

#### ANDREW CARSLAW















# WHO AM I?

### **ANDREW CARSLAW**

- \* Casual Filmmaker (ie. I have a job and can choose what projects to make)
- \* Director/Producer/Editor/Composer (and web developer – which compliments my filmmaking)
- \* Talk will predominately focus on Pre-production. (This talk will not cover post-production)







# HANDS UP!



WHO HERE HAS MADE A FILM?











# **GREAT! BUT WHY?**













# WHY DO WE PUT OURSELVES THROUGH THIS?

- \* Fame and fortune (reality check!)
- \* Attracted to concept or story
- \* To gain experience
- \* Helping friends
- \* To highlight an issue or message to an audience
- \* Fun!

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# BACK AT THE BEGINNING (2010) My first film:













# **GARDENING AND OTHER CRIMES (2010)**

- \* Made with resources I had (eg. Friends, Equipment, Locations)
- \* It wasn't quite the masterpiece I intended (watch here warts and all: <a href="https://vimeo.com/86514696">https://vimeo.com/86514696</a>)
- \* Brilliant way of learning (I had no formal training)
- \* Predated the days of SD Cards and the DSLR camera revolution (Remember that thing called tape?)









# **GARDENING AND OTHER CRIMES (2010)**

So congratulations, you made your film! And it's screened. Give yourself a pat on the back!



**Now what?** 









# **GARDENING AND OTHER CRIMES (2010)**

I used the film to help raise funds for the JR hospital



■ Amanda Williams HEALTH REPORTER

A STEVEN Spielberg fan has paid homage to the director with a short film to raise money for Oxford's Heart Centre.

Andrew Carslaw, from Radley, is putting his film Gardening and Other Crimes on sale online with proceeds going to the centre.

The film echoes the Hollywood director's futuristic thriller Minority Report, where Tom Cruise plays a detective who pursues criminals - before they have committed a crime.

Edwards star as a happilymarried couple looking forward to their first baby.

But their idyllic life is about to be shattered when of two, was inspired to help Daniel discovers he will be the heart centre after peraccused of murdering sonal experience of its Melinda in the future.

While Mr Spielberg's



STARS: Zinta Gercans

Oxford University physics department Denys Wilkin-son building, in Keble Road, where he works in web development.

Screenwriters Simon Dil-In Mr Carslaw's film, lon and Simon Smith and Daniel and Melinda actors France Jarvis Brion actors Frazz Jarvis, Brian Conroy and Zinta Gercans volunteered their services for the film.

Mr Carslaw, 36, a fatherexpertise.

He said: "The project startmovie cost US\$100m and ed out as a bit of fun but I was filmed in Los Angeles, have wanted to make a film Mr Carslaw settled for since I first watched Jaws.

the film was about to be shown in the department, my supervisor at work was rushed into the John Radcliffe Hospital with heart problems.

"This threw up a lot of emotion for me, as earlier in the year my mother-in-law was also rushed in to the JR with even more serious heart-conditions. That was quite a scare as she originally only went to the GP for a check-up.

"One week later she was critical in hospital and we were told things weren't looking hopeful.

"But, I'm happy to say, because of the unit's hard work, she's healthy again after several operations and thankfully still with us."

He hopes to raise hundreds of pounds for the centre. He said: "The idea is that if people donate £2.50 or more, I will send them a link so that they can access the

as@oxfordmail.co.uk For details, see justgiving.com/ heartmovie and



FUTURISTIC FEEL: Andrew Carslaw at Oxford University's Denys Wilkinson Building, which he used as a film set











# ETIQUETTE (2012)











# ETIQUETTE (2012)

- \* Made for fun and to experiment with DSLR
- \* First exposure to Crowdsourcing (it went badly!)
- \* Was a more professional shoot
- \* Slightly thrown together because of constraints
- \* By far the most fun I've had making a film to date!
- \* Still had no idea what to do at the end but...









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It got shortlisted and played at BAFTA







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# SPARE CHANGE (2013)









# **SPARE CHANGE (2013)**

- \* https://vimeo.com/86515518
- \* Made with Virgin Shorts in mind



- \* Simple concept on paper
- \* Extremely difficult film shoot!



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# **SPARE CHANGE: Why was it so hard?**









# **SPARE CHANGE (2013)**

- \* Council offered bad dates (St Giles Fair/Freshers' evening) and were expensive to deal with.
- \* Insurance costs were high because it was on a busy street
- \* It was an exercise in wrangling drunken students!
- \* We had to shoot in a particular order for continuity
- \* It was a night shoot (people were tired)
- \* We lost all the sound recorded on location
- \* We only had one evening to shoot it!
- \* It rained...
- \* The production should have been more organised!









# **SPARE CHANGE (2013)**



Despite conditions - everyone still remained friends!









# CANCER HAIR (2014)













# CANCER HAIR (2014)

- \* Subject matter wise this is the most personal film I've been involved in. Wanted to make a more positive film involving cancer and remission.
- \* Worked as the original producer
- \* Exposure to pitching and sponsorship
- \* Expensive budget, shot on Arri Alexa
- \* Continued to work behind the scenes including feedback on edits etc.
- \* It did okay!









