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Joliet movie company aims big

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Montana filmmakers Martin Rogers and Isaac Marble aren't letting their grass roots setting, far and away from Hollywood, keep them from reaching for the stars. The duo has just finished their first feature-length movie, filmed entirely in Montana, and it will be ready for distribution sometime next year.

The film is titled, "My Favorite Movie." Mr. Rogers wrote, directed and plays a small role in the film.

"The movie is a comedy about a man named Dave who went to college and now has a desk job," he said. "Dave is surrounded by crazy friends with oddball jobs who are genuinely happy. Dave realizes that even though he lived the American dream by going to college and getting a good job, he isn't happy. The story is about Dave's struggle to find happiness with all kinds of crazy obstacles in the way."

A bit autobiographical? Rogers admitted, "A lot of the plot is from my life experience; however, the story is completely original. A lot of the really bizarre flashbacks or awkward moments in the film are very much things that have happened to me."

Mr. Marble also has a small role, in addition to wearing many other hats in the making of the film. "I could call myself producer, line producer, unit production manager and location scout and any other positions that needed to be filled. Since it was just Martin and I working on it to begin with, we both assumed a lot of different positions. I also play a couple of small roles in the film itself."

Other cast members came from around the state: Bryan Ferriter of Helena and Alexa Etchart of Glasgow are the lead male and lead female in the movie. A few more recognizable names in the film include Auggie Smith, a comedian from Billings; John Murray, brother of well-known actor Bill Murray; and Mike Butters of the "Saw" movie franchise.

Rogers' and Marble's company, Dream Team Cinema, began in 1999 in Joliet as a small creative resource outlet. Dream Team Cinema LLC was founded in 2007 and is currently run by Rogers and Marble.

Rogers was born in Phoenix, Ariz., but grew up in Joliet, graduating in 2005.

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Martin Rogers, Bill Otto, Chase Heidlebaugh and Alex White set up a tracking shot.

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