

Ringling College Wins Big at International Animation Contest

Competing against 219 teams from 49 schools (that's 1095 students) representing nine countries (Australia, Brazil, Canada, Mexico, USA, Thailand, Czech Republic, Germany and the UK), Ringling College of Art and Design students took the top three places in the 24 Hours International Animation Challenge. Now in its 16th year, the contest for students challenges its participants to create a 30-second film based on a given theme in a designated 24-hour period. This year, the films had to depict a strong point of view educating an audience about the need to have empathy and to animate an experience that will help convey to the audience what it is really like to speak their truth. Teams work from their home school and submit a YouTube link of their films before the deadline. They are then are judged by industry artists. First place went to Haeri Cho, Jerry Jaimes, Beatriz Correia Lima, Ioana Oprescu and Jingyun Zhou for their film, *Hibaji*, second place went to Zac Miller, Doug Alberts, Noah Selbitschka, Lauren Cash and Zach Hartman for their film, *Bring the Glue*, and third place went to Livia Lenhoff, Zoë Miolla, Paul Detling, Andrés Guerrero (CA) and Mitchell Blass for *The Ani-Mates*.

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