



## **PSU Grad Student's Film Screened in Kansas City Film Festival**



Jackie Chang, of Taiwan, is a graduate student at Pittsburg State University, pursuing a Master of Art in Communication. Chang is no stranger to the Department, as he earned a Bachelor of Science in Communication with an emphasis in Media Production in April.

In addition to his role as a Graduate Assistant in the Department of Communication, Chang is a film maker and director. Chang has been making films of various genres for years.

Recently, one of Chang's films received an official selection in the Kansas City Underground Film Festival. His horror film "Lost Spirit" was screened for the public on September 25th.

"I feel very happy about it," Chang said. "That means there are more opportunities for more people to see our work."

The film has a special place in Chang's heart as the film was created with his friend Alexandre Lacerda, who was a producer for "Lost Spirit".

According to Chang, the people he has met while a student at Pitt State have helped him produce top-quality films and grow as a film maker.

"People here are more open minded to try new things," he said. "They will love to act, they won't feel shy to perform in front of a camera. They will love to help for production, like helping do the lighting, and any part of production."

Chang said he owes much of his success to his friends.

"...A lot of friends will encourage me to try more different stuff in the film," he said. "I used to be afraid to let my production become bigger, but after my friends encouraged me to challenge myself, I got better in every production."

Being selected for the Kansas City Underground Film Festival is not the first accomplishment that "Lost Spirit" has earned.

"Lost Spirit" also won a couple awards in some monthly competition," Chang said. "We won Best Student Horror Film in IndieX Film Festival and Independent Short Awards, Best Horror Film in South Film and Arts Academy Festival and Hollywood Blood Horror Festival."



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Chang said his favorite part of film making is creating characters and stories.

“I feel like creating character is like creating a new soul,” he said. “I build a personality, build their backgrounds, build a whole new person. Sometimes they represent a part of myself, sometimes they represent a characteristic that I want to be. To create a story is just like creating a whole new world. When my friends play my characters, it just feel like I'm borrowing their body and putting my soul or the soul I created into their body, and put them into the world that I create.”

All his work can be viewed on his Facebook page, J Studio, or on YouTube at J Studio Jackie.