

Willem de Kooning Academy Graduation Show 2025







# Documentary



# Hybrid/Experimental

#### Job Jovanovic Advertising & Beyond

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When a mysterious cloud appears above his home, and old man is confronted with his past - and future.



#### Alice Gaponova Animation

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Returning to her abandoned home, a girl encounters a mysterious forest creature. She follows the shape-shifting entity into the wilderness, determined to reveal its true identity.

# **Meet Me in the Garden**

#### **Daria-Maria Popescu** Animation

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A young girl is hunted by a mysterious creature of the woods. When her escape becomes impossible, she must face the truth the creature holds.

# **Of Women, Shadows and Lullabies**

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#### Mandie van Yperen Animation

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When her room threatens to overflow from a leaky roof, Rainn must learn to embrace and live with the water she is trying so hard to ignore.

# **Good Enough**

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#### Matthijs Abrahamse Animation

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A girl climbs a tower guided by radio signals, only to find emptiness at the top.

# **Void Signal**

#### Rares Pepple Andronic Animation

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A group of misfits go on by their day, when an angry capitalist joins the pictures. He gets angry and destroys the subculture spaces out characters live in.

# **Not So Public Spaces**

## Robin Grebenisan & Yara ter Veer Animation

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Two young adults are confronted by compulsory heterosexuality and the gender binary, feeling pressured into conforming. Through self-reflection and mutual support, they find their own paths and break free from the expectations that were imposed on them. Together they find the courage to be themselves in a world that doesn't seem ready for them.



Animation Moving storyboard

#### Andrea de Barros Animation

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A shell character goes on a quest to find the faraway house inside the machine at his opticians office

## Refraction

#### Alexia Bacean Animation

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An artist who advances their career while sacrificing their passions is haunted in their sleep by ominous knocking. After achieving this coveted success, only to find it meaningless, they now must confront this daunting realization and attempt to break the vicious cycle during an epiphanic dream.

# **Break Out**

#### Ahlam khawam Animation

Website: www.linktr.ee/Ahlamkhawam



The story follows a teenage girl on a surreal emotional journey as she seeks freedom within the bounds of social and parental restrictions. When she finally rebels, she faces a devastating betrayal by her father—an event that plunges her into a symbolic world where water echoes the weight of her emotions.

# "Sun" the weight of Memory

#### Alina Nastachenko Animation

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An obsessed performer, so lost in the role she's playing, finds herself unable to escape the clutches of the theatre.

# The Final Curtain Call

#### Ashlin Winckler Animation

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When an isolated celestial being meets a shooting star in the vast emptiness of space, they must choose whether to put their faith in the friendly stranger or continue to rely on the loneliness that haunts them.

## Wanderers

#### **Bente Boekhoff** Animation

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Separated by distance and life events, a granddaughter visits her grandmother, hoping to build a new connection, not based on who they were, but on who they've become."

# Oma gaat op kamers (Grandma is moving out)

Animation A film

### Janka Sára Balázs & Diletta Rizzo Animation

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The harmony of a childhood memory is disrupted. In a parallel world, an ecosystem is dying. The short explores the adult experience of revisiting a childhood memory where the death of a moth disrupts safety. The visuals explore the intertwining of the adult self with childhood memories that shape her inner ecosystem.

# A Place Too Small for Longing

#### Karina Krumova Animation

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A woman, desperate to avoid heartbreak, submerges herself into apathy and does everything she can to suppress her emotions, until a shooting star brings chaos into her world. Also a hint of happiness.

# **State of Nothing**

#### Matas Pakutinskas Animation

Website: www.mataspakutinskas.com



Two young pioneers of communism are honored with a promotion to serve their great nation on the fabled 'Red Wall'—but the price of loyalty comes with a sacrifice.

# **Little October**

Animation A film

#### Melissa Carvalho Lettieri Animation

#### Instagram: @melissalettieri



A hand-drawn, non-narrative short that transforms personal memories and experiences into surreal animation. Inviting the viewer into an intimate space where trauma, humor, and resilience coexist.

