

NEWTON NORTH HIGH SCHOOL ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE FILMMAKING APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Workbench Productions is a film company based in New York and Boston. We've partnered with the Newton Schools Foundation to serve both the local and national community. In April, 2010, we offer a no-cost apprenticeship program for high school students at Newton North and Newton South to gain invaluable hands-on filmmaking experience. Each participating student is paired with a member of a professional film crew to work hands-on during the production. Together, students and professionals create an entertaining and socially-significant film, *Adam Underground* (see following page). Students have the opportunity to audition for the film, and may choose to appear as extras.

The Apprenticeship Program is a chance for students to work beside and learn from industry professionals and established film and television actors. Once completed, *Adam Underground* will be submitted to the major North American festivals including Sundance, Toronto, TriBeCa, and play on select television networks. Most importantly, the finished film will be distributed to Middle, Junior, and High Schools across the country, as part of a program to offer alternatives to cheating.

We've been so happy to find Newton families, organizations and businesses coming together behind this project. It's a city-wide effort and we want to give as many groups as are interested a chance to participate. There are two great ways to get involved in the program. Some businesses and individuals have decided to give financial support in the form of tax-deductible contributions, while others have chosen to invest and earn points in the project. We've raised \$25,000 in the last two weeks—nearly half our \$50,000 budget. Our goal is to raise the rest by April 1st.

We announce the Artists in Residency Program at a kick-off assembly at Newton North on March 17th, and begin the Apprenticeship Program in the first week of April. We hope you'll join us in this exciting educational and artistic endeavor.

ADAM UNDERGROUND

May the best cheater lose.

In the bowels of Windbury High there is an underground, student-run cheating ring—a well-oiled machine that churns out A-level assignments for those who can afford it. Homework Lab, as the students refer to it in hushed tones, is the invisible hand that has created and upheld an empire. Adam is king. He and his organization have helped Windbury High become the #1 public school in the county, three years in a row. But this year, school newspaper reporter Drew Daniels thinks that enough is enough.



THE TEAM

PROGRAM STAFF

Producer	Nikhil Melnechuk	
Directors	Rachel Cole (NNHS '03)	
	Nick Weiss-Richmond (NNHS '03)	
Prod. Manager	Daniel Melnechuk	
Art Director	Hannah Pepper-Cunningham (NNHS '03)	
Prod. Designer	Hondo Weiss-Richmond (NNHS '97)	
Location Manager	Sophie Rosenberg (NNHS '03)	
Assoc. Producer	Sara Keiner	
Assistant Director	Lily Wahrman	
Casting	Lori Malkin, Paladino Casting, NYC	
Cinematographer	James B. Heck	
Sound	Lucas M. Lee	
Newton Schools Foundation Representative	Tori Filler	
Newton North High School Coordinator	Deborah Holman, Vice Principal, NNHS	

SCHEDULE

Pre-production, January through April, 2010 in Newton, New York

Production, April 2010 in Newton

Post-production, May through September, 2010 in New York

To be shot on location at NNHS.

BUDGET

\$50,000

SAG Low Budget Short Agreement

Insured by Film Emporium, NY, NY

We are currently seeking tax-deductible donations and capital investment.
Please contact us to get involved or to request more information.

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