



Ringling College
of Art + Design

CHOICES

7 mins. Coming of Age/Comedy

Written & Directed by Spencer Manning

Production Dates: Oct 31-Nov 1, 2014

SYNOPSIS:

It is the night of the Class of 2004 High School Reunion and everyone is coming back. The jocks, the nerds, the cheerleaders, and the overachievers; all are returning for a night of remembrance and nostalgia. All except one, Holly Meadows has been dreading this night for years. She has done absolutely nothing since high school and now has to fake her way through the night. When act becomes too hard to bear she retreats into the catacombs of her alma mater and accidentally stumbles upon an artifact from her days there as a student: Mr. Goucher. The school guidance counselor has seen better days, but still tries his best to get Holly to realize what is truly important in living a successful life. His methods may be a little quirky or unorthodox, but it still seems to get the job done.

CHARACTER BREAKDOWNS:

HOLLY (Late 20s) was once a successful high school student. She was the class treasurer, debate team captain, and valedictorian. Needless to say, everyone thought that Holly was going places; well...she didn't. During the summer after her high school graduation, everything fell apart. The once dedicated and committed student that strived to be the very best, got stuck in a life she never wanted. She was too scared to try anything in fear of failure.

RACHEL (Late 20s) is everything that Holly isn't. She was the head cheerleader, class president, and prom queen. Needless to say, everyone loved Rachel and knew who she was. Now Rachel is on the Alumni council and is trying to get everyone from her class back so that she can, once again, rule over them.

MR. GOUCHER (Late 50s to 60s) is the Thompson High School Guidance Counselor. He was once very proud of his job and took it very seriously, trying to help as many kids as he could. However, the years of unrelenting angst and bitterness from his students wore him down to a shadow of what he once was. Until, a former student accidentally walks into his office and reignites an old passion helping others.

Spencer Manning

Writer & Director "Choices"

Digital Filmmaking Department Ringling College of Art and Design