

THE BUDGET LIST

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At SellingYourScreenplay.com we interface with lots of low budget screenplays throughout the year through SYS's Six-Figure Film Festival and Screenplay Contest, our script analysis service, and our industry connections. And each year we like to highlight the best low budget, unproduced screenplays that we find.

The Budget List is a roundup of all of these top screenplays. Below you will find log lines for them.

If you're a producer / agent / manager / director / development executive and would like to learn more about any of these projects, please email us at

info@sellingyourscreenplay.com.

Congratulations to all the writers who's screenplays caught our attention this year. Hopefully we can help find producers for these screenplays. list.

So without further ado, here is the 8th annual The Budget List...

**SECRET TOP
SCREEN
PLAYS**

TITLE: THE SLOW ROT OF WENDY HAGER

Logline: A nurturing mother who has dedicated her entire life to safeguarding her family from the outside world, must soon find a way to protect them from the greatest danger of all... herself. Think Still Alice meets The Shining. A wicked, terrifying, unrelenting and unforgiving emotional roller coaster of joy, misery and WTF imagery!

Genre: Horror

Writer: Martin Bartlett

TITLE: DARKNESS RESIDES

Logline: A paranoid FBI Photographer's worst nightmare becomes a reality when he uncovers a plot for a mass shooting targeting his son's high school. With his faith in the bureau dwindling and haunted by past massacres, he's forced down a dark path blurring the lines between justice and violence.

Genre: Drama/Thriller

Writer: Benjamin Enos

TITLE: SISTER MARY

Logline: After her new church is under menace by a violent gang a young nun teams up with two bank robbers to protect the Sisters and fight the evil men.

Genre: Western Comedy

Writer: Jerzy P. Suchocki

TITLE: RHENIUM

Logline: When his uncle reappears after a five year hiatus, mortally wounded and dying in a hospital, an industrious college student gets caught up in a deadly conspiracy, involving a parallel world where a ruthless baroness is hunting an aunt and cousin he never met.

Genre: 1-hour Sci-Fi Pilot

Writer: Kathy Patterson

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-WINNER-

TITLE: THE SALESMAN

Name: Adam Seidel

Genre: drama

Log Line: A lonely assassin on the cusp of a mid-life crisis is duped into a cross-country road trip with his next hit, an abrasive, suicidal man who wants company on his pre-death apology tour. ABOUT SCHMIDT meets BANSHEES of INISHERIN.

-FINALIST-

TITLE: ON THE HOUR

Name: Brandon Rhiness

Genre: horror

Log Line: A group of friends spending the weekend in the country fall victim to a curse that causes them to die off one by one, every hour, on the hour.

-SEMIFINALISTS-

TITLE: LIVING TOO LATE

Name: Alex McAulay

Genre: thriller

Log Line: A kindhearted middle-school teacher tries to help a troubled student, but accidentally incurs the wrath of the student's demented parent, who begins stalking him and trying to ruin his life. This is a darkly comic thriller.

TITLE: VENGEANCE OF SAINTS

Name: Phillip Roquemore

Genre: thriller

Log Line: A small town priest struggles with the strict rules surrounding the seal of confession when a man confesses what he did to the girl missing from the church youth group.

TITLE: SELF STORAGE

Name: Robert Walcott

Genre: horror

Log Line: On his first shift at a self storage facility, a new night manager discovers that his workplace harbors some very disturbing business practices.

TITLE: THEY EAT THEIR OWN

Name: Steven Smith

Genre: thriller

Log Line: After losing WWII the U.S. is split in half, just like Vietnam and Korea before it. Rebels fighting to reunite the country face mind-bending interrogations that threaten to crush the rebellion.

-QUARTERFINALS-

TITLE: IT'S WHAT YOU SEE

Name: Lisa Hickey

Genre: drama

Log Line: A traumatized young woman must decipher which parts of her hallucinations are real in order to both unravel a man's mysterious death and—just possibly—learn how to live.

TITLE: THE LYON OF TIMES SQUARE

Name: Christopher Loveland

Genre: drama

Log Line: Junior and his dysfunctional parents go to New York City for a college program's audition. After blowing his audition, Junior and his family are caught in a mass shooting; the father dies playing the hero and is lionized by the media. CONTENT WARNING.

TITLE: LOVE & DETROIT

Name: Michael Dunker

Genre: drama

Log Line: When his cancer has returned for the third time, a wealthy man takes a euthanasia pill that ends his life the next time he falls asleep. An hour after he takes it, he runs into his 8th grade sweetheart - the love of his life - and he's forced to stay up as long as possible.

TITLE: MOM'S THIRD HUSBAND

Name: Isabelle Davis

Genre: comedy

Log Line: Following her second divorce, a mother of four grudgingly agrees to let her children set her up on a series of dates.

TITLE: NEXT DOOR DOMME

Name: Kerstin Porter

Genre: dramedy

Log Line: When a lonely introvert discovers her neighbor is a dominatrix, she teams up with the domme to find a partner, but when she ends up dating a submissive, she must face her true self, kinky or not, to find true love.

TITLE: TRENDING

Name: Mark McKee

Genre: horror

Log Line: A woman is forced to reconcile her past and the privacy she holds dear after her selection for a game show that grants instant influencer status to the contestant.

-SHORTS-

-WINNER-

TITLE: SUN IS COMING?

Name: Saeid Ghasemi

Genre: drama

Log Line: In a Dubai refugee camp, SHARIFOLAH battles bureaucracy and the looming threat of the Taliban to bring his scattered family together.

-FINALIST-

TITLE: DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE

Name: Darren Coyle

Genre: thriller

Log Line: A cop is called to a domestic disturbance. He finds a woman chained to a radiator and a man with a gun. Cop subdues the man and frees the woman only to find she is a werewolf and he's in trouble

-SEMIFINALISTS-

TITLE: WANG AND DA RATS

Name: James Bylinsky

Genre: action/adventure

Log Line: When a young Chinese deli owner in Queens pisses off a pair of neo-Nazis, he must confront his nonconfrontational nature to defeat them, save his deli, and save his life.

-QUARTERFINALISTS-

TITLE: TO THE MOON

Name: Michael Dukakis

Genre: fantasy

Log Line: An LGBT+ kid from a troubled family tries to escape abuse by fulfilling three magical tasks in his grandmother's fairy tale.

TITLE: MOUSE

Name: Michael Clifton

Genre: horror

Log Line: A grieving father haunted by the loss of his child seeks solace in an unlikely visitor.

TITLE: TRICK-OR-TREAT

Name: Carlos Perez

Genre: horror

Log Line: A malicious young man receives a nasty payback on Halloween.