

# Joliet: Original script shot on small budget

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He attended Minnesota State University and Carroll College, and has about two semesters left before he'll receive a degree in biology.

He got interested in filmmaking when his father played a role in the film "Far and Away," which was partly filmed in Billings and released in 1992.

"I was astonished," he said. "I had been theater acting for some time, but saw the film set and fell in love." His dad did a few other cinematic projects Rogers was involved in, and he said that kicked off his passion.

Marble is from Roberts, where he graduated in 2007.

"I spent my whole life in the Roberts/Red Lodge area," he said. "After high school, I decided I wanted to go to the University of Michigan to study business. Unfortunately, going from a graduating class of 13 to an entering class of close to 6,000 was just not conducive to me enjoying my time there."

About halfway through his first semester, he decided to transfer back to Montana. He spoke to Rogers on the phone, who said he was going to make a movie.

"Of course I was skeptical as to how he expected to accomplish this, but as we kept looking into it, we realized that it certainly could be done. So we decided to begin the process of raising money."

Much like their main character, Dave, in "My Favorite Movie," the men weren't without their share of obstacles. "Every production is going to run into day-to-day problems such as a generator breaking down, getting lost on back roads for three hours looking for a location, actors deciding to take vacation, all of which happened, but we were able to improvise and make it work."

In a Hollywood environment, he continued, "you have unions to deal with, strict permits, required hours, required pay, etc. Things a couple of college kids like ourselves would not have the experience or money to deal with."

It was managing the crew, however, that Mr. Marble said posed some of the biggest challenges.

"I discovered it's just not that easy to coordinate a 25-person crew, their arrival, their housing, and certainly any needs or complaints they might have for one day, much less an entire month. Factor in a 60-person cast, location changes, angry neighbors and cops, coordinating three meals a day, problems on-set with



Photo courtesy of Dream Team Cinema  
Anders Lundgren prepares to shoot another scene.

equipment ... I was one tired fellow by the end of June."

He's got time to catch his breath. The film won't be ready for distribution for about a year. As to where it will be shown, Rogers said, "This entirely depends on

how we're able to distribute the film. Hopefully you'll be able to see it from anywhere."

"My Favorite Movie" will be rated PG or PG 13, depending on the editing, and will be around two hours long. Marble

"We kept researching and eventually realized that the only way we were going to do it was to dive in and just do it; iron out the kinks on the way."

— Isaac Marble, producer for the Montana-made feature film, "My Favorite Movie"

believes after movie-goers watch the film, "there will be a realization that a film can be done on a lower budget (just \$80,000) and with equal quality (as a major Hollywood-funded project). The story in itself will leave viewers with memories and catch phrases that should stick with them in their 'movie catalog of memories' for quite some time."

Rogers said his goal for this film is to raise enough money to make another feature. He hopes movie-goers will "just relax and have a good time. Know that this was born and bred in Montana, and that we're very proud of it."

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