



AFI Celebrates Young Filmmakers at the White House Student Film Festival

Description

October 2, 2016 — Today's White House Student Film Festival in Washington, DC, marked AFI's third annual collaboration on the event, which inspires and celebrates young filmmakers from around the nation. AFI welcomed aspiring filmmakers to the White House to premiere their work for an audience of special guests and film artists from in front of and behind the camera, including Ty Burrell, Alfre Woodard and *STRANGER THINGS* creators Matt Duffer and Ross Duffer and star Millie Bobby Brown.



AFI is a founding partner of the festival, which took place this year preceding South by South Lawn, an elaborate outdoor event celebrating the arts to be held on Monday, October 3. As part of AFI's ongoing mission to educate today's audiences and tomorrow's storytellers — a mandate that began when AFI was born in the White House Rose Garden in 1965 — participating filmmakers will continue to learn about the art form after the festival by working closely with AFI Conservatory alumni as mentors.

Open to 12 student filmmakers, storytellers were encouraged to submit their short film based on this year's festival theme, "The World I Want to Live In." Thirteen finalist films were screened at the event, followed by a meet-and-greet with festival attendees. In line with this year's theme of looking toward the future, and the festival's annual spirit of innovation, Virtual Reality stations were also part of the experience for guests, filmmakers and their families.

Since the White House Student Film Festival inception in 2014, AFI has worked on President Barack Obama's program as an advisor and producer, reviewing submissions and creating a celebration that includes educational opportunities for the selected young filmmakers. This year, that partnership continued as the White House Student Film Festival highlighted both the Administration's commitment to public service and AFI's ongoing mission to nurture the next generation of storytellers.



Read more about the festival at [WhiteHouse.Gov/FilmFest](https://www.whitehouse.gov/filmfest).

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