2018 GOLDEN JOYSTICK FINALISTS

We are proud to announce this year's Golden Joystick finalists.

Competition Categories:

- Golden Joystick for Best Overall Game
- Golden Joystick for Best Student Game
- Golden Joystick for Best Game Design
- Golden Joystick for Fan Favorite

GAME SUBMISSION FINALISTS

INTERESTED IN THE CONTENDERS?

Below you will find all of this year's Golden Joystick Finalists. Make sure you come to the EXPO Hall for a chance to demo their games, talk with the developers, and place your vote for the Audience Choice Award for Video Game Submissions. (Finalists appear alphabetically.)

ATTENTAT 1942

Attentat 1942 is a unique video game that tells the story of Nazi occupation from the perspective of those who experienced it firsthand. The game is built on dialogues with survivors, interactive comics, and authentic historical footage. You will speak to eyewitnesses, live their memories, and discover the untold story of your family.

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BAD PAD

A fictional hard rock musical comedy metroidvania platformer.

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HEARTH

Hearth is a survival game where the player must feed their life-sustaining fire. The game takes a core pillar of the genre—resource management—and frames it around a single axiom: everything burns. Fire gives heat, light, and arms the player, but in doing so destroys what was used to create it. In concept and execution, Hearth is about entropy. The longer the fire is maintained, the more it consumes. Over time the ritual of staying alive becomes a destructive act.

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OPEN WORLD ATLANTA

Our project recreates 1928 Atlanta in a VR gaming environment . Based on photos, data, and maps from Georgia State University and Emory, the student built project will provide an immersive model of Atlanta's history where students can explore the city, go on scavenger hunts, and experience historical narratives.

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ORE

ORE is a couch-cooperative twin stick shooter where you and up to three friends must fight through a handful of levels and navigate the planet's varied, alien surface to collect as much ORE as possible before the planet implodes.

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PATH TO MNEMOSYNE

"Immerse yourself into Path to Mnemosyne, a hypnotic adventure created within an infinite zoom! Walk the path, explore your mind and recover all lost memories by solving dozens of imaginative puzzles.

A mysterious story, a minimalist script and disturbing sounds and graphics, will make Path to Mnemosyne a bizarre and memorable gameplay experience for any player.

Will you be able to reach the end of the path?"

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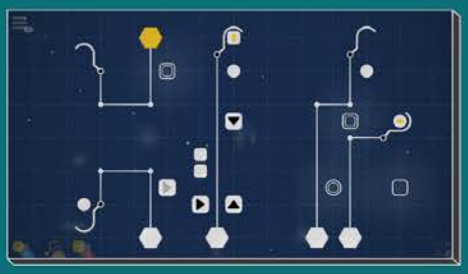

SINKR

SiNKR is a minimalist puzzle game. There is just you, hooks, pucks, and various contraptions you need to finish each level. Sink all the pucks to advance. Each level is handcrafted. No scores, no timers, no text, no distractions. Responsive ambient music.

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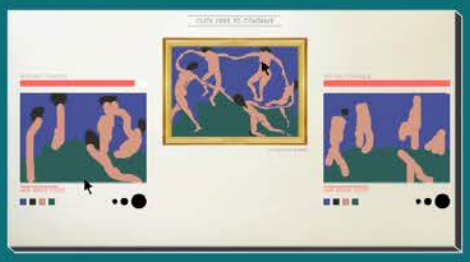

SLOPPY FORGERIES

Sloppy Forgeries is a fast-paced, two-player local multiplayer painting game. Each player is given a mouse, a blank canvas, and a few simple paint tools. Each round, a famous painting from art history is revealed. Players race to copy the painting as quickly and accurately as possible.

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TIMETEKKER

TimeTekker is a shoot em' up where you control the pace of the action. Effortlessly weave through insane volleys of bullets by controlling the speed of time itself!

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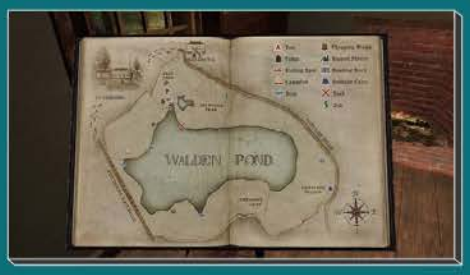
TROUBLE ON BERYL ISLE



WALDEN, A GAME

THE WORLD NEXT DOOR

The annual Party in the Penthouse is the most exclusive event on Beryl Isle, and you weren't cool enough to get the invite... Play as Luke the Wolf and explore every inch of his island hometown for reputation-building tagging spots (among other surprises!) in this chill, colorful, and fluid open-world platformer.

Play as philosopher and naturalist Henry David Thoreau in his experiment in self-reliant living at Walden Pond. Live off the land, seek out the small wonders and beauties of the woods, and find balance between your need to survive and your desire to find inspiration.

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The World Next Door is a narrative-driven, action-adventure game that follows Jun, a rebellious teen girl trapped in a parallel world inhabited by magical creatures. Inspired by the emotional storytelling and thrilling action of both anime and indie games, players can expect to meet and develop friendships with an eclectic cast of characters while uncovering the mysteries hidden within this world.

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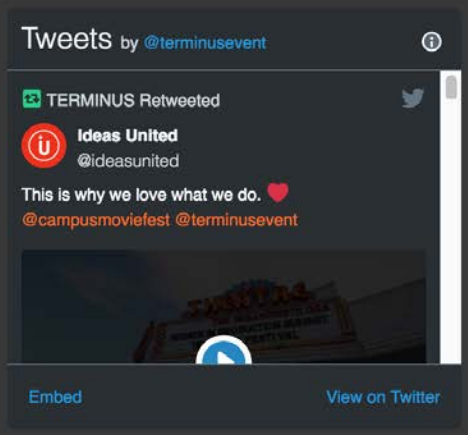
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