

## Kin do film on Station victim

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Death came far too early for 18-year-old Nick O'Neill, who perished five years ago today in the horrific Station nightclub fire.

Before he died, O'Neill had become extremely spiritual, obsessed with the number "41" and penned a play about teenagers who become guardian angels when they die. He based one of the characters on himself.

Now, his oldest brother, Chris O'Neill, and another Rhode Island native, Christian de Rezendes, have directed a feature-length documentary entitled "41." The film is on DVD and is at the Cable Car Cinema in Providence March 3-13.

"In retrospect, it did seem very much that he was aware on some level that he was going to pass away at a young age," his brother said yesterday.

Nick O'Neill was the youngest of the 100 people killed in the Rhode Island blaze, sparked by pyrotechnics set off by the band Great White.

The number 41 kept turning up in Nick O'Neill's life - and after.

For instance, the latitude of the Station nightclub was 41.41 degrees. O'Neill died at age 18 and 23 days, which adds up to 41.

"We discovered old videos of him as a baby wearing a baseball cap with the number 41 on it," O'Neill said.

The film explores the possibility that O'Neill is communicating with his family and whether there's "a larger plan," his brother said.

De Rezendes said they tried to lay out the evidence and "let the audience decide for themselves."