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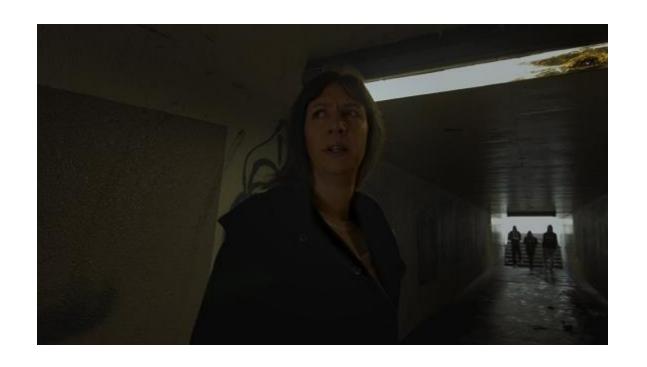








# THE PRODUCTION PROCESS **THE CHOICE (2016?)**











# **THE CHOICE (2016)**

- \* Made with members from the Production Group
- \* I wasn't crazy about the original script
- \* Over time, I liked it more
- \* There was a tension behind the scenes
- \* Currently it is in post-production phase
- \* Tried to put my stamp on it!
- \* It's not been a quick process
- \* The budget is 8% of Cancer Hair's!









# Three Stages of Production

- \* Pre-Production
- \* Production
- \* Post Production

#### **PROJECT MANAGEMENT TRIANGLE**













# PRE-PRODUCTION

- \* Breaking down the logistics
- \* Finding cast and crew
- \* Raising finance and filling in forms
- \* Making creative decisions (eg. filming formats/locations etc.)
- \* Marketing plan and audience build
- \* Refining the script
- \* This part is generally inexpensive
- \* It often determines how smoothly the production is









# **PRODUCTION**

- \* Stressful part where all your planning goes awry
- \* This is the really expensive part
- \* For some reason this is "the fun part"









# **POST PRODUCTION**

- \* Editing
- \* Possible reshoots
- \* Sound mixing
- \* Adding music
- \* Titles
- \* Special Effects
- \* Colour Grading
- \* Mastering
- \* This part can be expensive if you "go pro"









# **PRE-PRODUCTION**

### **LOGISTICS**

- \* Break the script down
- Characters
- Any props, costumes or effects
- Locations
- Timings or conditions of story (eg. Night/Day/Weather)







# PRE-PRODUCTION

#### **LOGISTICS**

- \* Plan the most efficient way of shooting
- Based around availability of locations or actors
- Often these two variables are not known until the 11th hour
- Be flexible (and find someone who can help)
- Always build in some contingency where possible
- I tend to base the schedule around locations
- Pick a good base to work from
- Remember some props (eg. Photos) require advance work









# PRE-PRODUCTION

# **Finding Crew:**

- \* Generally not a problem, but there can be exceptions
- \* Film Oxford good resource for this
- \* Meet first to make sure you gel
- \* Meet regularly in the run-up to the shoot
- \* Make sure the crew is committed
- \* Of course everyone wants to be the director







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# **Finding Locations:**

- \* Can be very difficult
- \* We are generally pretty lucky in Oxford
- \* Permits may be required
- \* Again Film Oxford is your friend
- \* There is no harm in asking
- \* Use what resources you have available (consider decorating locations to fit)
- \* Keep in mind that locations can fall through
- \* Consider space, lighting, practical aspects
- \* Do a recce. Some examples:











# RECCE: Some exterior locations for The Choice









(two on the right were chosen for practical reasons)











# **Location Practicalities**

\* Space (things looked bigger before the crew arrived)













# **Location Practicalities**

\* Realise it may be beyond your control













# **Location Practicalities**

\* Set decoration









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### **Location Practicalities**

- \* Lighting and power supplies
- \* Toilets and kitchen areas
- \* Car parking
- \* Noise
- \* Public vs privacy
- \* Distance from base
- \* Cost
- \* Personal space away from the shoot/other crew









# Casting Actors

- \* Plenty of actors around, so keep looking
- \* Where to look: Film Oxford, Starnow, Cast Call Pro Colleges, Theatre Groups
- \* Consider recommendations from others
- \* Write some character backgrounds
- \* Schedule in 10min slots, keep them brief, it's an exhausting
- \* People get lost. Have someone to hand-hold
- \* Don't consider or worry about no shows!
- \* Take details, headshots and ask their understanding regarding the characters. Ask if you can film read-throughs









