

**The Grad Expectations 2023 Background Information**

The Grad Expectations was inspired by the movie “Great Expectations” directed by David Lean based on the 1861 novel by Charles Dickens.

Audience and readers will remember the Great Expectations as “the story of Pip, an orphan boy adopted by a blacksmith's family, who has good luck and great expectations, and then loses both his luck and his expectations. Through this rise and fall, however, Pip learns how to find happiness.”

This work has been filmed and interpreted multiple times, and a classic that provides us some sense of longevity and happiness (in our creative pursuit).

In this context, we hope to be able to portray humanity in various facades, such as ‘Realism versus Desire’ or ‘Coming to Consciousness’ or “Embraced and Lost”. The other (double) reading could also be perceived as ‘having great (differs from high) expectations on our graduates’ and ‘the graduates’ expectations’.

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