

# MOUNTAINFILM **ON TOUR**

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## SAVANNAH

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***Mountainfilm on Tour Savannah and Georgia Film Academy Announce  
Mentorship Program for Savannah Chatham County Public School Students***

SAVANNAH, Ga. —Mountainfilm on Tour Savannah, in partnership with Georgia Film Academy, recently selected five students from the Savannah Chatham County Public School System (SCCPSS) to participate in the Mountainfilm on Tour Savannah/Georgia Film Academy Mentorship Program. SCCPSS staff and teachers recommended these students based on their award-winning film work. The students are: Daniel Dos Santos, Groves High School; Yan Luis Castillo, Johnson High School; Malik Wood, Savannah Arts Academy; Ian Breen, Savannah Arts Academy; and Wyatt Oswald, Garrison School of Performing Arts.

The Mountainfilm on Tour Savannah/Georgia Film Academy Mentorship Program pairs five public school students from SCCPSS with a current Georgia Film Academy student for a three-month mentorship program. The program is set to begin in the spring of 2019. The Georgia Film Academy program at Savannah Technical College is the perfect pathway for students to develop careers in the film industry. Through the Mentorship Program, students will learn the terms, etiquette, departments and protocol of working on set or in a production office, and participate in classroom sessions and hands-on activities.

Mountainfilm on Tour Savannah will host the students for a special luncheon with visiting filmmakers during its annual film festival in January. The lunch will be held at The Olde Pink House on Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, and will be attended by directors V. Scott Balcerek and Max Lowe, photographer Cira Crowell and the subject of the film, *Mothered by Mountains*, Pasang Lhamu Sherpa Akita.

Mountainfilm on Tour Savannah is scheduled for January 23-26, 2018, and will screen over thirty films at Trustees Theater throughout the four-day festival.

**ABOUT Mountainfilm on Tour Savannah:**

Mountainfilm is a documentary film festival that showcases nonfiction stories about environmental protection, cultural diversity, adventures and social justice issues that matter. In partnership with Mountainfilm, Mountainfilm on Tour Savannah brings these remarkable stories to our community. Mountainfilm on Tour Savannah is committed to educating and inspiring local audiences to create a better world using the power of film. In addition to our January 23-26, 2019 festival, our year-round programming is aimed at students, seniors, veterans and active military. Mountainfilm on Tour Savannah is a non-profit organization, which is now in its tenth year of bringing award-winning films and documentaries to Savannah. For more information, visit <https://www.mountainfilmsav.org> and <https://www.mountainfilm.org>

**ABOUT Georgia Film Academy:** Georgia's \$9.5 billion film industry, the third largest production center in the nation, is expected to generate over 5,000 new jobs over the next three to five years, most of which will be on set or behind the scenes. In response to this growth, Georgia Film Academy (GFA), a unique, statewide initiative designed to prepare Georgia citizens for these high demand jobs, was created at Savannah Technical College. Earning this technical certificate of merit lets film professionals know that graduates have received the educational and hands-on training necessary for them to be successful in the industry. In addition to instruction in organizational structure and job responsibilities, students gain experience with professional equipment and on-set procedures by working on a number of projects and production scenarios; students start working with equipment the very first week of class. The program can be completed in only two semesters. For more information, visit <https://www.georgiafilmacademy.org>