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Luesday 13	th September Costin	ng Eliquette			
Time	Name	Phone Number	Character	Location	Website
6.30pm	Clarc	07949 5	Alison/Sharon	London	CCP
6.45pm	Sam	07922 (	Pierre	Oxford	Starnow
8.45pm	Mike		Pierre	London	Actors Studio
6.55pm	Jazi	07944	Denise	London	Starnow
6.55pm	Rich	07864 9	Trevor	Cardiff	Starnow
7.05pm	Rac	07979	Alison	Stratford Upon Av	or Actors Studio
7.15pm		_			
7.25pm	Hope:	_	Alison	Oxfordshire	CCP
7.25pm	Dav	0/515 8	Trevor	Greater London	CCP
7.35pm	Trac		Joanna	London/Oxford	Actors Studio
7.45pm	Joan	07930	Aunt Ethel	Cloucestershire	CCP
7.55pm	Ross	07890 1	Trevor	Oxford	Starnow
8.05pm	Aide	07714	Trevor	Oxford	Starnow
8.15pm	Kelly	07907 1	Alison	London	Actors Studio
8.15pm	Louis	0/944 (	Aunt Lthel	Oxford	Starnow
8.25pm	Ama	07733 2	Denise	London	OFVM
8.25pm	Bon	07766	Joanna/Sharon	London	Starnow
8.35pm	Fles	07796	Joanna	Oxford	Starnow
8.45pm	Raci	07582 8	Joanna	Watford	Starnow
8.65pm	Matt	07854	Trever Maybe Pren	London	Starnow
9.05pm	Alex	07909 8	Trevor	London	DAN

- \* Pick areas to showcase the character
- \* Don't be afraid to adapt
- \* Let them know what the next steps are
- \* Normally always one crazy person applies
- \* Casting process is changing (eg. Online readings/Skype etc)







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# **PRE-PRODUCTION**

# Mood boards are good for inspiration























# **PRE-PRODUCTION**

\* Storyboards help (especially for difficult scenes)























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# **PRE-PRODUCTION**

# \* Good idea to have a shot list!

enpt Marker	Scene	Shot	Setup	Location	Characters	Time Set	Shot	Description	Time Sho	o Props
6		2	b	3 Stairwell	Sarah	Day	(1)	Rear hes home with relief, clumsily tries to unlock door.	Sat Day	Keys, shopping hags,
7		2	7	3 Starwell	Sarah, Ali	Day	CU	Hears baby crying turns, sees Ali	Sat Day	Keys, shopping bags, pram
8		2	8	3 Starwell	Sarah, Ali	Day	MOU	Serah at door, Ali stugging with prem	Sat Day	Fram, toys, baby stuff, shopping
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11		2	11	4 Stars	All	Day	CU	Dialog closcups	Sat Day	
12		2	12	4 Stars	Sarah	Day	CU	Dialog closcups	Sat Day	
13		9	13	4.51abs	Αli	Day	MCU	Dialog closerge	Sat Day	
14		2	14	4 Stars	Sarah	Day	MOU	Dialog closcups	Sat Day	
15		2	15	3 Starwell	Sarah, Ali, Emmi	Day	Wide	All Sarsh going up stairs reveal 8mm at too	Sat Day	
16		5	16	5 Top of stairs	Lmni, Cat	Day	(1)	Lock of revolution, sneers, Catches Ali's eye etc.	Sat Day	
17		2	17	5 Top of stars	Al	Day	CU	All looks at Emm with contempt	Sat Day	
18		5	18	5 Top of stairs	Ali, Sarah	Day	Wide	Ali at door looks for keys in BC Sarah eyes the baby longingly	Sat Day	Handbag
19		5	19	5 Top of stairs	Bahy	Day	(1)	Beby drops toy	Sat Day	Hericecy
20		5	20	S Top of stars	Sarah	Day	MCU	Sarah picks up toy, looks into pram	Sat Day	Toy, Pram
21		•	21	5 Top of stairs	Emmi	Day	CU	Emmi dialog	Sat Day	TOY, Train
25		-	25	5 Top of stairs	Sarah	Day	CII	Sarah dialog	Sat Day	
26		4	26	5 Top of stars	Sarah, Emmi	Day	Wide	Sarah Emmi dialog	Sat Day	
28		-	28	5 Top of stairs	Ali		MED	Ali opens door pushes pram through etc.		
26 79		4		5 Top of stairs	• •	Day			Sat Day	
		4	29		Limiti, Call	Day	Wide	Cat jumps doewn runs off	Sat Day	
31		2	31	5 Top of stairs	Emmi, Sarah, Old lady	Day	MED	Emmi FG, Sarah BC, turns to go down stars, Old lady passes on stars	Sat Day	
32		2	32	5 Top of stairs	Sarah, Old lady	Day	MCU	Sarah addrowledges old lady turns	Sat Day	
311		7	33	5 Top of stairs	Sarah	Day	MLD	Reverse angle, I mini is gone.	Sat Day	
31		2	34	3 Starwell	Sarah	Day	MCU	At door makes to put keys in lock but leaves them, and rests head on door in reflection and exhaustion	Sat Day	Keys, shopping bags,
70		8	70	5 Top of stairs	Emmi, Cat, Sarah	Day		Dialog with Emmi	Sat Day	Duvet
/1		8	71	5. Top of stairs	Lmni, Cat, Sarah	Day		Dialog with Sarah	Sat Day	
73		8	73	3 Starwell	Sarah	Day		Down stars / into flat	Sat Day	
74		8	74	3 Stahwell	Sarah	Day		Hand on handl	Sat Day	
75		8	75	3.51airwell	Old lady, muni	Day			Sat Day	
83		9	83	3 Starwell	Sarah			Walks out of door	Sat Day	
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3		ī	ā	1 Underpass	Sarah, Hoodies	Day	Wide	Sarah passes close to the boodes	Sun AM	Shopping bags
, i		•	6	1 Underpass	Sarah, Hoodies	Day	Wide	Sarah hurries out of underlipass	Sun AM	Shapping bags
a a		i i	4	2 Underpass	Sarah, Hoodies	Night?	MCU	The hoodies turn toward sarah, interest their seemingly threatening manner with CU of Sarah breathing,		Shopping bags
69		a a	69	9 Sarah's room	Sarah, Cowd Jimmi	Day	PACO	Looks from door sees crowd, police	Sun Day	Strepping bags
72		8	72	0 Lumi flat	Lenni	Day		Alides down door in distress		
76			76		Emmi				Sun Day	area babban
70		8		8 Emmi room 9 Sarah's room		Day		reacts to old lady scream	Sun Day	cigs,lighter
			77		Sarah	Day		Getting dressed, make up	Sun Day	work dothers
36		-	36	7 Ali Hat	Ali	Night	MOU	texting/feeding helpy /pan / pass through floor/wall	Sun Live	Mobile, Modin/ TV
37		3	37	8 Emmi flat	Mum/Emmi	Night	MCU	Mum On latep and on phone / dialog Emmi texting / dialog	Sun Eve	
.38		-	38	8 Limmi room	Mon/Lroni	Night	MLD	on testing on mobile / dialog	Son Live	





