WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022
Opening Reception | Trolley Barn Gallery

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, MAY 5 - 6, 2022
Virtual Film Screenings | Awards | Q&A
The mission of The Art Effect at the Trolley Barn is to train youth as leaders who catalyze the community through the arts and re-energize downtown Poughkeepsie. The Art Effect’s permanent presence at the Trolley Barn brings together youth and established art professionals to present impactful exhibitions that engage the wider community and acquaint youth with curatorial and exhibition practices.

Re-activating the iconic Trolley Barn through an innovative approach to youth empowerment through the arts, The Art Effect is putting youth in the driver seat of this incredible space, empowering them to engage community members and visitors in transformative arts experiences that they curate.

Establishing connections with curators and arts professionals, The Art Effect at the Trolley Barn Gallery brings transformative exhibitions of high-caliber artwork to Poughkeepsie.

A unique mix of youth curated exhibitions and shows featuring art created by youth will become a permanent piece of The Art Effect’s portfolio of programs designed to strengthen our community and showcase the positive impacts of arts and arts education.

The Trolley Barn Gallery
489 Main St. Poughkeepsie, New York 12601
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GALLERY HOURS
Wed-Fri 2-5 PM • Sat 12-4 PM
May 4 - June 19
About The Art Effect
The Art Effect empowers young people to harness their creative voice in order to shape their future and bring about positive social change. Formerly Mill Street Loft and Spark Media Project, The Art Effect helps youth in the Hudson Valley explore, experience, and excel in the arts, introducing them to visual art and media, giving them opportunities to get their hands dirty, and guiding them towards achieving their academic and career goals. For more information, visit thearteffect.org.

Welcome to the Reel Exposure International Teen Film & Photography Festival!

Reel Exposure has three interweaving goals: encourage youth creativity, invigorate our local community through the arts, and give exposure to the incredible work done by emerging filmmakers and photographers. Reel Exposure is a manifestation of The Art Effect’s commitment to empowering youth to harness their creative voices. This year the festival includes 62 photographs and 11 short films from six countries including France, Germany, China, Australia, United Kingdom, and the United States—providing our audience with a global teen perspective and celebrating some of the world’s strongest youth art and media!

I am pleased to present this three-day Reel Exposure event. Working with our students, we’ve put together an incredible photography exhibition at The Trolley Barn Gallery in Poughkeepsie and two nights of engaging virtual film screenings, taking us on a journey through a range of genres including comedy, drama, animation, and documentary. This festival gives a platform for messages that young people are thinking about and experiencing all over the world. We celebrate each of the submitted artworks and talented artists and will continue encouraging our youth to tell their stories and chase their dreams.

Thank you for supporting these talented youth filmmakers and photographers and Poughkeepsie’s very own teen film and photo festival! By joining us, you help create a community of shared passion and lifelong relationships that recognizes and respects these young artists. We hope you enjoy these wonderful, original productions and photographs as much as we have!

Sincerely,

Nicole Fenichel-Hewitt
Executive Director
Reel Exposure Judges

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https://takeishas.com | @takeishaart
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https://www.jesseegner.com

Professional Film Judges
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Schedule of Events
May 4, 5-7pm
Photo Opening Reception
May 4 - June 19
Photo Exhibition | Trolley Barn Gallery
May 5, 7pm
Virtual Film Screenings
May 6, 7pm
Virtual Film Screenings, Youth Q&A, Awards Presentation
May 9, 7pm
Viewer Choice Awards
PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION ARTISTS

Skylar Bender
North Salem High School, NY
Yan Berthemy
Fontainebleau, France
Mary-Elizabeth Boatey
John Jay High School, NY
Harrison Brisbon-McKinnon
Poughkeepsie High School, NY
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Yubei District, China
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John Jay High School, NY
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Millbrook High School, NY
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SUNY Purchase, NY
Tiana Griggs
John Jay High School, NY
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Saunders Trades an
Technical High School, NY
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Spaghetti and Babies
Olive Harrington
Lawrence High School, KS
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John Jay High School, NY
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Noelle Libassi
John Jay High School, NY
Jiayu Liu
China
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Shanghai, China

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Visit the link above or scan the QR-Code with your smartphone to access a virtual gallery!
BETH
Runtime: 0:09:50
A true story of an asylum patient’s struggle. *Beth* is a period piece that highlights the travesty of those resting in unmarked graves from barbaric treatments.

**Filmmaker:** Ava Bounds
Leeds, United Kingdom

DON’T OPEN THAT BOX!
Runtime: 0:05:15
Find out what happens when a game show host begins to question the origins of his show.

**Filmmaker:** Mason Jones
Austin, TX, United States

Eidolon
Runtime: 0:03:00
A couple reunites months after tragedy, only to realize the depth of their emotional scars.

**Filmmaker:** Zev Marinoff
Short Hills, NJ, United States

The Girl Who Cried Sick
Runtime: 0:03:07
A hypochondriac child’s attention-seeking lies lead to her parents’ dismissals when she becomes genuinely ill.

**Filmmaker:** Ruby Taylor
Victoria, Australia

It’s Getting Bad Again
Runtime: 0:04:05
Follow the life of a young woman as she unconventionally navigates her worsening mental health in the wake of a depressive episode.

**Filmmaker:** Sarah Reyes
Austin, TX, United States

She Can’t Control Herself
Runtime: 0:06:19
Raising awareness and starting a conversation around hypersexualization of women and girls by sharing first hand experiences of four young women.

**Filmmaker:** WVN Productions
Los Angeles, CA, United States
Night Two Lineup: May 6, 7pm

**Think Like A Filmmaker**
Runtime: 0:05:08
Turning the camera on his father, Alan, a documentary filmmaker whose new body of work approaches sculpture through the eyes of a filmmaker.

Filmmaker: Eli Berliner  
New York City, NY, United States

**Cry About It**
Runtime: 0:02:30
A claymation animated short film that takes a comedic approach on a failed baking attempt.

Filmmaker: Amani Jamal  
Hopewell Junction, NY, United States

**Take Heart!**
Runtime: 0:07:58
An anxious and overprotective man who usually sticks to his routines finds courage. But has he overcome his fear enough to jump from the cliff and save a life?

Filmmaker: Lilith Jörg  
Black Forest, Germany

**Hook, Line, and Sinker**
Runtime: 0:05:09
An avid fisherman tells the story of his attempt at a fish burglary from a “no fishing” pond.

Filmmaker: Hudson Price  
Woodstock, NY, United States

**She**
Runtime: 0:04:18
After being rejected by her best friend, Eva’s surreal visual journey has a tragic ending.

Filmmaker: Eva Li  
Bangor, ME, United States

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