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Actor asks for hometown support

"If you could take a moment to vote it would make all the difference" - Malcolm Masters

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From left Malcolm Masters, Camden Filtness and Ryan McNeill Bolton, produced and star in "Goons", a web series now a finalist for half a million dollars to bankroll the comedy becoming a series on CBC. They are relying on votes from the community to win the competition.

A Carihi graduate who is making a name for himself in television and film now has half a million reasons for his hometown to tune in.

Malcolm Masters, 25, whose acting credits include "Unknown Stories of the ER", "Battle Castle", "Home for Supper", and most notably 'Benjamin', the angel in "Supernatural", teamed up with two other actors to write, produce and star in a web series "Goons".

Its success could bring them \$500,000 to film a half hour episode for CBC television.

It's about 'three thugs trying to getting rich as muscle for hire, but they can't fight through a wet paper bag.' The web series follows three disposable henchmen as they stumble along, working as hired muscle, trying to make an honest living.

"It's pure luck and determination that keeps this ragtag group alive for longer than a day," said Masters, whose fellow cast members include Vancouverites Camden Filtness

and Ryan McNeill Bolton. All three graduated from Capilano University in the Acting for Stage and Screen program, and are certified Actor Combatants.

"We just finished releasing our six-part web series on youtube when we discovered a contest called ComedyCoup," said Masters. "This is a contest put on by CBC television. The purpose is to find new and edgy comedy for a potential television series. There were over 285 projects entered across Canada when this contest began. Now there are only 55, and 'Goons' is one of them. This is because of fan support."

Masters said that they need to get into the top 15, and have only until Sunday, Nov. 9 to make the cut.

"We can not get there without my hometown's support, every vote really matters," he said. "All it takes to be a fan of 'Goons' is your email address and a password and then you are registered. Then go to <http://comedycoup.cbc.ca/goons> and cast the five votes you are given towards 'Goons'. If you have another moment you can complete 'Fan Badges' to earn more points. To see what our project is about check out our four 90-second videos that are on the ComedyCoup website."

Once Masters gets into the top 15 it becomes a strictly creative process between the projects and their potential producers.

"If that goes well you will have a new Canadian series on TV," he said. "Each week we receive a new 'mission' from ComedyCoup that we have seven days to complete. Examples would be our videos, posters, pilot script, series bible, and character biographies among other things. We would love to gain the support of my home town. I know you have better things to do with your lives but if you could take a moment to vote it would make all the difference."

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