

# Caught on camera: Students learn about emotions in film

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FLORENCE — Eve Mallard was excited, hopeful, jealous and in despair in one 20-minute block Friday morning.

The Florence Middle School seventh-grader took part in a young filmmakers workshop that was part of the George Lindsey UNA Film Festival where they learned about capturing emotions on film.

Mallard teamed with classmates, Alexis Gomez, Taylor Robertson and Diana Adame, for her introduction to theater class to record snippets to show excitement, jealousy, despair, caution and hope.

"I think this is cool," Robertson said.

Before sending the students out with cameras, workshop facilitator Mary Ellen Iatropoulos, from New York City, showed examples of various shots and how each portrayed a different emotion. When it came time for Mallard and company to shoot their clip on despair, Adame suggested using a close-up, remembering what Iatropoulos had said earlier.

"That will show the emotion with her face," she told the group.

Robertson, an eighth-grader, is interested in theater and music because both allow her to be herself.

"It's fun because I'm able to



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**Florence Middle School student Eve Mallard shoots video of her classmates, from left, Alexis Gomez, Taylor Robertson and Diana Adame, during a young filmmakers workshop at UNA. The workshop was part of the George Lindsey UNA Film Festival. Video at TimesDaily.com.**

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express who I am," she said.

When she enters Florence High School in August, Robertson said she will be part of the recently-unveiled Florence Academy of Fine Arts.

"That's a good opportunity for us," she said. "I want to be involved in theater and the recording arts classes."

The students in Friday's workshop were mostly from Katie Dalrymple's class. Dalrymple said the workshop experience builds on what the students are learning as they prepare for their upcoming stage show.

"Telling a story using emotions and facial expressions is one thing we are really focusing on," she said. "This goes with that well."

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