# **Hanging There**

#### Nati Lebedeva Animation

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His days have grown far too bright. Trapped in the echo of sleepless nights and a past that clings like a shadow, he longs to find an escape and fly away. Somewhere between waking and dreaming, he searches for the wings of a crow.

## **Rotten Dawn**

#### Nilsu Mengi Animation

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A daughter building up the courage to invite her dad back into her life.

# **The Visit**

#### **Ruben Hessels** Animation

Instagram: @studiohessels



Gerald, a plumber with a leaking faucet at home, learns to accept the loss of his mother after an intense dream that reveals the depth of his emotions.

## **Overflown**

#### Souffien Melad <sup>(Director)</sup>, Alina Najum <sup>(Background Artist)</sup> Animation

Instagram: @wavioux



When superstar Louis (also known as "Mr Sun" for his golden locks and grand personality) realizes that he is going bald, he embarks on a cosmic journey in which he re-evaluates his relationship to the transient nature of his body.

# **Mr Sun & Miss Universe**

#### Sylvester Le Animation

Website: sylvesterle.wixsite.com/portfolio



A grieving cat-wizard tries to resurrect a dying forest using magic, only to realize that true restoration requires trust and connection, not just power.

# A Chime in the Dark

Animation A film

#### **Teo Miron** Animation

#### Instagram: @yuinevo



A peasant girl gets her basket of wheat stolen by a mischievous devil, ensuing a chase that will lead her on a journey of discovery and acceptance

## How to Burn the Tablecloth

Animation A film

#### Yelyzaveta Lidova, Lara Schmitz, Marta Pavvlovvska, Niki Pangelova Animation

Instagram:@howspiderslearnedtofly



An old woman is confronted with a choice: confess her feelings to the man of her dreams, or be turned into a spider.

# **How Spiders Learned to Fly**

Animation A film trailer

#### Mina Kaya Animation

#### Instagram: @ratpoison.film



Rat Poison is a short movie inspired by personal life events. It's about being stuck after traumatic events, and the events that followed them but over time, healing.

# **Rat Poison**

# Noah Sin Ramos Pinto Martins Quelhas Animation

Website: www.lycandust.com



A young man is raised under the constant pressure of fulfilling expectations, ending up on a breaking point.

# **Ever Enough**

## Alara Ilhan & Rosalie van Wetten Animation

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As the end of a chapter approaches, a young woman must choose between laid-out paths or risk being left behind by time.

# **After The End**

Animation A film trailer

#### **Davida Hoddenbagh** Audiovisual Design

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A lonely surgeon's obsessive search for his soul leads him to dig into his own body, revealing the fragility of human existence.

# Sir. Geon

#### Inge Groeneveld Product Design

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Een jonge vrouw wordt verhoord over een vermeende misdaad, maar gaandeweg blijkt dat haar grootste vijand haar eigen gedachten zijn.

#### Het was maar een vraag

# Lucas Tepper

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where a straight man's worst nightmare is a Dragdemon in flats

# **Straight Forward**

#### Hyewon Jung Animation

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In a group clinic of broken dolls, a broken doll shares about its story.

## Broken

Documentary A film

#### Lotte Geraerts Advertising & Beyond

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Wat mis je als je nergens fan van bent? In Fan van lets, Fan van Niets onderzoekt een niet-fan verschillende vormen van fandom – van Disney- en Froukje-fans tot supporters van PSV en het Koningshuis. Een documentaire over overgave, verbintenis en de kracht van fandom.

# Fan van lets, Fan van Niets
### Neala Yakub Animation

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A mixed media documentary talking about the complex emotions home brings for international people

### Homeynessless

Documentary A film

#### Gayle van der Burgh Audiovisual Design

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We follow a young man on his journey through adolescence, finding confidence, identity and meaning through the Rotterdam skating scene.

### **Dromen van Beton**

Documentary A film

#### Jeremy Mahadew Audiovisual Design

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A young student crosses paths with various dominant figures and struggles to choose his own path.

