

2010 Young Filmmaker Camp: Session 1 of 3!

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Are we ready for Victorian Ganstas? We better be, because TC Legit is “in the house!” The gang was introduced to us by way of a short film (bearing its name) last Friday night at the premiere of four new films from this year’s first of three Young Filmmakers camps. Meet the gang: Crayola (the leader), Four (who has an aversion to soap), and Da Bull (who has had his fair share of Red Bull energy drinks). And what does the “TC” stand for? Well, in his best “gansta” accent, Crayola explains, “It stands for ‘tea cups,’ because tea cups are legit. We respect the city’s Victorian roots!”

Or how about the family that texts together stays together! The short film, “OMG chinze RULZ” starts with a family eating a Chinese dinner... as they’re texting one another to ask “Please pass the peanut sauce” or exclaim “these egg rolls are gr8!” But what happens when someone enters and actually wants to talk to her family?

In “Boys on the Beach,” two teenaged friends are playing basketball when one friend’s grandfather pulls up. The friend tells the other that he told his grandfather he’d spend more time with him. They visit the World War II tower where the grandfather tells of an experience with his own friend during the war. But war scene flashbacks envisioned by the grandson are that of him and his own friend. It’s a powerful tale of learning to empathize.

“Washed Away” starts with a disturbing scene of two boys coercing a third boy to throw an egg at the Fisherman’s Memorial. Just as the boy is about to throw it, a girl comes from the memorial and stops him. With no words, we see flashbacks of the girl spending time with her grandfather, a fisherman who has passed away. Will devotion to her grandfather’s memory turn the would-be vandal around?

As always, we start Film Camp week with only ideas and a few cameras. By the end, we have well crafted, smartly told films from the minds and collaboration of our young people. Congratulations to students Josh Breslin, Mike Giansante, Michael Hall, Colin Larimer, Natalie Rudakevych, Caleb Shafer, Julia Sims, and Russ Sperry. And a special thanks to instructors Meighan Hogate, Dennis Zaitsev, Huxley Monaco, Peter Grana, and Jon Gibson. Have your Young Filmmaker join us for music video camp on July 19-23 then a camp called “Cape May Shorts” August 2-6. There will be world premiere screenings of these films on Fridays July 23 and August 6. For more information, call 609-884-6700 or email capemayfilm@hotmail.com.