Little Ugly, GFS, Vimeo and Dolby Institute Partner to Launch EMERGE! Filmmaking Lab

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Little Ugly, GFS, Vimeo and Dolby Institute to Provide Invaluable Experience for Emerging Filmmakers

Little Ugly, Ghetto Film School (GFS), Vimeo and Dolby Institute announced today a new 2019 initiative for aspiring filmmakers called EMERGE! The EMERGE! program will highlight three exceptional up-and-coming creators and will provide resources for each of the filmmakers to produce and execute their very own short film. The short film created for EMERGE! will be reviewed by a jury of celebrated industry leaders comprised of esteemed directors, producers, editors and other industry professionals who will then select the winner.

Interested candidates are encouraged to apply through Ghetto Film School’s Roster Program, a post-graduate program that provides networking opportunities for film students looking to break into the film industry. Candidates are not required to have professional experience but should be between ages 18-34 and have a unique perspective on narrative short-form content. Open call will close on May 6 and three finalists will be announced that month.

Finalists will be granted a production stipend, courtesy of Dolby Institute; a complimentary year-long Vimeo PRO subscription; and a trip to Los Angeles for the film festival. Finalist filmmaker portfolios will be distributed to industry partners, including producers, directors, and other top industry professionals.

"EMERGE! is our way of making production accessible to innovators in the form of a big break," says Little Ugly director Carlos Lopez Estrada. "It is a golden opportunity for directors to work closely with these incredible organizations.

"In launching this program, we are creating a production vehicle for innovative storytellers ages 18-34 looking to make a difference," says Sharese Bullock-Bailey, Chief Strategy & Partnership Officer at GFS.

"Vimeo is always looking for ways to honor great storytelling, to celebrate diverse voices, and to highlight the next generation of filmmakers," said Derick Rhodes, VP of Creator Programs at Vimeo.

To apply and learn more about the program, visit https://www.ghettofilm.org/emerge.

Little Ugly is a production company and director’s agency based out of Los Angeles and New York City. The company has a multi-disciplinary focus that spans across a range of mediums such as music videos, theater, commercials, and installations, live concerts, and feature films. Little Ugly is dedicated to discovering and developing diverse new talent in film and all other media.

Ghetto Film School (GFS) is an award-winning nonprofit founded in 2000 to educate, develop and celebrate the next generation of great American filmmakers through our teaching and flagship initiative, the Roster Program. In 2017, GFS launched its Film Professional Tech program, DFD Institute, which engages beyond our alumni and celebrates emerging talent.

About Vimeo

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