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Liberty senior Gabrielle Walti earns film ① festival award

PORTLAND — Gabrielle Walti was a finalist in the Northwest Film Center's Young People's Film and Video Festival on Sept. 27 at the Whitsell Auditorium in Portland. This was Walti's second year winning an award from the annual film festival. Her short documentary film called "Sarah Gahagan: Stitching a New Path to James and the Giant Peach" was made as part of her Liberty High School senior project.

Walti worked with the Oregon Children's Theatre as a videographer for their 2008 production of "James and the Giant Peach" and was mentored by the experimental filmmaker, Andy Blubaugh. She documented costume designer Sarah Gahagan and the "Steam Punk" influence Gahagan incorporated into her costume designs.

The Young People's Film & Video Festival is an annual opportunity for northwest film and video makers in grades K-12 to have their work juried by professional media artists and presented to the public. There were more than 100 entries submitted to the festival this year and 16 winners were chosen.