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# **PRE-PRODUCTION**

- \* Not going to focus on shooting equipment
- \* It keep evolving. Consider rental
- \* Pick best tool for the job. Each project is different!









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## PRE-PRODUCTION

# What equipment do I need?

- \* Camera (and lenses)
- \* Lighting equipment/reflectors/diffuser
- \* Lots of batteries and chargers
- \* Sound recording device + microphone
- \* Sliders/dollies/drones?
- \* Or just an iPhone?
- \* Logging
- \* Gaffer tape!
- \* Camera (Production stills/reference purposes)
- \* Extension leads











## PRE-PRODUCTION

# **Putting it together - the budget**

- \* I usually do three budgets
- \* Keep refining
- \* Realise costs don't always stop after production
- \* Food is very important, especially for no-pay!
- \* You will generally get better results if you pay
- \* Insurance. Accidents happen.
- \* Film Oxford help (Insurance and Permits)











# Raising the Money

- \* Personal, Friends or Family
- \* Crowdsourcing
- \* Film Funding Bodies
- \* Investors
- \* Sponsorship
- \* Other ways?







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# **Fundraising: Crowdsourcing**

- \* Everyone is doing it
- \* People are getting cynical
- \* What makes your campaign different?
- \* Know your audience (more specific the better)
- \* Causes and personal stories work well
- \* People want to see visuals before they pledge!
- \* Keep it simple
- \* Keep updating the campaign page
- \* Most of the activity happens at the start/end
- \* Promote on social media with others
- \* Remember they take a cut
- \* Bit of a grey area legally speaking











# Fundraising: Film funding/Investors/Sponsorship

- \* No magic solution.
- \* A lot of hard work, and there are no guarantees
- \* They want something in return
- \* Can be down to who you know
- \* Can be daunting
- \* It's not all bad, forces you to address a business plan for your film and get organised
- \* Allows you to hone your pitch







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### **Key Points**

Premise - Cancer Hair is a short film about Claire Ferris, a woman in remission from cancer who is extremely self conscious about her hair loss, her good friend Sandra persuades her to go on her first post "all clear" date with a likely lad, Andrew who is seemingly after a one night stand. After a disastrous start to the date, the two find unexpected common ground in her illness and recovery. This new found affinity prompts her to remove her wig, revealing her true vulnerabilities, if only to him.

- Key Team Gail Hackston Writer/Director Andy Carslaw Producer
- Script Length 9 pages
- Estimated Film Length 8/9 minutes
- Shoot Days 2 (27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> April)
- · Delivery to Eastern Edge/Film London by Mid June
- . Locations 2 Interiors (Bar and Toilet Toilet doubling as bedroom for close ups), 1 exterior - All in Redbridge, in and around Wanstead.
- 1) Entire Budget £7529 2) Eastern Edge Film Fund Proposed Investment £3000
- · Website www.cancerhairfilm.com Twitter @cancerhairfilm Facebook www.facebook.com/CancerHairFilm

#### **Production Schedule**

Date	Milestone
11 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Pre Production – further script development,
	secure Eastern Edge Film Funding, secure
	locations, plan crowdfunding campaign, source
	cast and crew, and attend all Film London
	sessions.
27/28 <sup>th</sup> April	Shoot Film
WC 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Media Assets into Avid
WC 6 <sup>th</sup> May	First Edit
WC 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Feedback – schedule ADR – Create Crowdfunding
	Reel.
WC 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Second Edit/LOCK
WC 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Grading/Foley/FINAL
WC 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Deliver
WC 3 <sup>rd</sup> June – 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Crowdfunding Campaign

## Stage One Script development, funding, audience build and pre-production

#### **Script Development**

Further to being shortlisted for the Eastern Edge Film Fund, Cancer Hair script has under gone a number of changes as suggested by Script Consultant Eamon McDonnell.

