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I, Kerry-Ann Calleja McGregor, gained my Masters in screenwriting from Met Film School in London 2013-2014. As Malta wants to increase their film industry which includes the need for more screenwriters, I was given this scholarship so I would return with not only a feature length screenplay that could be shot in Malta but also the writing skills to keep producing quality screenplays.

My Masters screenplay is a psychological thriller located on the small Maltese island of Comino which plays on the theme of “preservation of Life” as not only does the protagonist want to preserve her own memories but the creepy islanders also want to preserve their own strange way of life. I choose Comino for the world in which the film would take place because the island is often cut off from the main land because of bad weather, so making the situation more dangerous and tense especially when someone dies on the island, but also as Comino is a sanctuary for bird life; this again plays on the theme for preservation of life.

The future aim for the screenplay is to secure investment and a production company that could bring on a named director and well know actors that could attract worldwide distribution. Hopefully, if the film is successful this will increase Malta’s exposure in the film industry.

However, while at Met film school, I wrote other projects which meant I have left with a portfolio of work which includes a TV series, also located in Malta, as well as treatments for different ideas and two short films of which one called “Belonging”.

Belonging is a true story that my Director friend Laura Siexas told me about something that happened to her grandmother after WWII, which was translated into Portuguese and made in to a short Film. We are now hoping to get it into some Film festivals. I knew it was a beautiful story however, when I saw the trailer I knew Laura had made a wonderful Film and it’s so nice to see your script made. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=15potDwAl4I>

My script then went on to win the “short winner Shore scripts screenwriting competition 2014” which is a competition that looks for new writing talent from around the world. So I am very overwhelmed to be an award winning screenwriter within one week of graduation. Hopefully having won this award will help gain more attention for my feature script Comino.

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