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ROME, July 26, 2013 — Despite recession across Europe, the year has already seen the number of students double at online digital cinema institute FaiStrada®. As part of this growth, the school recognized seven outstanding FaiStrada® students by offering them excellence awards.

FaiStrada®, which always promotes the work of its students, will celebrate select pieces created by the seven students in a show reel to be distributed widely this summer with a massive press and social media campaign.

"This is the first time seven students, out of the hundreds enrolled in this academic year, have earned the excellence award," e-Learning director Susanna Quagliariello said. "Most awarded students have already obtained jobs in post-production, both in Europe and the U.S."

Awarded students from FaiStrada® are Francesco Bordone (3D Animation), Simone Defendi (3D Animation), Kristof Ferenczi (Digital Cinematography), Michelangelo Frisoni (Visual Effects), Lorenzo Mosca (Visual Effects), Giuseppe Savino (3D Animation) and Paolo Tibaldi (Visual Effects).

Each of the seven students started out with no prior formal knowledge of visual effects or digital compositing before enrolling in FaiStrada's programs.

"I'm looking forward to see how their careers develop, as this is a competitive industry," Quagliariello said. "Our school's software-agnostic approach makes students well aware of the flexibility needed to focus on techniques over tools while working under tight deadlines."

Practical projects provide students with hands-on knowledge on After Effects, Nuke, Maya, Softimage, Modo, Lightwave, zBrush, SynthEyes and Vue. An holistic approach, along with [custom tools](#), brings all these software applications together in a single pipeline.

With European e-Learning still in its infancy, FaiStrada® is one of the few online schools providing real, instructor-led, online courses with graded assignments and its own trademarked certification. The school offers professional training in Visual Effects, 3D Animation and Digital Cinematography.

"As we approach FaiStrada's 13th year, it is rewarding that a growing number of students meet and exceed the school's strict standards for excellence," Quagliariello said.

The school's next term begins in September. Enrollment for the fall semester is now open. Learn more at <http://www.vfxwizard.com/>

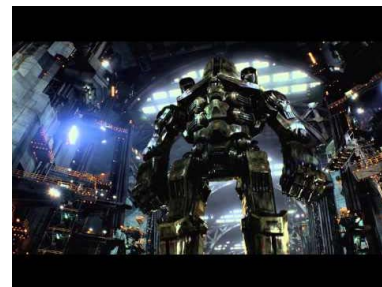
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Leading the online learning revolution in Italy, FaiStrada®, wholly owned by VFX Wizard srl, has been offering courses in visual arts since 2002 as a private school with traditional, classroom-based courses. In 2008, the school moved online with the introduction of LaLaa Project™, its custom e-Learning system. LaLaa is the first e-Learning system developed in Italy specifically for the needs of visual arts teaching. Hundreds of Italian speaking students have enrolled from all over the world in FaiStrada®'s online courses, which are as much as possible software-agnostic and favor techniques over tools. VFX Wizard srl is a digital post-production consulting studio, actively involved in research and development of online learning solutions.

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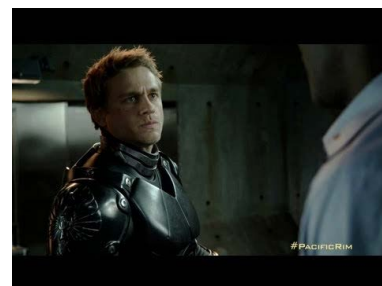
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

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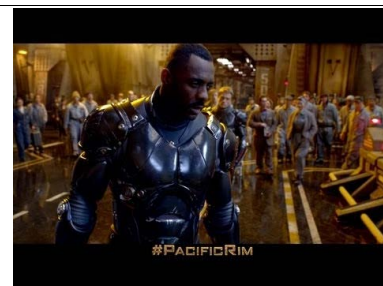
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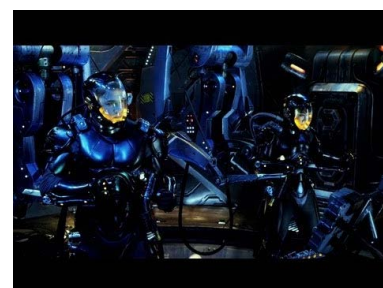
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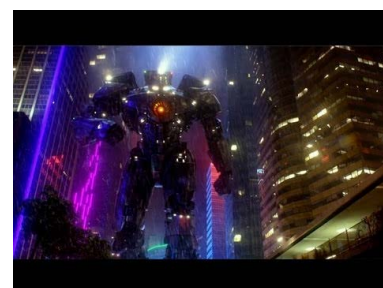
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