- 1. Previously, the set up was that Claire goes on a date with a guy she met from an internet dating site who meets women to have one night stands. This has now been changed to a softer set up of Sandra introducing Claire and Andrew - thus giving them a reason to persevere with the date despite its bad start.
- 2. Andrew as a character has been "softened", he is not there just because he thinks he is getting his leg over and his mothers cancer is now central to why Sandra set them up in the first place, as was suggested.
- 3. Claire and Sandra's friendship has been brought out further, as was suggested.
- 4. The decision to take her hair off at the end is demonstrably Claire's.
- 5. Claire's prognosis is now evident she has the all clear, her motivation for dating is that she wants to be "normal".
- 6. The Barmaid character a non English speaker allows certain bluntness about Claire's condition and recovery, again as suggested.
- 7. More humour has been injected into the script
- 8. Some locations and characters have been taken out to help production.

We have enjoyed the script development process and are fully committed to further rewrites and adjustments to the script if funded by Eastern Edge Film Fund.

#### Funding

The total budget for Cancer Hair Film is £7529.

We are applying for the maximum grant of £3000 from Eastern Edge Film Fund.

The remainder of the money will be found via a combination of the following

- 1) Directors Own Resources
- 2) Crowdfunding via Indiegogo (Please see more on this below)
- 3) Approaches to key organisations such as wig manufacturers, cooling scalp cap producers - for sponsorship.

## Stage Three Festivals, marketing and distribution

#### Festivals

We are aware that festivals tend not to accept films if they have been screened online, and so we will not be doing this until the film has had its "festival run". We are also aware that it is best not to over plan festival strategy until we know the audience reaction to the piece. As such our plan is a limited run as below.

We intend to enter the film into 16 festivals - all who have their deadline post Delivery date. We will of course work with Film London and Eastern Edge in regards the New Directors Strand at the BFI London Film Festival and the screening at the BoBs.

Festival Name	Month	Website
Chicago International Film Festival	Oct-13	www.chicagofilmfestival.com
BFI London Film Festival	Oct-13	www.bfi.org.uk/lff/introduction
AUSTIN FILM FESTIVAL (Texas, USA)	Oct-13	www.austinfilmfestival.com
THE HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (New York, USA)	Oct-13	www.hamptonsfilmfest.org
UPPSALA INT'L SHORT FILM FESTIVAL (Sweden)	Oct-13	www.shortfilmfestival.com
WARSAW FILM FESTIVAL	Oct-13	www.wff.pl/en/
Cork International Film Festival	Nov-13	www.corkfilmfest.org
Encounters International Short Film Festival	Nov-13	www.encounters-festival.org.uk
Foyle Film Festival	Nov-13	www.foylefilmfestival.org
Rio de Janeiro International Short Film Festival	Nov-13	www.curtacinema.com.br
Stockholm International Film Festival	Nov-13	www.stockholmfilmfestival.se
AFI FEST (California, USA)	Nov-13	www.afi.com/onscreen/AFIFest
BILBAO INT'L FESTIVAL OF DOCUMENTARY & SHORT FILMS (Spain)	Nov-13	www.zinebi.com
LEEDS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL	Nov-13	www.leedsfilm.com
SANTA BARBARA INT'L FILM FESTIVAL (California, USA)	Nov-13	www.sbfilmfestival.org
ST. LOUIS INT'L FILM FESTIVAL (Missouri, USA)	Nov-13	www.cinemastlouis.org

#### Marketing

Along with our website and social media channels, we will continue to raise awareness of the issues that are expressed in the film and publicise the film itself. We will continue to build relationships with key stakeholders in the sector in order to maximise the impact of the film and maximise the audience.

Our marketing material will be created from stills taken at the shoot. We have budgeted for this. Gail's day job is in marketing and so much of this work will be done by her.

Gail is very keen to use this opportunity as a springboard for her career in direction and as such is keen to exploit any opportunity to market the film, and its backers where appropriate.







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# **Fundraising: Other ways?**

















# **Fundraising: Other ways?**

- \* Film evening with food/drink/music
- \* We made around £1,200
- \* Funded two projects
- \* Faster than crowd funding
- \* Good event for audience building
- \* We even got unexpected publicity
- \* Needs to be donation based
- \* Ask Susie if she would consider organising again for your projects!

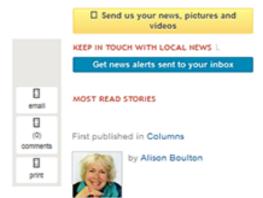
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## New film makers shorts are sweet





New film makers shorts are sweet

Oxford is blessed with cinema: five sites to choose from. Everything from blockbusters to independent cinema.

