

## **Filmit takes off!**

### **Entries are in and the selection process starts...**

Filmit entries have officially closed. Paul Roos Gymnasium is excited about the 70 film concept entries as submitted by 35 schools in South Africa (Western Cape, Northern Cape, Freestate, Gauteng) and two schools in Namibia. This is a great start for a first annual film competition during the pandemic. These film concepts will now be passed over to the panel of judges who will be selecting the twenty best film concepts – which will move on to the next phase of the competition – film making. The panel of judges consist of Bradley Joshua and the Gambit Films team, Moenier Hendricks from Homebrew Films, Richard September and Marcel Spaumer (from Suidooster).

The 20 selected schools will be announced on 1 July 2021 after which they can start developing and filming their movies. With the start of the third school term the online mentoring of these participating schools will start. This will take place between 26 July and 6 August and is aimed at assisting all participating schools in developing and producing their films. Part one of the mentorship programme includes pre-recorded video footage on preproduction, production and postproduction. It is presented by Mr Jan-Hendrik Opperman (Head of Drama, Paul Roos Gymnasium) and award-winning Director of Photography Johannes Pieter Nel. The mentorship video includes video inserts by industry professionals such as Nagvlug Films (producing and directing), Infinity Films (screenwriting), Fahema Hendricks (cinematography), Lloyd O’Conner (sound), Neil Sandilands (acting for the screen), Braam du Toit (film music), Michael Botha (post-production on sound) and Eva du Toit (editing). These mentoring videos will be made available on Paul Roos Gymnasium’s Youtube channel. All schools who entered film concepts are free to watch this video and to better their pitch-entries for 2022.

Part two of the mentorship programme follows a hands-on approach where five Suidooster actors will dedicate their time and expertise to 4 participating schools each. This will include 2 online mentoring sessions wherein ideas can be brainstormed and discussions on how to successfully execute each filmmaking plan can take place.

**Below is a list of all the schools that entered film pitches to be considered for this competition. Attached you will find a photograph of Mr Jan-Hendrik Opperman and director of photography Johannes Pieter Nel whilst filming the mentorship programme. Included is a photograph of Neil Sandilands (one of our mentors) as well.**

1. Rondebosch Boys High, Cape Town
2. Windhoek Hoërskool, Namibia
3. Simon's town school, Simon’s Town
4. St George’s Diocesan School, Namibia
5. Paul Roos Gimnasium, Stellenbosch

6. Desmond Mpilo Tutu High School, Paarl
7. Afrikaanse Hoër Meisieskool, Pretoria
8. Futures Academy, Lansdowne, Cape Town
9. Mitchell's Plain High School, Mitchell's Plain, Cape Town
10. Hoërskool DF Malan, Durbanville, Cape Town
11. Central High, Oudtshoorn
12. Hermanus High School, Hermanus
13. Groote Schuur High School
14. Hoerskool Outeniqua, George
15. Paarl Boys High', Western Cape
16. Hoërskool Strand, Western Cape
17. Curro Durbanville, Western Cape
18. Fairmont High School, Durbanville
19. Charlie Hofmeyr High School, Ceres
20. Bergvliet High School, Cape Town
21. Hoërskool Waterkloof, Pretoria
22. Homba Junior Secondary School, Khayelitsha
23. Grassdale High, Grassy Park
24. Parkdene Sekondêre Skool, George
25. Hoërskool Paarl Gimnasium, Paarl
26. Table View High School, Table View, Cape Town
27. CBC St John's, Parklands, Cape Town
28. Worcester Gimnasium, Western Cape
29. Aster Private Academy, Cartonville, Gauteng
30. Inkwenkwezi Secondary, Dunoon, Western Cape
31. Hoër Meisieskool Bloemhof, Stellenbosch
32. Kalahari High School, Kuruman, Noordkaap
33. Dramatics Drama Academy, Durbanville/Brackenfell
34. Heatherdale Secondary School, Bloemfontein, Freestate
35. Hoërskool Jan van Riebeeck, Cape Town

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