

STAR Filmmakers Tell Their Stories

http://azdailysun.com/entertainment/star-filmmakers-tell-their-stories/article_007e4d7b-bbc6-5bbb-9e2c-ad0da8110cb0.html?mode=story

BETSEY BRUNER Arts & Culture Editor | Posted: Sunday, July 31, 2011 5:10 am |



Taylor Long, left, and Larissa Luther, both 12, stand

next to their media instructor, Rachel Tso, inside the multi-purpose room Thursday morning at STAR Charter School on Leupp Road. They are standing in front of the backdrop they normally use when conducting film interviews. The students have taken two summer video workshops with Tso and are members of her regular media arts class, which began July 20 at the school. They helped on "Redbird Saves the Corn," one of the five STAR student films being shown at the annual Navajo Festival of Arts and Culture next weekend. (Betsey Bruner/Arizona Daily Sun)

In the shade of a strawbale building on the campus of STAR Charter School, two girls hovered over the viewscreen on an HD video camera, wondering why they couldn't see the image better.

"It's a neutral density filter," explained Rachel Tso, their media art instructor. "When you're outside, you need the ND filter."

The students, Taylor Long and Larissa Luther, both 12, worked this summer on the film "Redbird Saves the Corn," which is a traditional Spider Woman story told through lightbox animation.

THEIR VOICE HEARD

Tso is in her third year of teaching film students at STAR, a K-6 school located about 25 miles northeast of Flagstaff on Leupp Road.

It is the nation's first solar-powered, off-the-grid public school campus.

Students pick their subject matter for films, often dealing with culture and sustainable living.



To see complete original article please click:

http://azdailysun.com/entertainment/star-filmmakers-tell-their-stories/article_007e4d7b-bbc6-5bbb-9e2c-ad0da8110cb0.html?mode=story