

Dubai Gem Private School – Award Night



It takes a million years to make a star and another few millions for it to vanish! Precisely the idea that led to the StarNite Film Festival – celebrating the magic of films, the magic of storytelling; an art that never gets old. The joy of telling a story, narrating an emotion, expressing an idea, in the form of a short film; was what led to the inception of StarNite Film Festival. The process was undoubtedly tiring, where StarNite started off as a concept, which turned into a reality, turning to an outstanding success.

As part of the 45th Anniversary celebrations, Dubai Gem Private School organized the StarNite short film festival on 26th January 2018 with a spectacular film awards ceremony to honor young budding filmmakers within the school. The night included pieces of dance, music and song... along with presentation of various awards – Most creative idea, Best Background Score, Best Editing, Best Screenplay, Best Cinematography, DGPS Vision & Mission Special Award, Best Actor-Male, Best Actor-Female, Best Film, Best PSA (Public Social Announcement) and the Starnite Honorary Mention Award.



Along with presentation of various awards, the night was filled with dance, music and song while Hosts Partha Shetty, Aditya Ashok and Aliya Singh kept the crowds entertained throughout with their one-liners, rapid questions and short acts of entertainment. The event management team of StarNite was happy to see their dreams turn into a reality as they shared their experiences.



Among the very many reputed guests were Mr Uzair Merchant, winner of the best Indie Film in the L.A. Film Festival 2018, Mr Mustafa Abbas, who's among the current crop of young Emirati filmmakers at the forefront the UAE's growing industry. His latest film screened at the recent Cannes Film Festival, and Ms Nayla Al Khaja who founded The Scene Club, Dubai's first film club, launched in 2007. Al Khaja wrote, produced and directed several films, presented and awarded in international film festivals. The other guest included Dedra Stevenson, Kahlid Al Budoor, Bashaar Ansari to name a few.



The winners of StarNite were thrilled to receive the awards from these and many eminent guest who had first-hand experience in the world of film and media. The shine in the eyes of every winner on the awards night were like the bright burning stars in the universe. Truly, a dream come true!

The winners of the various categories were:

Most Creative Idea - Caught In the Delusion

Best background score - The Perfect Life

Best Editing - The Two Pathways

Best Screenplay Music- Playlist Escape

Best Cinematography - The Perfect Life

Best PSA (Public Social Announcement) - One More Chance

DSPS Special Award - Ladies in black

Best Actor (Male) - Mathew Barros Best Actor - The Perfect Life

Best Actor (Female) - Shanelle Misquitta – Entangled

Best Film- Entangled

Starnite Honorary Mention Award-Playlist: Escape





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The event was truly a dream that came true – a night when the stars shone bright!
