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The Oscar goes to.....



Friday, March 29, 2013 - Showing of Student Academy Award-winning short film, "Nani," by Justin Tipping, ECHS graduate, Class of 2003.



Ben Rust Memorial Concert CANCELLED.

Due to Rebecca Rust's international concert schedule, she and her husband Friedrich are unable to be in the El Cerrito Area as planned. They will be traveling in the area next year, details to follow. Unfortunately, the concert originally advertised for April 17 has been cancelled.

Upcoming Events

- **Friday, March 29, 2013 - Showing of Student Academy Award-winning short film, "Nani," by Justin Tipping, ECHS graduate, Class of 2003.**
- Tuesday, June 4, 2013 - Awards Presentation (3 scholarships from Archiving Project)
- Thursday, July 4, 2013 - Archiving booth at EC annual July 4th celebration

Nani

NANI, a student thesis film, was inspired, directed and co-written by Justin Tipping.

Justin graduated from ECHS in 2003 and did his undergraduate work in Film and Media Studies at UC Santa Barbara. He received his MFA in directing from the American Film Institute (AFI) in 2012.



His career began with intensity, filming locally with help from family and friends. He relocated to Los Angeles in 2008 and started directing and editing in the commercial and music video arena where his work gained recognition on MTV, VH1, FUSE and Discovery Channel networks.

NANI world-premiered in competition at the Berlin International Film Festival 2012 and thereafter screened at over 40 film festivals around the world, winning multiple awards. The prestigious Student Oscar was awarded to Justin by The Academy last June. Justin is also the recipient of the

Director's Guild of America Student Award.

The film "...explores the transformative power of both art and friendship..."

Oscar and Isabel are the lead characters. Johnny Ortiz plays Oscar, as a teenage graffiti artist. Tsai Chin (Joy Luck Club) is Isabel, who struggles with dementia. Although Oscar and Isabel's time together is destined to be short lived, the bond they form will be indelible.

NANI will screen Friday, March 29, at the ECHS Performing Arts Center. There will be two screenings, 7:15 and 8:30 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 general pre-sale, \$12.00 at the door, \$5.00 students.

For pre-sale tickets email getnanitickets@gmail.com or call 510.812.5411.

Justin is excited to have the opportunity to share his work at "home" and to help support the scholarship fund for graduating students. Please join him in this effort and enjoy an evening with the filmmaker!

"A bold and emotionally palpable story of a teenage graffiti artist and an aging woman. Through their misadventures of tagging the streets, they rediscover what it means to be alive." --SF Int'l Asian American Film Festival

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Tsai Chin (Joy Luck Club) lead actor with Justin Tipping

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**Develop connections to current students and the El Cerrito community.
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