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## **Up for a Webby Award**

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Two SFU grads are on a team from the new Masters of Digital Media (MDM) Program at the Great Northern Way Campus, whose work has been shortlisted for a prestigious Webby Award.

Tarek El-Eryan (who has a BSc from SFU in Interactive Arts) and Mike Torillo (BSc in Management and Computer Science) worked on Crossing, a film and animation piece produced by the first class of MDM students.

The MDM team will find out at the end of April if they have won a Webby, an award that has been branded "The Oscar of the Internet" by The New York Times.

The other team members are Stephen Danic, Yangos Hadjiyannis, Matthew Jenkins, McKane Lee, Karthik Venkateshan and Aerlyn Weissman.

The team's film is based on the Greek myth of Charon ferrying the dead to the afterlife across the river Styx.

The Great Northern Way campus is a joint venture of SFU, UBC, BCIT and the Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design. MDM graduates receive a powerhouse master's degree bearing the seals of all four GNWC institutions.

The Webby Awards have been presented, since 1996, by the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences, a 550-member body of leading Web experts, business visionaries and creative celebrities. Members include musicians Beck and David Bowie, and The Simpsons creator, Matt Groening.