Oxford is also home to film makers: scriptwriters like The Full Monty's Simon Beaufoy, producers like Peter Bennett - Jones (Tiger Aspect) and the BBC's prolific John Lloyd - and directors such as Rob Lemkin whose award winning documentary on the genocide in Cambodia, Enemies of the People, contributed to awareness which may have helped bring at least one senior member of Pol Pot's government to trial by the War Crimes tribunal in the Hague.

East Oxford's Film Oxford has also proved a fruitful meeting ground for new talent.

In an evening celebrating recent film making, I watched a series of shorts, ranging from three to 20 minutes, which have been made locally.







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## **Call Sheets**

- \* Created once you have locations, cast/crew availability
- \* List of people required and their contact information
- \* I put photos on so people can recognise each other or locations
- \* Order of the shoot
- \* How to find locations
- \* Health and Safety information
- \* Message about what to bring (eg. Props/Costumes)
- \* Message about weather and what to wear between takes
- \* Any information regarding smoking or rubbish disposal

Here are a few examples of how my Call Sheets have evolved

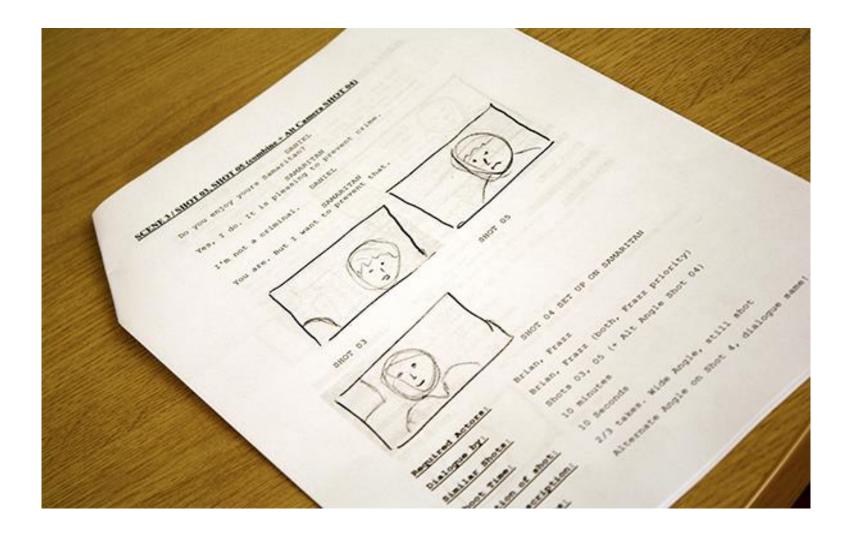






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Spare Change (Ferny Films) CALL SHEET Sunday 31st September Day 1 of 2

Andy Carslaw - Director - 0784	Gail Hackston - Producer - 0773
Laura Callaghan - Continuity/Extra	Nick Holloway - Photographer - 0793
Ani Dee - Make-up	Peter Hudston - Sound Recordist - 0794
Mike Duran - Actor: Business Man - 0794	Gareth Jones - Runner/Thug #2 - 0782
Ben Currie - Runner/Extra - 0774	Sean Langton - Photos - 0797
Mateusz Golebiewski - DOP - 0751	Gareth Price - Runner - 0780
Jim Gwilliam - 2nd Unit/Helpful chap - 0797	Adam Radley - Loader - 077
Philip Hind - Editor - 0778	Thomas Watts - Actor: Homeless guy

All Cast and crew to report to the Denys Wilkinson Location promptly for 18:00 please. Ring Gail or Andy when you arrive so we can let you in. Actors should allow 30 min for make-up/hair/prep.

We hope to begin working promptly, so please ensure you have eaten before arriving. Please also bring some warm clothing with you to see you through the evening.

Shooting schedule (cross ref with shooting list):

Scene	Shot	Time	Description	Cast/Notes
N/A	N/A	18:00-	Cast/Crew meet, get ready. Some brief	ALL
		19:40	interviews filmed whilst in prep.	
02	02	19:40-	Shooting walking footage of feet	Mike
		20:00		
01	01	20:00-	Wide angles. One establishing shot + second	Mike, Thomas (Gareth?), Extras
	1	20:40	angle with Business guy emerging from bar,	(continuity need to watch out to makes
	1		blanking homeless guy and walks around the	sure public members are going to ruin
			corner	shots). Need to block light!
01	02	20:40-	Wide/Mid shot of Homeless guy, Mikes legs -	Thomas, Mike
		20:55	"Spare Change". Kicks over cup	
01	03	20:55-	Head shot of Mike stopped and looking	Mike (Thomas?)
		21:10	disgusted	
01	04	21:10-	Wider reverse close-up shot of Homeless guy	Thomas, Mike
	1	21:40	begging "Spare change" and looking in	
			disbelief after his money is kicked over	
01	05	21:40-	Slow-mo shot of money being kicked in close-	Mike, Thomas
		22:00	ир	
BREAK		22:00-	Break. Mike: Photos + make-up/costume	Mike, Photographer
		23:15	change. Head to DWB for drink etc	ALL