# **On A Path**

#### Kasia Pluskota Audiovisual Design

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In the Argentinian town of Apóstoles, where Polish traditions have been passed down for generations, this documentary explores how national identity is preserved and questioned across continents. Through intimate encounters and contrasting perspectives, it reveals the tensions between inherited beliefs and contemporary values, and reflects on how stories about culture are shaped by those who tell them.



Documentary A film

#### Renée van Hout Audiovisual Design

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Mijn ouders zeiden dat ik erdoorheen fietste. Nu, bijna 20 jaar later, onderzoek in de impact van het overlijden van mijn broertje.

## Kleine Broertjes Gaan Niet Dood

Documentary Brand Film

### **Annabel Rawding** Audiovisual Design

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**Run Clubs as Emerging Contemporary Third Places** 

# **Run Clubs as a Third Place**

# **Charlotte Maria**

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Charlotte searches for the lost joy in creative exploration that they used to possess in childhood.

# Speelruimte (Space to Play)

Documentary A film

### Pablo Teijeiro Fokkema Transformation Design

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a film to let meat eaters, you and i, be amazed by the oddities of the way we deal with killing and eating animals.

## License To Kill

#### **Dyno Fanoy** Audiovisual Design

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Driven by the believe that something is fundamentally wrong with them, two friends perform a ritual to fix themselves.

# **Cult of Guilt and the Saint of Shame**

#### **Sijia Yu** Audiovisual Design

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A mime actor who believes himself has an invisible gun walks around inside the train carriages. A woman notices the gun and tries to dismantle his power.

# **A Nothing Object**

### Larissa Huijzer Audiovisual Design

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A middle aged jester trapped in routine slowly loses himself as the line between performance and reality begins to blur

# **The Smiling Man**

#### Femke Hemelaar Audiovisual Design

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Living on a circus fairground, Juliette has to obtain the attention of her parents in order to save them from drowning in their past and future, while trying to stay mindful herself to perform the perfect trick. If she manages to perform this trick, she might win her parents attention, if not, it could lead to a fatal end.

### **Stuck Anywhere but Here**

### **Pascal Haring** Audiovisual Design

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'In an empty restaurant kitchen, a cocky wannabe chef finds himself talking to a raw piece of chicken. A twisted romance between them emerges'

### **Raw Love**

# Finn van den IJssel

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A young and overly ambitious fashion designer meets the squatter of his garden shed and the limits of his own body.

# Tuinhuis (Garden Shed)

#### Hybrid / Experimental A film

### Maria Dubec Animation

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A short film presenting what it feels like to see danger everywhere with the use of nature inspired, digital masks.

# **Warning Signs**

#### Hybrid / Experimental A game trailer

#### Mila Paparizova Animation

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A mobile fantasy AR exploration game of Rotterdam aiming to help people on the journey of belonging

#### **Rotterdam Quest: The Realm of The Seven Winds**

#### **Oona Boot** Audiovisual Design

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Gracefully lost in the performance of perfection, she moves through a world choreographed by algorithms. A visual poem capturing the quiet tension between connection and isolation.

# **Dancing in Disconnect**

Hybrid / Experimental A film

# Yasmin Shahbahrami

**Audiovisual Design** 

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Two friends try to keep their connection alive as time, distance and evolving identities reshape the special bond that once defined them.

## There was One, There was None

#### Hybrid / Experimental A film



Instagram: @sober\_ju



A South Korean woman expresses love in poetic, deeply emotional ways, while her Dutch partner

# When Yin Meets Yang



Instagram: @sdy\_shots\_



The Search is a hybrid documentary that follows a filmmaker's journey of self-discovery as she revisits the past and reflects on identity, growing up and finding her way back to herself.

# **The Search**

# **Julie Chirtes**

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A performance navigating the uncanny space between human and machine creativity.

# **Synthesis**

hybrid/experimental A film

#### **Robben Fuhler** Audiovisual Design

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Young aspiring filmmaker reluctantly directs commercial for an artificial flower company.

### **Silk Dreams**