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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**Student-run film festival celebrates 20th anniversary, will screen award-winning student films**

**EVENT:** Celebrating its 20th anniversary, UCI’s student-run film festival Zotfest will screen award-winning student films and host a panel discussion with several entertainment industry leaders on the changing landscape of film and TV creation and distribution.

**WHEN/WHERE:** Monday, June 3 at the Barclay Theatre, from 6-11 p.m.

**INFORMATION:** The event is free, but tickets are required [here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/zotfest-2019-tickets-58355331367). Parking is available in the Student Center Parking Structure (grid C/D5 on campus map) for $10 per day or $2 per hour. Media planning to attend should contact Annabel at 949-824-8925 or amadams@uci.edu

**HIGHLIGHTS: 6:00 p.m.** Opening remarks and screening of music video “Don’t Stop Us Now!” inspired by Queen.

 **6:30 p.m.** Panel discussion featuring industry leaders and UCI alumni: *Desha Dauchan* – Professor at UCI, filmmaker/writer, UCLA MFA
 *Sahar Jahani* – Filmmaker, episode writer for Hulu show “Ramy”, UCI alumni-film and media studies

 *Allen E. Ho* – Cinematographer, part of the union, UCI alumni -film and media studies

 *Roxy Shih* – Filmmaker, her movie Painkillers was just released on Hulu, UCI alumni - film and media studies
 *Ivan Williams* – Executive Film Producer, UCI MBA alumni

 **7:30 p.m.** Screening of first half of award-winning student films

 **8:40 p.m.** Screening of second half of award-wining student films

 **9:30 p.m.** Awards ceremony

 **10-11 p.m.** Complimentary reception and networking

**BACKGROUND:** Zotfest is one of oldest, student-run film festival’s in the UC system, produced by the Film Arts Drama Alliance (FADA). It showcases the creative diversity of UCI's student filmmakers and recognizes their efforts in producing films each academic year. Here are some links to past opening music videos.

[**2018 "The Greatest Show at UCI”**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=96jH1fiqjtU) a bigger and better production with over 100 students working together to push the boundaries of film at UCI.

[**2017** **"Zot Zot Land"**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FThWhqasa2M)was made entirely by UCI students, **many of them in FADA**. They performed all music, design, costuming, producing, directing, and choreography. etc. It was planned over four months and shot during the memorial day weekend.

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