

# Cogswell College

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### Latest Project X Film, *Worlds Apart*, Official Selection at LA Shorts Fest

Academy Award qualifying film festival, LA Shorts Fest, has invited *Worlds Apart* to be an official selection for



its upcoming July 21 to July 29, 2011 event. This prestigious festival boasts an outstanding past record of 37 Academy Award-nominated films, including 12 Oscar winners. This will be the festival's 15<sup>th</sup> season. *Worlds Apart* will be shown on Thursday, July 21.

"After reviewing the many films submitted, we found your short represents the caliber of work we want participating in our festival," said Drea Garcia in the official invitation email.

*Worlds Apart*, produced under the umbrella of the Project X class, is the culmination of eighteen months of collaboration between Cogswell College students, faculty and industry advisors under the leadership of Animation Professor, Michael Zachary Huber. One of the secrets of Project X is that it does not run like a regular class but rather a working film production company - using teams of skilled artists, engineers and sound designers.

"The hours are grueling, aesthetics standards are very demanding and we treat the artists like professionals and not students," said Michael Huber, Director of the Project X course. "This total immersion creates an environment conducive to quality, camaraderie and the highest production value. We believe it's the best way to learn."

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The festival will host all screenings at the historic Laemmle Sunset 5 Theaters located at the start of the famous Sunset Strip at the corner of Sunset Blvd. and Crescent Heights.

## NY City International Film Festival Set to Screen *Worlds Apart*



For the second year in a row a Cogswell College Production is an Official Selection of the [NY City International Film Festival](#). The most recent Project X film,

*Worlds Apart*, will follow its predecessor onto the big screens of Times Square in addition to being shown in one of the nearby theaters.

The NYCIFF takes place from August 11 to August 21 and will host 300 films from 46 countries. The Red Carpet Gala will be held at the historic Hudson Theater on August 18.

The film was produced under the auspices of Project X, a unique curriculum design that delivers the learning experience based on a professional studio model. Under the direction of Animation faculty member and long-time professional animator, Michael Huber, students take the film from concept to post production. The class is only available at Cogswell College. Students, selected through a portfolio review and interview process, worked tirelessly for three semesters to produce this studio-quality, short film. They were supported by a massive collaborative effort from faculty, staff, visiting artists, industry professionals and alumni.

## JOB SECTION

### July Featured Jobs

UI/DLC Artist at [Junction Point/Disney Interactive](#) in Austin, TX  
Assistant Technical Director at [DisneyToon Studios](#) in Glendale, CA  
Effects Supervisor at [Disney Animation](#) in Burbank, CA  
Concept Artist at [Zynga](#) in San Francisco, CA  
Software Engineer at [Visual Concepts/2K Sports](#) in Novato, CA  
Animator at [Irrational Games/2K Boston](#) in Quincy, MA

TechniTrader is looking for a full time career-oriented animator for a series of TV advertising similar to the gecko of Geico insurance ads. Job requires the creation of 3d animation from the ground up. We prefer an experienced animator but will consider someone just starting their career. Please send resume and software programs you are familiar with and samples of work to [howard601@comcast.net](mailto:howard601@comcast.net)  
402 16th St NE suite 108, Auburn, Washington 98002  
(253) 351-2979

