



WELCOME BACK, FILM LOVERS!

The Mount Productions Team is back in the office and ready to bring you a jam-packed year of creative filmmaking. Co-Founders Ellis Carmichael-Willins and Krista Rose are planning more events, projects, and collaborations in 2025. This is due in part to the support shown from the community all throughout this past year. Your contributions, fiscal and otherwise, have been instrumental in the planning of this company's future. Welcome to Year 2, we hope you're ready!

Read more about Mount's upcoming projects and events on their [website](#)!

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INCUBUS PREMIERE: OUR DREAM, MADE REALITY

The evening started with a bang. With an hour to set-up the entire event, Krista Rose and Ellis Carmichael-Willins had relentlessly prepared for the event of their dreams. Hosted by the terrific team at FoxHole Creative, the event itself felt as if you were being welcomed into a cozy, modern Chicago apartment. Upon entering the space, you were greeted by an official Mount Productions backdrop for all your “Red Carpet” pictures.

Beyond the photobooth sat rows of chairs facing the Mount Productions donation table, where party goers were encouraged to send in their donations for a chance to win hand-crafted Gift Baskets.

The Top 5 donors of the evening walked away with their choice of Gift Basket, spreading the joy and community we are so passionate about cultivating.



With concessions available for purchase, the smell of popcorn wafted throughout the decorative space, letting the anticipation for Mount Productions’ theatrical debut fill the air.

Donations from local businesses like Early2Bed, located in Andersonville, allowed Ellis and Krista to extend their gratitude to their supporters with community oriented prizes and products. Past the kitchen, stood an eye-catching prize wheel. For just \$1 a spin, guests could try their luck and win a selection of prizes; From gift cards, poster books, and Bundtlet Towers (courtesy of Nothing Bundt Cakes).





An hour after the doors were open to the public, Artist of the Month Laura Dellis took the stage. Laura kicked off a string of performances by showcasing a piece from her one woman show, “Halfway to Fifty.” Ending her stand-up anecdotes with a rendition of “You Ruined Everything” from Crazy Ex-Girlfriend.

Ellis and Krista even paid homage to their inner children by putting together short, comedic spoof trailers for the audience to enjoy before the terror truly began.

Closing out the opening performances was a short collaborative dance video with the team at Gender Fucked Productions (See Next Page).

The long awaited Incubus began right on time. With everyone sat, Krista and Ellis watched from the sidelines as the title card burst onto the screen with a striking piano chord. As their names appeared for the credits and the crowd erupted in hoots and hollers, the two took the stage for their last remarks. After all was said and done, the audience was left with a singular burning feeling: “I want more.”



Ellis and Krista want to thank all that showed up for this event, but an extra special (and virtual) round of applause to our highest donors. Our sincerest gratitude to Richard Willins, Joshua Schwartz, Mike and Jen Willins, Tyniya Thompson, Mike and Kim Coniglio, Erin and Matt Martin, Dawn Heilung, and countless others who have made the future of this company all that much brighter.





PROCESS AND PRODUCT: A COLLABORATION W/ GENDERFUCKED PRODUCTIONS

This October, Mount Productions had the unique opportunity to film a promotional video in collaboration with GenderFucked Productions. Our goal? To highlight the voices behind the creations, and marry the process with the product through visual storytelling.

Edited by Columbia College graduate Ellie Moody, this short and high energy project was a stepping stone for both companies, and an insightful look into the ways that emerging film companies can explore the world of live performance in a digital age.

Click to watch!





Support our Mission: Donate to our GoFundMe!

Starting a business requires significant time, effort, and passion. As a new company, we are funding creative projects independently. While some may view this as a substantial risk, it's a risk we are willing to take in order to fulfill our mission.

Adapting the film industry to reflect our changing world is a crucial part of the Mount Productions mission, and we are fully committed to it. Through programs like our Artist of the Month feature, we are building a network of multidisciplinary artists who value collaboration and discipline.

We invite you to take a chance on us, to support the telling of valuable stories just waiting to be shared by donating to our cause. The money raised from this GoFundMe will not only go towards licensing and start-up costs, but will also aid in our ability to reach the eyes and ears of future supporters and creatives.

LINK: <https://gofund.me/06647465>

Artist of the Month: We Want YOU!



Mount Productions highlights multi-disciplinary artists who are making waves in the creative scene here in Chicago. We are encouraged by the sense of community we are building, with our company's First Anniversary coming later this month!

As a Mount Productions: Artist of the Month, you'll be promoted on our social media, and have a written interview in that month's newsletter. We understand the importance of marketing yourself as an Artist and we want to help you achieve that goal!

All applications will be considered for future months, so no need to apply more than once. Do you know someone who deserves a shoutout? Apply on their behalf! We look forward to meeting and learning more about the creatives who make up the future generation of filmmaking and beyond!

