

Film Project Wrapping Up Soon

After 26 shoot days involving more than 100 cast members in 16 different NYC locations, our Foster Care Film Project will soon be “wrapped.”

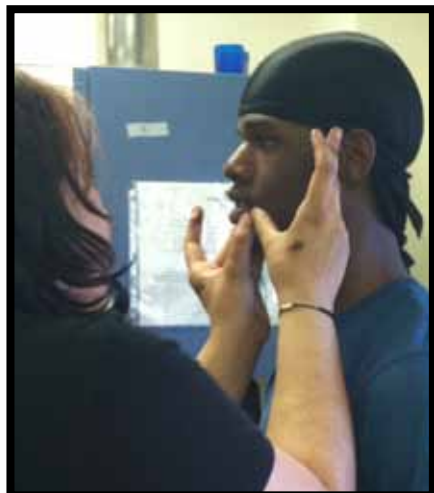
The film, “Know How,” is an adaptation of our September 2010 original musical by our Foster Care Cast. The screenplay was written by the youth cast this past Fall under the guidance of director Juan Carlos Pineiro Escoriza. Since March, they have been on set working with a professional film crew to realize their vision.

Editing will begin this summer, and is slated to be completed by this September. We are excited to be working with the talented team at Beast Editorial on post-production.

Between now and the time the film is completed, we will be working to finalize our distribution plan—scheduling screenings, preparing for film festival submissions, and honing our plans for social impact.

To be updated on upcoming screenings, to watch a trailer for the project, or to donate, visit the film’s website:

www.knowhowmovie.com



Michael Dew has his make-up applied before a fight scene.

Participant Profile: Niquana Clark

About a year ago, I was sitting in my foster care agency office complaining about how bored I was with life in its entirety. The education specialist there told me about The Possibility Project, and suggested I go to an audition. I went, with Shakespeare in mind and that sort of really cheesy over the top theatre stuff. When I arrived, Paul asked everyone to bark like dogs and run around the room as if we were on fire. That’s when I knew not to expect anything and just roll with it.

The first few weeks of rehearsal I kind of held back and watched everyone else. Then we started to get to know each other. We did exercises that made it clear that we all have been through similar things. I’ve never spoken to other people about being in foster care - they tend to give you the



Niquana Clark waits for her entrance on the set of “Know How.”

‘I’m sorry’ look. Here, no one feels sorry for you because they’re in the same situation and all they want to do is get out of it and help you get out of it. So instead of sympathy, it’s like a sense of respect and understanding. It’s comforting.

After performing our show, and now shooting this film, I’ll just say I’ve never grown this close to any group of people and I can’t imagine not knowing them. They are my family - the Artistic Directors (Elizabeth & Paul) are like Mom and Dad, the Program Managers (Kelly & Lamar) are like Aunt and Uncle, and the cast are like brothers and sisters. Now, with their support, I feel like I have a future and I’m ready for it to happen.

Read Niquana’s full profile at: www.the-possibility-project.org/youth

“Ready, Set... Show!” - 16th Premiere in NYC

The Possibility Project premiered its 16th original musical, “Ready, Set... Show!” April 29th through May 3rd at El Museo del Barrio in New York City. The show was written and performed by the 77 teenagers in TPP’s Saturday Cast. More than 1800 audience members attended the performances over five nights. Their show followed a “Band of Players” who are creating a show that captures the trials and triumphs that go along with being a teenager. Full of real-life drama and anticipation for what’s to come, this production gave voice to the stories of young people dealing with friendship, family, secrets, aspirations, loyalty and loss.

Audience response was overwhelmingly positive:

- “Absolutely amazing. I’ve never seen anything like it.”
- “It touched a lot on important issues that often go unsaid and unheard.”
- “Perhaps the most wonderful experience in a long time – superb!”

DVDs of this production are available at: www.the-possibility-project.org/store



The Saturday cast performs their opening number.

THE POSSIBILITY PROJECT

Newsletter

Summer 2011

Upcoming This Fall

- **August:** Recruitment for Saturday and After School Programs.
- **September:** TPP's movie "Know How" will be completed; screenings will be held in NYC.
- **October:** Saturday and After School Programs begin rehearsals.
- **November:** Foster Care Program premieres its original musical.

Featured Alumni

We will soon launch a new section of our website that features original music, poetry, and artwork by Possibility Project alumni.

Visit our Featured Alumni page later this summer at:

www.the-possibility-project.org/featured-alumni

THE POSSIBILITY PROJECT

The Possibility Project empowers diverse groups of teenagers each year to create safe, peaceful and productive lives and communities. Using the performing arts as a vehicle, The Possibility Project aims to develop the next generation of engaged community leaders. For information, to donate, or to join our mailing list, contact us at:

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Our Spring Fundraising Event!

On Saturday, May 7, 50 lucky individuals were given a rare opportunity to view some of the most exquisite cars in the world with the owner, Jim Glickenhaus, as a personal guide.

The event – which raised nearly \$14,000 for The Possibility Project – took place on a beautiful Saturday afternoon at Jim's private shop just north of the city. In addition to exploring his fantastic collection, guests ate and drank and learned about the work of The Possibility Project from Jesse Glickenhaus, TPP Board Member and organizer of the event; Paul Griffin, Founder & President; and Gabby Garcia and Niquana Clark, members of the TPP Foster Care Cast.



TPP Board Member John Mancia, Artistic Director Elizabeth Howard, and the famous Ferrari P4/5.

View pictures of the event on our Flickr page: www.flickr.com/groups/1692721@N21/

Love and Water Designs: T-Shirts on Sale!

In April, The Possibility Project was selected as a featured charity by Love and Water Designs, a company that "creates wearable philanthropy: clothing created for and inspired by organizations doing good in the world, and that gives back to those organizations on a regular basis." The Possibility Project is one of over 70 charities who have been selected as beneficiaries of their unique philanthropic activities.

Love and Water recruited several graphic artists from around the globe to submit t-shirt designs that represented TPP's mission and work. Each design was posted online where people voted for their favorite. The winning design, titled 'Never Give Up' (pictured left) is on sale now for \$20 at:



The winning design by Wang Liang, Graduate Student, Central Academy of Fine Arts, China.

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www.loveandwaterdesigns.com/design/never-give

Spring Community Action Projects

Our Saturday Cast recently completed their final 2011 Community Action Projects. These three projects addressed the issues of gun violence, self image, and sexual abuse. See photos and videos online at www.the-possibility-project.org/spring-community-action.



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