## Alumni Notes

**Stephen Abbott (1996)** is a Battalion Chief at North County Fire Protection District. **Jichul Ahn (2005)** is the Senior Creative Marketing Manager at Westinghouse Solar. **Robert (Bobb) Amidon (2004)** just joined Volt Workforce Solutions as a Software QA Automation contracted to Apple. **Kaine Apryss (2004)** was promoted to Senior Design Engineer at Datanamics. **Alan Arrivas (1995)** does e-Business marketing at HD Supply in San Diego, CA. **Jim Asche (1999)** is an Emergency Planner for the County of San Mateo, including the Sheriff's office and the County office of emergency Services. **James Bettencourt (2003)** is a Senior Marketing Communications Manager at Gigamon in Mountain View. **Andy Cameron (2008)** is now at Paragon Studios (A division of NCSoft) as a QA Analyst. **Julia Campbell (2009)** is a Contractor at Readyforce in Menlo Park. **Geoff Clark (1997)** is a Worker Dog at Zynga in San Francisco. **Phil Coulson (1986)** is a Senior Web QA Engineer & Test Automation Architect at Intuit in Mountain View. **Darren Cutlip (1997)** works at Ozone Online as a Production Designer. **Chris Di Paola (2007)** is back at Trion Worlds as an Environment artist after a stint at Walt Disney Animation Studios. **Brittney DeTie (2010)** is currently a Sound Designer at Media Local Studios. **Tim Eklund (1981)** is an Operations Manager at Yield Engineering Systems Inc. **Stephen Etchison (1978)** is a Hardware Engineer at Cisco Systems. **Brad Falk (1997)** started his own company called Lollipop Shaders. The company specializes in the writing and integration of production ready shaders for Feature Film clients. **Christina Fimbres (2011)** is a Production Assistant at CBS News. **Steve Heimans (1977)** is a Freelance Artist at Buster & Tappan Comics. **Victor Hernando (1990)** is a Product Engineer at EXAR Corporation. **Steve High (1995)** works at KLA-Tencor as a Staff Engineer. **Kent Hull (1996)** recently joined Pulse Tracer as an Electrical Engineer. **Sonielle Hymn (2002)** is an Administrative Assistant at Unitarian Universalists of Petaluma. **Phillip Jenné (2010)** is now a Sales Engineer at MetricStream in Palo Alto where he demonstrates the company's software to national and international clients. **Nathan Karklins (2010)** was promoted to Associate Game Designer at Zynga. **Mike Kime (2002)** just launched his own company, Derivative Games LLC in Cary, NC. He also wrote a book due to be released by Penguin Books in early 2012 entitled, "Fake It Until You Fake It, Better." **Adam Lawson (2010)** recently joined Rhythm

& Hues as a Junior Animator TD. **Mike Lorelli (1992)** just celebrated 32 years at Hitachi GST as an Engineer. **Mark Macready (1999)** is currently a Lighting Technical Assistant at Dreamworks Animation in Glendale, CA. **Mike Marin (1999)** is a Program Manager, Engineering at Cisco. **Ian Martin (2001)** is a Designer & Programmer at Retrolutionary.com in Maryland. **Bhupinder Minhas (1993)** is the volunteer Co-Lead & Facilitator for the Jump Start Team at ProMatch, an interactive career resource center for professionals. **Jesse Moreno (1994)** is a QA Engineer at Visa working on web services. **Tom Newton (1999)** is a Web Developer & Analyst at OnPoint. **Stephen Moro (1984)** is a Partner at Focal Point Communications. **Toby Newell (1999)** works for Eden FX as an Offsite Project Supervisor and VFX Artist. **Trung Chau Ngo (1999)** is a Technical Marketing Engineer at Scale Computing in San Mateo. **Jonathan Penn (1993)** is Director of Intellectual property at Corel (the makers of Corel Painter). **Derrick Reyes (2010)** is a Sound Designer at Cryptic Studios. **Corby Runyan (2010)** recently got hired as a Graphic Designer for Apple Inc. **Abdul Rydhan (2001)** is a Senior Read/write Engineer at Toshiba America Information System in Irvine, CA. **Paul Saitz (1983)** is a Firefighter/EMT-P H2 at the City and County of San Francisco. **Scott Schlegel (2003)** is a Senior Web Developer at FamilySearch in Salt Lake City. **Mitch Shayewitz (1998)** works as a Flex Engineer at ON24 for virtual events in San Francisco. **Chelsey Shuder (2007)** is working for the Guild Wars franchise as an Animation intern for ArenaNet in Seattle. **Jonathan J. Steffens (2004)** works as a Project Coordinator for the State of Missouri. **William Tan (1997)** works at OPNET Technologies, Inc. as a Senior QA Engineer. **Gordon Thomas (2003)** is a Senior Consultant at FAQTORS in Los Gatos. **Brendan Thompson (2004)** is a CAD Mentor for the Gladstone High School Robotics Team. **Andrew Timm (2006)** is now a Concept Artist/illustrator at Guerilla Wanderers. **Brian Todd (1998)** works as a Financial Services Professional at Fohl and McClellanReal Estate. **Trista Tolles (2000)** is a Digital Media Producer at Altus Learning Systems in Campbell. **Don Turner (1995)** is Manager ADG for Tyco Electronics in Menlo Park. **Mike Verbeten (1996)** works at SMT Engineering as a Test Hardware and Software Design Engineer. **Katie Welka (2009)** just got hired as a Line Producer at Tencent (a new social gaming company based in Palo Alto, CA). **Teesh Yalamanchili (1994)** is a Product Manager at CashEdge in Sunnyvale. **John Yost (1999)** is a Senior Systems Engineer for the Unified Communication and Collaboration at Intuit.

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