



Directing Change LGBTQ-Focused Films & Art

“Community”

Claremont High School, Tri-City

Art by: Bridget Brodie

“There is an old Chinese belief called the “Red Thread of Fate”, which is an invisible red string wrapped around the fingers of a pair of soulmates. It connects these two soulmates regardless of place, time, or circumstance in the hopes they will finally come together. The queer/LGBT community has faced countless obstacles that prevent us from freely loving our partners and ourselves, yet we always find our community and each other through the challenges. We bring light into each other’s lives and seem to always make our way back together. I wanted to create a piece of art that emphasized the community that queer people make no matter the circumstances, and how this community adds meaning and love to our lives.”



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“Love Wins”

Clovis East High School, Fresno County

LGBTQ students communicate the importance of reaching out and seeking help, that you are not alone.

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“Transposed”

Ramona High School, Riverside County

“Transposed is about the struggles of fitting into a society where you aren't accepted for being transgender. These struggles have a great impact on a person’s mental health.”

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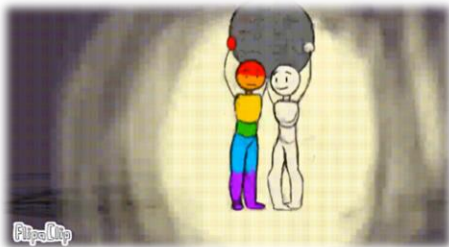


“Hope Through Friends”

Options for Youth Acton – Hesperia GSA, San Bernardino County
Filmmakers: Cory Brock, Comet Fernandez, Gaviota Fernandez, Paloma Fernandez, and Bryan Alexander Villarreal

“The animation our group created shows what helps us get through the tough times, specifically when the world is weighing on us. The one thing we all had in common was a person that could help lift the weight off our shoulders.”

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“Within Our Communities”

Windsor High School GSA, Sonoma County
A documentary film in which youth discuss being part of the LGBTQ+ and Hispanic/Latinx communities.

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“Help is Achievable”

Yuba County
Art by: Hannah Miethel
“I chose this category because I am a part of the LGBTQ+ community. I have had friends and classmates who have had hardships and I know that help is difficult to achieve, but once you have, the outcome is rewarding.”

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“Proud to Be Me”

Canyon High School, Orange County
An inspiring film from the LGBTQ perspective of a high school student who shares his story of overcoming depression and being proud of who he is.

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“Together”

Claremont High School, Tri-City
Art by: Elisia Ramirez
“I really wanted to emphasize the importance of togetherness and acceptance.”

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“Celebrate”

HCTAYC, Humboldt County
A film about the power of reaching out to support LGBTQ youth.

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"Discovering May"

Portola High School, Orange County

A transgender woman shares her story of discovering her identity.

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"Paper Cut-Out"

Los Angeles County

Santa Clarita Valley International

Artwork by: Gabrielle Gomez

"For the past 4 years, I've been wanting to cut my hair. Only this past year was a finally able to cut it and seeing myself with short hair brought me a feeling that I can't even begin to describe the feeling. A year after I initially wanted to cut my hair, I realized that I was queer and I started labeling myself as a lesbian as the term just made me feel comfortable. And that's all I ever truly look for, comfort. Comfort in, my body, my sexual preferences, and my gender identity. Once I cut my hair it felt like I could breathe and I saw myself in the mirror. So I translated that feeling into this piece of me cutting my hair, all in the lesbian flag colors."

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"Sundays"

Canyon High School, Orange County

A LGBTQ story of acceptance and how friends supported a young person during her difficult time.

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"Rainbow Path"

Claremont High School, Tri-City

Art by: Seungmin Youm

The artist shared, "My drawing is intended to bring hope for LGBTQ people."

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“Boxed Up”

Canyon High School, Orange County

A story that encourages LGBTQ youth to connect with the Trevor Project to help others feel safe and supportive.

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“Binary Blues”

Humboldt County Transition Age Youth Collaboration, Humboldt County

A film about the beauty of diversity and how transgender and non-conforming youth can look to their community for support.

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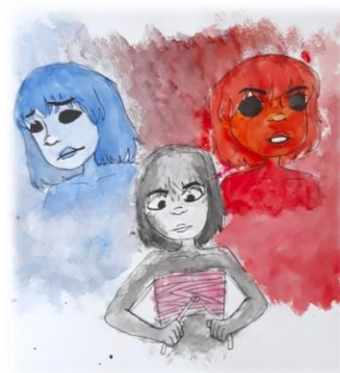
“Disphoris”

Hawking STEAM Charter School, San Diego County

Art by: Parker Cortes

The artist shared, “Having gender dysphoria takes a toll in my life sometimes, and I like to express my feelings through painting or drawing.”

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“After Storm Message”

Clovis East High School, Fresno County

A youth shares their story and a message of hope for LGBTQ youth.

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LGBTQ+ Community: You Are Not Alone

Twin Lakes School, Los Angeles County

“I was hoping to tell other LGBTQ+ people that they are never alone; they have a community that will always support you no matter what.”

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