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Culmination: Spring 2018

Culmination Project Proposal

Hello, my name is Christopher Zapata. I am in my last year of college at City Tech. I am currently an undergraduate in the Entertainment Technology program. The two tracks of study that I decided to focus on are video and sound. These two tracks will help me as I work towards my culmination project and also my future career in the entertainment industry.

For my culmination project I plan on working on an original short film production. The film is an original scripted movie titled *Monsters* written by Aion K. Grant who is a fellow student in the Entertainment Technology Major that I have partnered up with. This production will show my knowledge of lighting, video operation and technical work with in video and sound. On this production I will work as the film's DP. I will create a shot list for the script and also a story board. With the completion of shooting the film, I will work editing the film as well along side my partner. This editing process will entail a combination of video and sound as I will be putting my camera operating skills to use alongside with post production work on the video and audio.

The film as I mentioned is an original production titled *Monsters*. With the skills that I have acquired within the last few semesters, this will be the ultimate test of all my skills. Some of the biggest challenges to me will be conveying an accurate depiction of what I have planned out in my shot list. Creating a certain mood for the film will be one of the tough challenges going forward for this film as a DP. As the editor I will also face certain challenges. Assembling the

scenes together and making sure that each scenes pushes the movie forward is a challenge to me. Besides the artistic decisions, I will have the technical challenges of mixing sound and using software. I will appreciate these challenges as it will further prepare me for my future career. I plan on becoming a photographer and a camera operator for television and film.

Synopsis

The project is a murder mystery film called *Monsters*. It tells the story of man who attempts to cover up the murder of his wife after he believes her to be unfaithful towards him, with the help of his friend who is a detective. Things go from bad to worse when the detective's colleague becomes suspicious of the two. I plan to shoot the film in black & white, I wanted to take a neo noir film approach and emphasize the use of style and hard lighting. The film itself should be no longer than 10 minutes.

Production Estimate

<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Nikon D800	\$1000 (own)
Rode Videomicpro	\$230 (own)
Panasonic G7	\$600
Adobe Premiere Pro	\$19.99/mo
Laptop	\$2500 (own)
Crew	\$0

Food	Food will be provided on shoot days
Transportation	\$32/week
Talent	\$0
Total:	<u>\$4,350</u>

Production Calander

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>February</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Location Scouting- Completion of Shot list- Completion of Final Script<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Casting- Pre production
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>March</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Production- Principle Photography
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>April</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Production

May

- Post Production
 - Editing
- (Reshoot If needed)

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