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Acclaimed Filmmaker Chris Brown Visits Las Positas *Brown will lecture and screen award-winning film on Oct. 13*

(Livermore, CA) - Livermore native and acclaimed San Francisco filmmaker Chris Brown is bringing his award-winning feature film, *The Other Kids*, to Las Positas College for a screening and lecture on Friday, Oct. 13.

Brown, a graduate of Pleasanton's Amador Valley High School, shot the entire scriptless film over an 18-month period in nearby Sonora, CA. Called "honest and compelling" by the San Francisco Chronicle, "captivating" by Bay Area Reporter and "genuine and relevant" by Variety, *The Other Kids* is an intimate and unflinchingly honest glimpse into the life of the American teen, fueled by the teenaged actors' real-life feelings, experiences and struggles.

"I work in both fiction and documentary," said Brown in a 2016 interview with the East Orlando Post, "and with *The Other Kids*, I wanted to combine my favorite aspects of both forms to create something exciting, real and new. I call it a 'focumentary.' Basically, we used raw materials from real life to create a fictional universe. Unlike my previous films, *The Other Kids* was made without a script, without a conventional crew and without professional actors ... I tried to 'direct' as little as possible."

What: A screening of *The Other Kids* and lecture by filmmaker Chris Brown

Where: Las Positas College Mertes Center for the Arts, 3000 Campus Hill Dr, Livermore, CA 94551

When: Friday, Oct. 13, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Cost: \$10, Tickets available at <https://laspositas.augusoft.net/index.cfm> or (925) 424-1467

After screening the film, Brown will hold a lecture on the unique and fascinating process he used to write the film. Ample time will be made for Brown to answer questions about the film and his life as an independent filmmaker.

"Stories have power," he said. "The stories we tell each other inform us about the world as it is today and our reactions to these stories in turn help to influence the world as it evolves. Storytelling isn't just about entertainment and diversion. Storytelling is necessary to our development."

Visit www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed for more information or <http://www.theotherkidsmovie.com/trailer> to watch the film's trailer.

About Chris Brown

For well over a decade, Brown has made features and documentaries. In 2011, his environmental documentary, "The Next Frontier" won the 2011 Regional EMMY Award for Best Documentary and its sequel, "We've Got the Power" was nominated for an EMMY in 2013. In that year, the groundbreaking feature documentary, "A River Changes Course," Brown edited and associate produced, won the Grand Jury Award at the 2013 Sundance Film Festival and Best Documentary Feature at the 2013 San Francisco International Film Festival. His third fictional feature, "Fanny Annie & Danny" (2010), won 16 awards internationally and was hailed as "an indie

masterpiece" by The Huffington Post and Critics' Pick by the New York Times. Brown co-produced the acclaimed documentary "On Her Own" in 2015. His prior films include "Daughters," "Battleship Contempkin," "Lost Cat" and the 1999 SFIFF Golden Gate Award winner, "Office Furniture."

Brown has lectured and presented his works at many high schools and universities, including UCLA, Boston University, Loyola University NOLA, the San Francisco Art Institute, The Friendship Academy, Minnesota State University, Stratford Comp High, CSU Monterey Bay, UM Kansas City, University of Central Florida and the University of North Carolina School of the Arts.

About Las Positas College

Las Positas College currently enrolls 8,000 students and offers curriculum for students seeking transfer to a four-year college or university, career preparation, or basic skills education. The College provides university transfer classes, retraining classes for those in need of employment or career advancement, a first-time educational opportunity for many adults, enrichment classes for those seeking a broader perspective, and career and technical training for those entering the technical and paraprofessional workforce.

Las Positas College is a learning-centered institution focused on excellence and student success. It is fully committed to supporting Tri-Valley residents in their quest for education and advancement. Las Positas College faculty and staff are distinguished by their energy, creativity, and commitment to making a difference in the lives of the students they serve and the future of the Tri-Valley region.

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