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Kiel Adrian Scott A'05

Kiel Adrian Scott will present his work as part of a discussion about his professional activities as a writer-director. This is an exceptional opportunity to learn firsthand about the rewards and challenges of filmmaking.

Kiel Adrian Scott is an award-winning writer-director whose films have screened internationally and aired on HBO, PBS, CineMAX, Shorts TV, Centric and BET. Kiel's short film, *The Roe Effect*, winner of several major film festivals, including but not limited to, Best Short Film at the American Black Film Festival's HBO Short Film Competition, Best Narrative Short at the Urbanworld Film Festival and the Saatchi & Saatchi NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE Producer's Award, has garnered Kiel high praise. *The Roe Effect* was nominated for Best Independent Mini Feature at the Black Reel Awards and included in Cannes Film Festival's 2010 Court Métrage. Of the film, Academy Award-winning director Jonathan Demme remarked, "Exquisitely made, fantastic in every single aspect, the themes are profound. Kiel is an incredibly exciting new American filmmaker. Bravo!"

Kiel is an alumnus of The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art and a recent graduate of New York University's famed Graduate Film Program where he served as Professor Spike Lee's Graduate Teaching Assistant. After completing his academic coursework Kiel was asked by Lee to serve as Directing Assistant on Lee's professional projects. Most recently Kiel collaborated with Lee on one of Lee's upcoming joints. Kiel's latest film, *Samaria*, is a finalist in the 2015 Student Academy Awards. The film stars Katie Wren Whitty, Demetrius Grosse (*Banshee*, *Justified*) and Tatyana Ali (*The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*). *Samaria*, a recipient of the Spike Lee Production Award, was filmed in New York and New Orleans last year. *Samaria* is a short film adaptation of what will be Kiel's feature length motion picture debut, *Epilogue*.

For more information about Kiel's work, see <http://kieladrianscott.com/>.

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