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03	06	23:15-	Wide: Rejected business man slumps at the	Mike, Thomas
		23:35	side of the street. Legs appear and Homeless	(watch the slump continuity)
			guy crouches next to him and scene plays.	
			Mirror of shot 1/2	
03	07	23:35-	Close-up of Hands - £2 given (possible pan up	Mike, Thomas, £2!
		23:45	to faces?). Mirror of Shot 1/5	
03	07a	23:45-	Close up of Thomas looking at Mike, mirror of	Thomas, Mike
		0:00	shot 1/3	
03	08	00:00-	Business man humbled watching homeless guy	Mike, Thomas, Laura Ben in distance?
		00:25	walk off down street. Mirror of shot 1/4	
03	09	00:25-	Homeless guy walks off into the distance?	Thomas, Laura Ben in distance?
		00:40	Mirror of shot 1/1 (can drop?)	
03	03	00:40-	Wide. Business guy stumbles out of alley onto	Mike, Thomas, Laura, Ben
		01:10	street. Couple walk down. Homeless guy	(remember continuity)
			visible. Play scene to slumped business guy.	
03	04	01:10-	Couple in foreground, business guy runs up	Mike, Laura, Ben
		01:35	behind, "Spare Change" - head shots	(check continuity)
03	05	01:35-	Couple run off, tracking shot.	Mike, Laura, Ben
		02:00		(continuity)
03	02	02:00-	Homeless guy staggers back down from	Mike (potentially extras passing in street).
		02:45	alleyway/underpass (Wide).	Allow more time for lighting
02	01	02:45-	Quick Mike costume/make-up change. Shot of	Stand in (hoodie #1), Mike, Gareth
		03:30	Mike staggering up stairs, watched by hoodies	
			appearing from the side	
END/E	BREAK	03:30	Return to DWB. Warm food/drink/head-off	

#### Additional information:

Smoking is not permitted in or within 10 metres of the Denys Wilkinson Building. Please make sure any mess you make is disposed of in either public little bins or the bin bags provided. We are also expecting cold weather with some light rain, so please bring any warm clothing/jackets, waterproofing you require.

Location directions can be seen on Google maps here:

#### http://bit.ly/UxZZh5

Actors: please don't forget any costumes or props!

Please note: This schedule will change. We have been informed that up to 50 fresher students are due to arrive at Angels between 20:00 and 23:00.

#### **Emergency Contacts:**

For any serious incidents, call 999 immediately.

For minor injuries, Adam Radley has some first aid experience.

For anything more serious please contact the John Radcliffe hospital on 01865 741166.

University Security Services (Emergency): 01865 2889 999 Thames Valley Police (General enquires): 0845 8505 505 0800 555 111 Crimestoppers (anonymous):









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CALL SHEET	Saturday 1" November Day 1 of 4
Sudie Stead	
<b>1</b>	(Gillian is not be on location on Saturday)
9	y - Actress ALI - 07738
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Denny MacO	repor Gill - 07741 (Camera)
(dake-up)	- 07756
(Photographer) Oliver Richard	ds = 07792
era/DOP) Poly Biswas	Gladwin - 07768 (Sound)
PARK SCHOOL: James 07808 Jemma 07704	
Grace O'Don Nicola Armita	nell = 07531 (not coming)
	Actress EMMI Rachel Poole Actress EMMI Rachel Poole Denny MacO Denny MacO Denny MacO Denny MacO Polity Brawas (Photographer) Oliver Richar (Photographer) James 07808 James 07808 Grace O'Don Grace O'Don

#### SATURDAY 1st Draft schedule (maybe subject to change on the day):

Time	Description	Notes
800	Cast/Crew meet at Susie's house PRCMPT	Rachal will need picking up at Thornhill Park and Ride (Alaxi).  Phil = crew to head to Wheatley Park School to set-up licostionised-designifighting-block netural light in etc. Remember to take all required kit (Induding Ladder/Black-out material) plus door props. Also good time to move any props for the affemencon scene outside library (eg. Baby/Scart/Susie towel/Py/Bin-bags/Mattresses etc).  Mel Photo of Natalle as sweet Emmi (for photo prop)  Cast make-up (Dilego).  Crew to workout how to achieve flickening light effect.
9:00-9:30	Susie picks up Baby (Baby called Isis Mother Jo) and 2" Unit (Dannyl Andy) do quick romantic shot of Sarah dreaming she is with baby in Susie's back-garden (weather-permitting).	Amy (Costume: Nice light dress/cardigan) Black tights to diffuse lense
9.30	Polly arrives at Wheelley Park school and does sound checks.  Leurs arrives with Cat (Marley)  Remaining members head to Wheelley locations.	NOTE to orew sheady at Wheatley Park, please keep mobiles on and listen/Took-out for Laura and Polly when they arrive.  Please remember to bring Laura: Cast treats!  Costumes: Amy, Work clothes Natalia: EMMI (casual) and also post-birth costume changes.  Rachel casual ALI costume).  (We probably don't have time to film the secondary stainwell scene, but handy to have the option!)  Key props for Sarah/Ali.  Cigarettes Lighter for EMMI Pram-baby equipment, Toy props. Shopping bags.  Try to set aside time so Natalia can (hopefully) bond with Marky. Can film some of this for behind the scenes – might be unpredictable!
10.00- 12.46	Film Stainwell scene between Alt/Sarah/Emmi	Try to finish scene if we can, but if not we MUST make sure we have filted the first part of the scene up until ALI enters he flast Also any cal (running off) scenes would be great to clear! Set team set up location for Library building exterior (flashy-Scenffibir-begs/flattresses etc)
12.45	Cast head back for lunch.	Crew need to allow time to remove props/light black-outs etc. Keep door props if possible!
13:00-14:00	LUNCH	Susie needs to collect Barbara (who is playing the cid lady). We need to keep an eye on her costume so she wears the same things on Sunday. Also make sure we have

