

HVAF

HAPPY VALLEY ANIMATION FESTIVAL

2026

The Happy Valley Animation Festival (HVAF) is an international competition that showcases compelling animated works by student, early career, and practicing professional artists, designers, and filmmakers. Works range from animated short films and experimental animation to animated motion graphics and design and push the innate ability of animation to communicate across cultures. The festival takes place at the Pennsylvania State University (in Happy Valley), with open and student award winners and official selections featured in screenings and exhibitions at the HUB Flex Theatre, the Palmer Museum of Art, the Carnegie Cinema, and the HUB Robeson Gallery.

HVAF is a collaboration between organizers, volunteers, and academic partners and is supported by the Digital Arts and Media Design Program (DART) and the School of Visual Arts at Penn State.



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HVAF 2026 Official Selection Screening

Public screening of official selections in the international open and international student animation categories.

Flex Theatre, 132 HUB Robeson Center
Penn State University, University Park, PA
Thursday, March 26th | 7:30pm - 9:30pm (EST)

HVAF 2026 Showcase of Award Winners Screening

Public screening of award winning animations in the international open and international student categories.

Flex Theater, 132 HUB Robeson Center
Penn State University, University Park, PA
Friday, March 27th | 6:30pm - 8:30pm (EST)

HVAF 2026 Official Selection Continuous Screening Loop

Public screening of official selections in the international open and international student animation categories continuously screening on loop for drop in viewing.

131 HUB Robeson Center
Penn State University, University Park, PA
Friday, March 27th | 1:00pm - 5:00pm (EST)

HVAF 2026 Palmer Museum Screening

Public screening of official selections in the international open and international student animation categories.

The Palmer Museum of Art, 650 Bigler Road
Penn State University, University Park, PA
Saturday, March 28th | 12 noon - 4:00pm (EST)