



## CI students named finalists in CSU Media Arts Festival competition

Camarillo, Calif., Oct. 26, 2010 - Three CSU Channel Islands (CI) Art students have been announced as finalists in the 2010 CSU Media Arts Festival awards competition. The 2010 CSU Media Arts Festival, which will be held on Nov. 6 at Cal State Fullerton, gives talented students studying film, video, and interactive media within the 23 campus California State University system, an opportunity to present their work for critical review and recognition.

Nominated in the Interactive Media category is Shannon Scobey (<http://www.shannonleighdesigns.com>), a senior Art major from Ventura, for her interactive website "Satisfactory Sweets" ([www.satisfactorysweets.com](http://www.satisfactorysweets.com)). Nominated in the Music Video category are Claire Flores (<http://kazellmulynncreations.com>), a senior Art major from Ventura, for her music video "Pilar" ([www.youtube.com/watch?v=W\\_uFRVmjEKI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W_uFRVmjEKI)) and Ryan Hunnewell, a junior Art major from Simi Valley for his music video "Dear Chatsworth" (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S20VkqfPL2w>).

Distinguished CSU professors and entertainment industry professionals choose the student finalists and winners in the film, video, and interactive media competition, and all finalist works are screened at the Festival. Winning students will receive cash prizes as well as the Rosebud Award for the top entry in each of the categories.

"I'm very excited to have been chosen as a finalist, it makes me feel like the work I do is appreciated," said finalist Shannon Scobey, "I'm also grateful I can attend a school that has such a great art program."

Finalist Ryan Hunnewell added, "Being selected as a finalist has been a surreal experience. My time at Channel Islands has really helped develop my skills as an artist, and I have been able to find my passion in time-based media. I am so thankful for all the faculty who have helped me grow, and for all my friends from home, because without them my music video would have never happened, literally."

"These stellar projects by our super-talented CI students reflect our art programs and the University's commitment to excellence on a statewide level and beyond," says Art Professor Liz King, who teaches interactive multimedia and web design at CI. "Year after year our students create work that not only competes with talented peers at other CSU campuses, but more importantly garners them recognition while preparing them to work in the competitive entertainment industry."

Since its founding in 2002, CSU Channel Islands has had 28 finalists and won first prize honors seven times.

The finalist screening and award ceremony are scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 6, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The Festival will take place at CSU Fullerton in the Steven G. Mihaylo Hall.

This year's Media Arts Festival will feature a mixer for CSU students, faculty members, and industry guests, and a keynote presentation by screenwriter Steve Oedekerk (Bruce Almighty, Evan Almighty, Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius, Patch Adams, Barnyard).

More information can be found on the website: <http://www.csusummerarts.org/maf/index.shtml>.

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