

NOVA STUDENTS FILMS

The following films were made by NOVA students from the different campuses.

Refugee for the Second Time

11 minutes | Documentary | Palestine/Germany | Director: Omar Almuqdad
A short human interest documentary following a refugee's life after arriving in Germany.

Obsessed

2:55 minutes | Drama | USA | Director: Alavaro Sejas
Britany lives in a reality she constructs in her head (group project).

Story of one Actress

6:02 minutes | Documentary | USA | Director: Valentyna Ryan
A Story of an actress who migrated to the US from Uzbekistan (group project).

Great Pianist

4:35 minutes | Experimental | USA | Director: Matthew Vargas
Driven by the will to play again, a pianist goes to great length to overcome the impossible.

Disconnect

2:36 minutes | Experimental | USA | Director: Zainab Korechi
A visual metaphor that life is meant to be shared and experienced.

ETHIOPIA STUDENTS FILMS

The following films were made by Prof. Lucy G/E's film students in Ethiopia who participated in the Fulbright program and the screenwriting workshop, entitled "Telling Herstory"; delivered to women journalists & filmmakers. This was part of the US embassy's awareness campaign against Gender Based Violence (GDV). The 3 finalist scripts were made into short films.

Gender Gift

5:37 minutes | Drama | Ethiopia | Director: Meaza Hadera
This story traces the plight of a 12 year old girl who was promised for marriage by her parents to an older man. This film was made to raise awareness against child marriage.

Arogew Genzeb (the Old Dollar Bill)

5:01 minutes | Drama | Ethiopia | Director: Serkadis Megabiyaew
Tired of being treated as a second class citizen, a young lady refuses to accept an old Birr (Ethiopian currency - dollar bill) from a cabbie who is trying to off-load it on to her.

Bithonis

5:30 minutes | Drama | Ethiopia | Director: Azeb Worku
A young journalist combats society's stigma and prejudices against women who were victims of rape. Based on true events that happened to 16 year old Hanna Lalango, who was gang raped and subsequently died.

QANAFAA

9:50 minutes | Drama | Ethiopia | Director: Bayisa Tura & Sagni Dibisa
A man, who beat his wife, is put on trial by the entire village. He must make amends not only to his wife, but to all of the women of the village.

YE GOMA WERAT

7:17 minutes | Drama | Ethiopia | Director: Michael Shimelis
Car accidents are a leading cause of death in Ethiopia. This tale juxtaposes a child's respect for safety and the rule of law against that of adult drivers.

A film collaborative project between NOVA film students – Alexandria campus (Film Collaborative International) & Film students from Prof. Lucy G/E Fulbright program (The Ethiopian New Wave Filmmakers).

Students, in the US and Ethiopia, were challenged to create a film based on the life of one main character, a college/university student and the struggles that he or she faces in their respective realities.

Final Exam

19:58 minutes | Drama | Ethiopia/USA | US Director: Taylor Spears | Ethiopia Director: Samuel Dejene
Cory and Girum are both college/university students. One lives in Virginia. The other lives in Addis Abeba. The story follows both students as they try to study for their final exams while dealing with life's responsibilities and challenges in their respective worlds.

Video message from the Ethiopian New Wave Filmmakers

Q & A with film directing students

Welcome to the 2016 NOVA Student Film Festival

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