The Saturday afternoon shoot will take place outside the library building across the road near the Wheatley Park School entrance (also can be seen from front in previous picture):



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Injuries
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Security
Thames Valley Police (General enquires): 0845 8505 505 Crimestoppers (anonymous): Wheatley Park Location Managers: 0800 555 111 07808 727365

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#### Local Taxis

Radio/ABC Taxis 01865 242424 Royal Taxis 01865 777333

#### Overnight accommodation:

There is some crashing space for any crew who need to stay at Susie's overnight, but please let us know in advance and bring some bedding.











# Script Read-Throughs/Rehearsals

- \* This part is fun, make sure someone takes notes
- \* Look for problems (eg. story and motivations)
- \* Don't be afraid to edit or adapt (play to strengths)
- \* Try directing a scene
- \* Do this at least a week before the shoot









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# Before the shoot

- \* Make lots of lists
- \* Keep calm and focused
- \* Keep everyone informed of changes
- \* Create as much contingency as you can
- \* Make sure all the legalities are covered
- \* Sleep, you'll probably need it!

















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## **PRODUCTION**

# On the shoot

- \* Make sure you have the legalities covered
  - Signed release forms and agreements
  - Health and safety
  - Shooting permits
  - Avoid shooting trademarks unless you have permission
- \* If it can go wrong, it probably will and more than once! Plan A... Plan B... Plan C... etc.
- \* Limit transport problems and costs











\* Make sure you get some production stills Useful for promotion and just nice to have!







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\* Allow additional time for set-up (eg. production design/lights/make-up/camera)



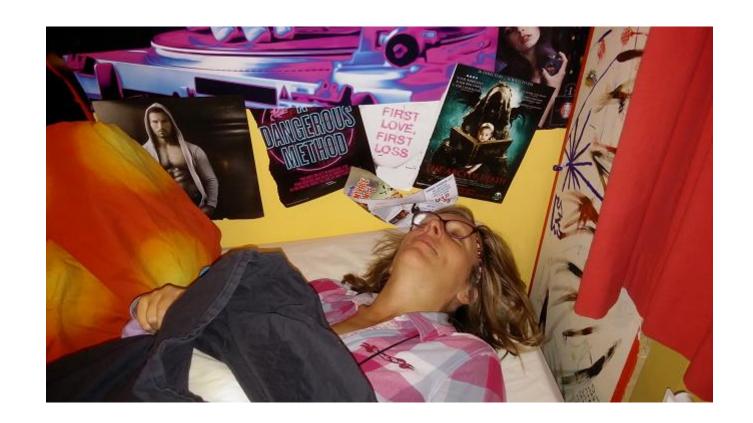








\* Never overwork your cast or crew













# \* You can't control the weather







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\* You are likely to draw attention to yourself (good & bad)











\* Make sure you have effective logging!









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# \* Use of multiple cameras

- Can speeds up production (used in Sitcoms)
- Can be easier to edit
- Has less dynamic feel
- I always preferring using a particular angle, which somewhat negates doing this
- You have to focus on both cameras
- You may capture material you'd otherwise miss

## \* Shots

- Always get a wide angle take if possible
- Shoot plenty of cut away material











### **ANDREW CARSLAW**



## \* Sound

- Mobile phones are your worst enemy!
- ...as are boilers, fans, central heating systems, roads, planes...
- Always make sure you record ambient tracks
- In bad environments, it might be best to re-record
- Don't have to degrade your sound to make it work
- Allow time for some ADR work
- Sound is over 50% of your film!











## AT THE END OF THE DAY

- \* Pick a date, stick to it. This is important to keep everyone in focus.
- \* NEVER fix it in post if it can be fixed on location. You will pay for it!
- \* Keep the whole team happy, one bad apple can spoil everything!
- \* Pick a good team, plan and everything should go fine
- \* Don't take on too much trust in your team!
- \* Arrange a social at the end
- \* Keep in contact
- \* Every shoot is different
- \* Help others on their films!
- \* Keep growing
- \* Have fun!!!







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# **THANK YOU: THAT'S A WRAP!**





