité et la peur s'entremêlent alors que beaucoup cherchent à le capturer et à exploiter ses puissantes capacités. Une histoire palpitante de confiance, de loyauté et de trahison... que se passe-t-il lorsque le pouvoir devient trop lourd à porter?



DARK TALES OF GREENER PASTURES: SKINWALKER

CAST & CREW

Giulia Gabay - Abi

Austin Roach - Detective John Roy

Daniel Forcucci - Detective Lawrence

Cory Lariviere - The Father

David Riverin - Bob

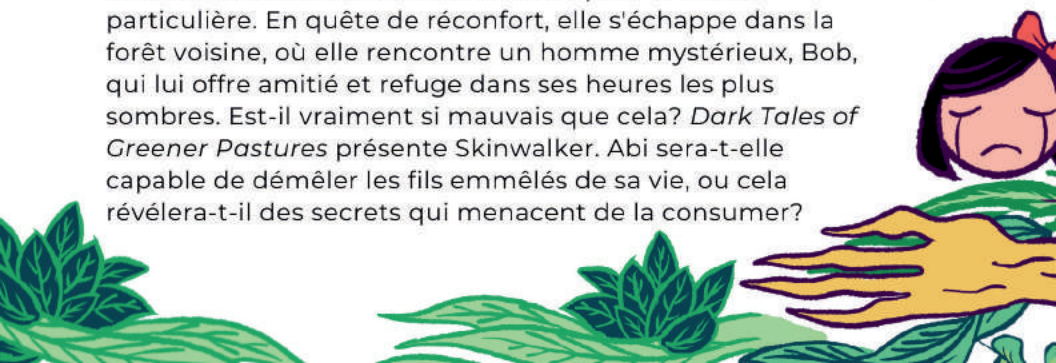
Ben Bisanti - Agnes

PRODUCTION HEAD

Leo Clark

In the city she reluctantly calls "home number 4," Abi grapples with change. Life in the foster care system has been anything but easy, and this new foster family is, to say the least, peculiar. Seeking solace, she escapes to the comforting embrace of the nearby forest, where she encounters a mysterious man, Bob, who offers friendship and refuge in her darkest hour. Can he be trusted? *Dark Tales of Greener Pastures* presents a horror thriller like none other; *Skinwalker*. Will Abi be able to unravel the tangled threads of her life, or will this reveal secrets that threaten to consume her?

Dans la ville qu'elle appelle à contrecœur " la maison numéro 4 ", Abi est confrontée avec du changement. La vie dans le système de placement familial a été loin d'être facile, et cette nouvelle famille d'accueil est pour le moins particulière. En quête de réconfort, elle s'échappe dans la forêt voisine, où elle rencontre un homme mystérieux, Bob, qui lui offre amitié et refuge dans ses heures les plus sombres. Est-il vraiment si mauvais que cela? *Dark Tales of Greener Pastures* présente *Skinwalker*. Abi sera-t-elle capable de démêler les fils emmêlés de sa vie, ou cela révélera-t-il des secrets qui menacent de la consumer?



A WHALE OF A COOKOFF

CAST & CREW

Maya Gabay - Chef Princess Maya

Peter Papaioannou - Chef Peter the Peacock

Isaiah Bearskin Bosum - Host Isaiah

Owen McDonough - Owen the Killer Whale

PRODUCTION HEAD

Ke Xin Li



Join host Isaiah as he guides us through the culinary showdown of the century. The challenge: can you satisfy the voracious appetite of Owen the Killer Whale? Chef Peter Peacock faces off against the talented Chef Princess Maya, and the clock starts ticking with a mere 20 minutes for the chefs to prepare a feast. But as they dive into the competition, chaos unfolds with a series of mishaps. The stakes have never been higher in the quest to earn the coveted title of "Master Chef of Whales." Who will emerge victorious in this culinary adventure?

Rejoignez l'animateur Isaiah qui vous guidera dans l'épreuve culinaire du siècle. Le défi : Pouvez-vous satisfaire l'appétit vorace d'Owen l'orque ? Le chef Peter Peacock affronte la talentueuse chef Princesse Maya. L'horloge commence à tourner, les chefs n'ont que 20 minutes pour préparer un festin, mais alors qu'ils se lancent dans la compétition, le chaos s'installe avec une série de mésaventures. Les enjeux n'ont jamais été aussi élevés dans la quête du titre convoité de "Maître cuisinier des baleines". Qui sortira vainqueur de cette aventure culinaire?



B-MOVIE MADNESS

CAST & CREW

William Paquin - Bob
Liam Turbide - Shade
Oliver Audet - Superwolf
Luca Ballarano - Commander-Tron
Adrien Nicholas - Ark Moon Leader

PRODUCTION HEAD

Jasmin Rose-Guerrera



A curious man stumbles upon a hidden treasure deep within the woods, inadvertently transporting him to an alternate dimension inhabited by bizarre characters. However, he soon discovers a unique power – the ability to pause this newfound world like a television, courtesy of a mysterious remote that replaced the found artifact. A cinematic clash unfolds as our protagonist grapples with the villains from this alternate reality, striving to find his way back home. *B-Movie Madness* is a thrilling adventure that blurs the lines between reality and the silver screen. Will our hero unlock the secret to escaping this cinematic chaos?

Un homme curieux tombe sur un trésor caché au fond des bois, le transportant par inadvertance dans une dimension alternative habitée par des personnages bizarres. Cependant, il se découvre bientôt un pouvoir unique - la capacité de mettre en pause ce nouveau monde comme une télévision, grâce à une mystérieuse télécommande qui a remplacé l'artefact trouvé. Un affrontement cinématographique se déroule alors que notre protagoniste est aux prises avec les méchants de cette réalité alternative, s'efforçant de retrouver le chemin de la maison. *B-Movie Madness* est une aventure palpitante qui brouille les frontières entre la réalité et le grand écran. Notre héros parviendra-t-il à percer le secret qui lui permettra d'échapper à ce chaos cinématographique?



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SEBASTIAN THE PENGUIN IN BIG FISH FOLLIES (SNEAK PEEK)

CREATOR: DAVID GROMAK

MENTOR: FELIPE ARASANZ

A throwback to classic Warner Bros and Nickelodeon cartoons about a lovable Penguin and dastardly Seagull's ongoing skirmish to catch their supper.

JESSE THE GENIUS

CREATOR: JESSE EPSTEIN

MENTOR: FELIPE ARASANZ

A playthrough parody of a children's interactive trivia game with a spooky twist!



ANIMATION REEL

CREATOR: ADRIEN NICHOLAS

MENTOR: FELIPE ARASANZ

A showcase of the animation talents of Adrien Nicholas, frame by marvelous frame.



ROUGH CUTS
MENTOR KAT TUCK

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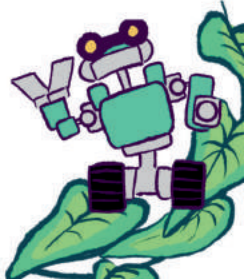


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WHO WE ARE

Spectrum Productions is a Canadian registered charity based in Montreal, Quebec committed to advancing the social, cultural, and economic inclusion of individuals on the autism spectrum. We do this by supporting and promoting autistic creative talent in film and media productions and the arts.

WHAT WE DO

Starting from a single summer camp in 2009, Spectrum Productions has evolved into a state-of-the-art studio offering a variety of programs and opportunities that focus on creating a sense of belonging, leadership, and community and providing access to artistic practices for autistic youth and young adults.

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