

MEDIA ALERT

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Sydney showcase gives new creatives a chance to shine

Sydney's hottest emerging filmmakers, animators, audio engineers, gamers and designers will pitch their work to key industry players at an SAE Creative Media Institute showcase in Sydney on Monday, 1 February.

SAE graduates will present their major projects to industry professionals, with the aim of securing mentoring, employment, investment and valuable contacts.

Short films, animations, games, music albums and design collateral will be on show at the event, which is open to the public from 3-5pm.

Film graduate **Vince Duverge, 20, Kiran Menon, 20, and Jason Jessup, 26**, will present their short film, *Undergrads*, produced during the final trimester of their Bachelor of Film at SAE.

Duverge, who was the most watched YouTube comedian in Mauritius in 2013, left his home country to pursue his passion for filmmaking in Australia and now lives in **Allawah, NSW**. In 2015, he graduated from SAE with a film degree and created Vindico Films, a small company aiming to produce big content for web formats.

Currently working as a comedian, director and producer, Duverge said he was looking forward to presenting the team's Australian web comedy series, which is due for release later this year.

"The film's about a foreign student in Sydney facing a series of unfortunate events while trying to adjust to the Australian lifestyle," he said.

"We've been working on *Undergrads* for about two years. Although we set out to produce it for TV, we decided it would be more exciting and make sense financially to build it as a web series.

"I'm hoping to meet new contacts at the Sydney showcase. I've got plenty of other ideas for short films and features, but definitely need some guidance. It would also be great to find someone interested in being part of the *Undegrads* project."

SAE Sydney Campus Manager Radovan Klusacek said the *SAE Sydney Graduate Showcase* demonstrated a commitment to connect students with future employers and mentors.

"Our graduates are the future of the creative industries and it's our job to ensure they are supported to achieve their goals long after graduating from SAE," he said.

"These graduates have produced work that is industry-standard and needs to be shared."

As well as pitching their projects to industry, the students will present to peers, family and friends at the event.

"This is a great way for us to inspire and motivate new students, and gives our graduates a unique opportunity to share their successes with family and friends in real-world environments," Mr Klusacek said.

"The showcase serves as a meaningful transition from student life to professional life."

SAE is one of the world's leaders in creative media education, delivering courses to more than 10,000 students at 54 campuses in 28 countries. In Australia, the Institute offers government-approved certificate, diploma and degree programs in six disciplines: audio, film, design, animation, games and web & mobile.

The *SAE Sydney Graduate Showcase* will be held at the Sydney campus, Level 1, 11 York Street from 3pm to 5pm on 1 February. Register to attend the free event at www.sae.edu.au/events

Not for publication: Media are invited to attend graduate presentations to industry and the final awards presentation being held from 5-8pm.

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About SAE

SAE Australia offers Higher Education and VET education opportunities to about 3,000 students, including certificate, diploma and degrees across the following major fields of study; audio, film, games, animation, web & mobile and design. SAE is also one of the world's leading creative media institutes, with 54 campuses in 28 countries. SAE is a part of the Navitas group. Further information about SAE is available at www.sae.edu.au.

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