

Creative Culture Lab Maker Bios

Pilot Class 2016-2017

JACOB BURNS FILM CENTER



Lucy Adams is a documentary filmmaker from Hastings-on-Hudson, NY. She studied Film at Kenyon College and Prague School of Film and Television (FAMU). Her work focuses on close observational portraits and narratives. Lucy was the summer 2016 Valentine & Clark Emerging Artist Fellow at the Jacob Burns Film Center. lucyadams21.com



Alex Gonzalez is a Sleepy Hollow-born writer, director, editor, and educator who received his BFA in New Media Film and Journalism at Fairfield University. Alex now creates stories and experiences via Virtual Reality. Currently, Alex is a lead professor at Coding Kidz, a NYC based afterschool program that teaches students grades K-8 how to program their own video games and make animated films. mrgonzalez.online



Reweina Tessema is an assistant editor and media production teacher in Westchester, NY. Following her time at SUNY Purchase, Reweina wrote and produced a short film during her time as a Valentine & Clark Emerging Artist fellow at the Jacob Burns Film Center in the fall of 2015. Currently, she works as an assistant editor on NYC-based projects and is a teaching artist for the Children's Museum of the Arts. reweinat.wixsite.com/home



Tara Clune is a motion-graphics designer and animator from Mount Kisco, NY and a graduate of Columbia University. She is a 2016 Sundance Ignite Fellow and is currently developing an animated web series about a community of monsters in therapy. Tara works for Sundance Institute as a content creator and motion graphics artist. Tara was the JBFC Valentine & Clark Emerging Artist Fellow in the spring of 2015. taraclune.com



Emily Ann Hoffman is an animator, filmmaker, and illustrator based in New York. Her first short film, *The Emily & Ariel Show*, was screened at festivals around the world. She graduated from the Rhode Island School of Design with a BFA in illustration and is currently the Valentine & Clark Emerging Artist Fellow at the JBFC. Emily was recently awarded the 2017 Sundance Ignite Fellowship. ehoffmanportfolio.com • vimeo.com/ehoff



Stefaniya Vey is a New York based director and producer, originally from Perm, Russia. Stefaniya is a recipient of the HBO Digital Filmmaking Scholarship and graduated in 2016 with an Associate's Degree in Digital Filmmaking from Westchester Community College. She was also the spring 2016 Valentine & Clark Emerging Artist Fellow at Jacob Burns Film Center, where she directed and produced her film *Awake*. Currently, she is a freelance Assistant Director. vimeo.com/stefaniyavey



Leah Galant is a documentary studies graduate from Ithaca College and grew up in Cortlandt Manor, NY. She was named one of *Variety* magazine's "110 Students to Watch in Film and Media" in their April 2015 issue. Past projects have won a College Emmy Award and screened nationally, at SXSW, and on PBS. Leah is currently the Sally Burns Shenkman Woman Filmmaker Fellow at Jacob Burns Film Center. Leah was recently awarded the 2017 Sundance Ignite Fellowship. vimeo.com/leahgalant



Kervin Marseille is a Rockland County-based director, DP, and video editor whose expertise ranges from music videos and short films to art installations. After receiving his degree in Digital Filmmaking, Kervin has gone on to work with directors such as, Jonathan Demme, Guy Reid, and Shaka King. His directorial debut, the short film *Peace the Policy*, premiered at the 2016 Urban World Film Festival. Marseillekervin.com

