

VARSITY ARTS

2017 Artist of the Year: Film Top 10s

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From a list of 27 nominees, the following 10 students have been named finalists for the 2017 Artist of the Year in film. The students were chosen by a panel of teachers from based on applications, performance videos and artistic résumés.

Included are the styles of art they create as well as quotes about how they relate to their craft.

Filmmakers include those who work as directors, producers, cinematographers, editors, writers and animators.

The final round of adjudication will take place over the next few weeks, during which the students will be interviewed by a panel of distinguished artistic professionals and faculty members from Southern California universities as well as a few representative high school teachers. Interviews will include a live presentation by the students followed by a question-and answer-session. One student from each of the seven disciplines – theater, dance, instrumental music, vocal music, film, 2D visual art and 3D visual art – will then be named a 2017 Artist of the Year.



2017 Artist of the Year Top 10 nominee for film: Seungjae Han, Crean Lutheran High School. (Photo by Leonard Ortiz, Orange County Register/SCNG)

Seungjae Han, senior, Crean Lutheran High School

directing, producing

"I want to be a movie director and story writer. Most of the stories I write are about people who need attention but are abandoned by another. (I want to) see the world from their perspective. If I can do anything, it will be to make my movie audience have wider perspectives. I know that changing other people's minds is not easy, but also I believe challenging is the most valuable thing to an artist."

