# BTS Project -Director's Vision

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# Story Interpretation

#### What is this a BTS of?

The People.

- Explores the effort and passion it takes to make a quality student short.
- Follows department heads and key creatives in pre, production and post as they work around their limitations and make a 20 minute short film they can be proud of.

## Roles to Interview

#### Main:

- Writer
- Director
- Producer
- Cinematographer
- Sound Mixer
- Production Designer

#### **Smaller Interviews:**

- Art Director
- Costume Designer
- Key Grip
- Gaffer
- Locations?
- Casting?

# **Example Questions**

- What brought you to the program?
- Why did you pick this department?
- What does this role mean to you? What do you want to do going forward?
- What are the specific challenges that affect this role in a student production? How do you overcome them?
- Are you doing any other roles at same time? What are the challenges that come with that?
- What do you enjoy about this production?

## Roles to Document in Pre-Production

- Writer
- -Production Meeting
- -Talking with Director
- Director
- -Production Meetings with different departments
- Producer
- -Production Meetings
- -B-Roll of prep work?

- Cinematographer
- -Production Meeting
- -Camera test
- Sound Mixer
- -Production Meeting
- -Equipment test?

# Roles to Document in Pre-Production (cont)

- Production Designer
- -Production Meeting with Director
- -Art Dep Production Meeting
- -B-Roll of prep work?
- Art Director
- -Shopping/Making props/set dec
- Costume Designer
- -Shopping for Costumes

## Departments to Document in Production

- Cinematographer (and Crew)
- -Setting up camera
- -talking with Director
- Sound Mixer
- -Setting up equipment
- -talking with camera
- -B-Roll during shooting
- Key Grip (and Crew)
- -Setting up equipment

- Director
- -Setting up camera
- -talking with actors and crew
- Art Department
- -Setting up art
- -working with Director and actors
- Gaffer
- -Setting up equipment

# Departments to Document in Post-Production

- Picture Editor
- Sound Editor/Mixer
- SFX and Foley?
- Colourist?

Director

Producer

## Themes and Tone

- This is a sincere and uplifting documentary about the talented young people coming into the Calgary film industry.
- Highlights the passion and creativity behind student films.
- Shows what's important about art and creativity.
- Overcoming Obstacles

# Why this Project Spoke to me

- Ever since I was a kid I loved watching BTS special features.
- These type of projects have informed and inspired my passions, I would love to be involved in making one following our biggest project yet.
- I am drawn to documentary storytelling and want more experience capturing the souls of my subjects through interviews and candid footage.

## **Practicalities**

- Interviews would be scheduled before and after production classes/meetings for the 20 minute.
- Small camera crew would be scheduled to shoot bts of production meetings at various intervals following different department heads.
- Bts crew would communicate with art department and schedule a day to get B-roll of them shopping for items and/or making them.
- If possible shoot production footage on the first and last day of shooting.

## Visuals

#### Interviews:

- Lighting-Cinematic and stylistic.
- Different coloured lighting for different departments.
- Cam A and Cam B to capture emotions better.

#### On Location:

- Handheld and tripod
- Artistic transitions when possible
- Candid footage.
- Capture footage of preproduction work and complex planning that you often don't see in BTS.