

“HOLD ME DOWN” SHORT FILM

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Introduction

For my culmination project, I wrote, organized & directed a short film to promote one of my songs. I already recorded the song. “Hold Me Down.” There will be 3 - 4 scenes shot with 5 - 6 actors altogether. As far as the technical aspect goes, I don't harbor all the skills to shoot and edit this visual by myself. But I have the management skills to assemble a team and the creative thinking to direct the film.

Materials & Methods

- Phone calls & emails to potential actors and actresses
- Scheduled meetings to confirm actors and actresses
- Hold meetings to practice lines from the script
- Camera man will be present in shooting and editing process
 - Sony A73 (camera)
 - Adobe Premiere (editing software)
 - Possible Lighting for scenes shot in darker settings
 - Microphone compatible with A73 to capture actors' voices better

Results:



Scene 1

Scene 2



Scene 3



Scene 4



Conclusion

This project combines my creativity with the technical direction I've learned at City Tech while simultaneously demonstrating the leadership & management skills I've picked up over time. I'm using this short film to promote a song I plan on releasing in the summertime. I've already contemplated making this a web series once I get better at video editing.

Acknowledgements

Cast:

Class – Michael Vaivao

Sin – Chris Richards

Milo – Damani Adams

Nova – Niomi Jackson

Luna – Jennifer Larosiliere

Cameraman/Co-director:

Jalen Williams