



# Students get in the film festival act with Shortcuts

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Utah gets its newest film festival Wednesday, with the inaugural presentation of the Shortcuts Film Festival.

Think young filmmakers this time. Very young. It's a festival for short films made by high school students, and sponsored by founders of the local Gangrene Film Festival, along with the Career & Technical Education Department of the Davis School District.

"We wanted to give high school students an opportunity we wish we had," said Craig Nybo, of the Layton-based Gangrene Film Festival. "We do free film clinics for high schools that contact us, and we had a teacher say it would be a good idea to have a film festival where kids could show off their work."

Nybo agreed, and called Michael Parker, supervisor of the CTE program in the Davis School District.

"Our department is committed to giving high school students opportunities to show off their skills," Parker said.

The festival was open to statewide entries, but all entries came from Davis County this year. Nybo hopes that will change in coming years.

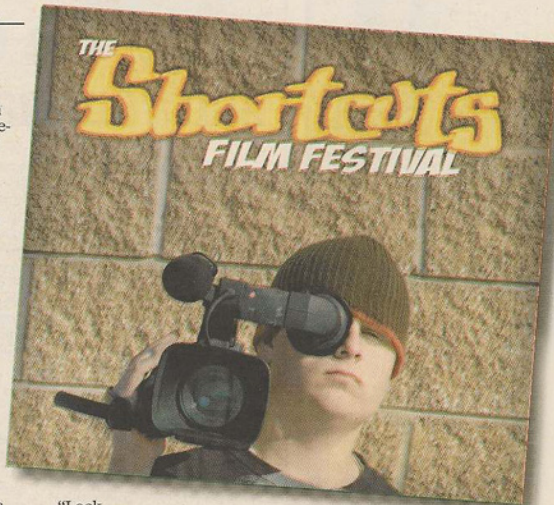
"I think it will grow," Nybo said. "We will do the festival as long as it's going good."

The festival screening and awards ceremony will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Bountiful High School. Music will be provided by Gypsy Sister, a band from Layton High.

Shortcuts may not compete with Sundance any time soon, but Nybo said the festival should appeal to high school students with an interest in film production. Here's a list of the shorts to be screened, with descriptions from [www.shortcutsfilmfest.com](http://www.shortcutsfilmfest.com).

**"A Cat and Its Boy"** (30 seconds), by Camille Tanner, Northridge High, Layton. Anders finds a best friend in a cat he finds in a tree.

**"Lock Jaw"** (3:45 minutes), by Scott Peterson, Northridge High. Clips of a planned series,



**"Lock Jaw."**

**"Attack of the Ricers"** (5 minutes), by Jacob Wanda, Layton High. What do you get when you cross a Celica with a cherry bomb?

**"Hugs"** (1:41 minutes), by Dane Treseder, Layton High. If only everybody were this happy!

**"Being for the Benefit of Mr. Kite"** (3:30 minutes), by Jeffrey Harding, Layton High. An interesting interpretation of the Beatles song "Being for the Benefit of Mr. Kite."

**"Thumb Abuse"** (2:30 minutes), by Jake Graham, Layton High. Coverage of a new injus-

tice which seems to be rising to epidemic proportions.

**"Drawing Conclusions"** (10 minutes), by Sarah Vandegrift, Bountiful High. Jerri Shan and her friend Katie Newman find a box containing treasure and a crayon. The crayon has an evil power. With crayon in hand, Jerri becomes possessed and draws pictures from the unknown. The pictures help unfold strange and scary eventual realities.

**"The Necklace"** (7:38 minutes), Kerah Diez, Layton High. A young detective is engaged to a woman. As a

## PREVIEW

- **WHAT:** Shortcuts Film Festival
- **WHEN:** 7 p.m. Wednesday. Band starts at 6:45 p.m.
- **WHERE:** Bountiful High School, 695 Orchard Drive, Bountiful
- **ADMISSION:** Free

gift, he gets the woman and himself matching necklaces. He ends up exchanging the necklace after she is murdered. Her necklace also becomes lost. This is a story of where the necklaces end up.

"The Tribunal" (10 min-

utes), by Mike Huggard, Bountiful High. Ordinary citizens present their problems to a tribunal of super people in hopes of having their problems solved. This tells the story of the problems and the reaction of the council.