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PRODUCTIONS

# *Wasted* TALENT

*a short film*



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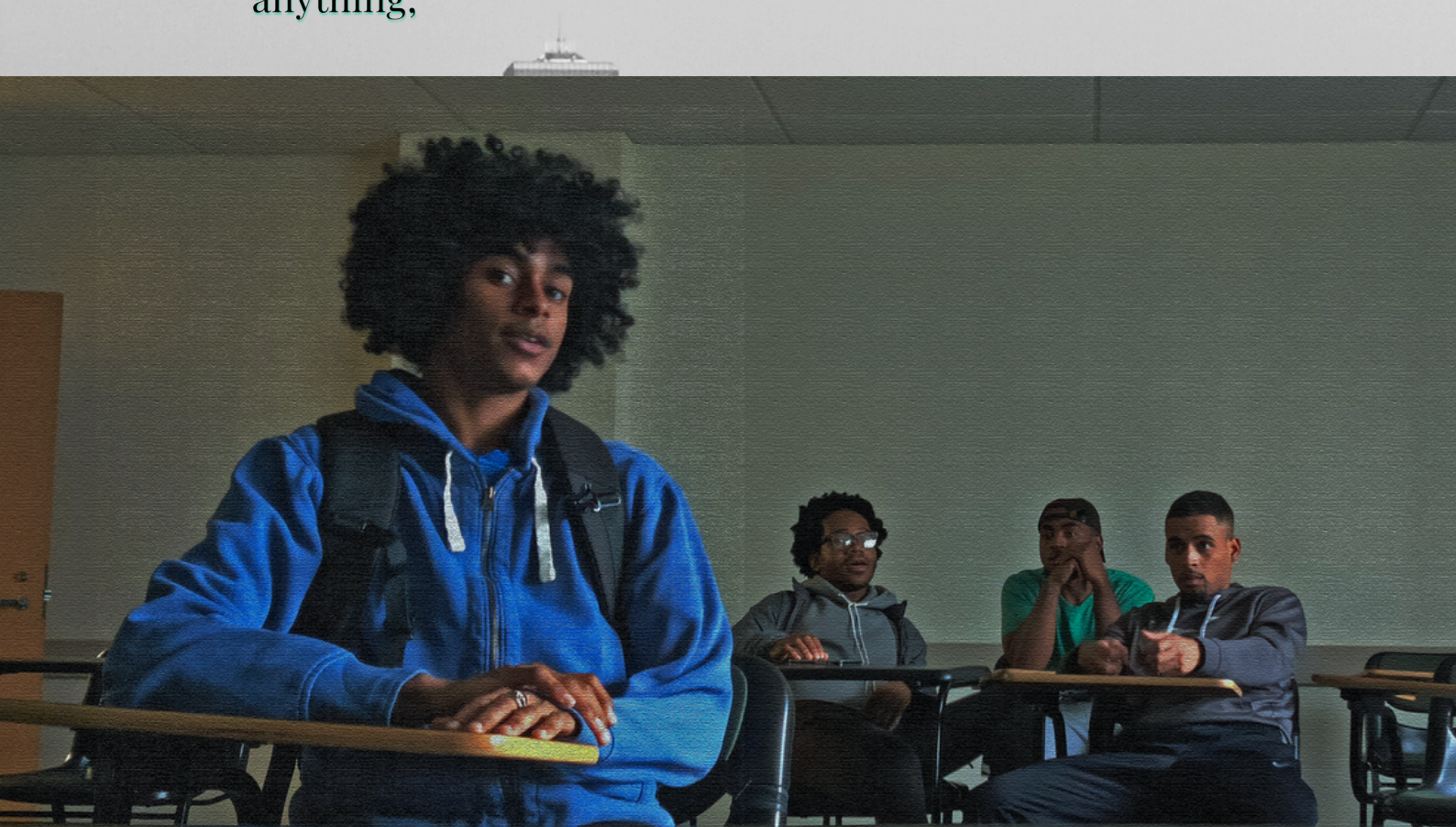


# ARTIST STATEMENT

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When I first thought of a "Wasted Talent" I wasn't sure what that phrase meant to me. I sat down for days trying to muster the words on paper. I remember sitting with my friend Pete one afternoon, we talked about dreams and how everyone has them but only a few pursue them. Borrowing from Will Smith, 100% of people have dreams but 99% of people won't put in the work to make their dreams come true.

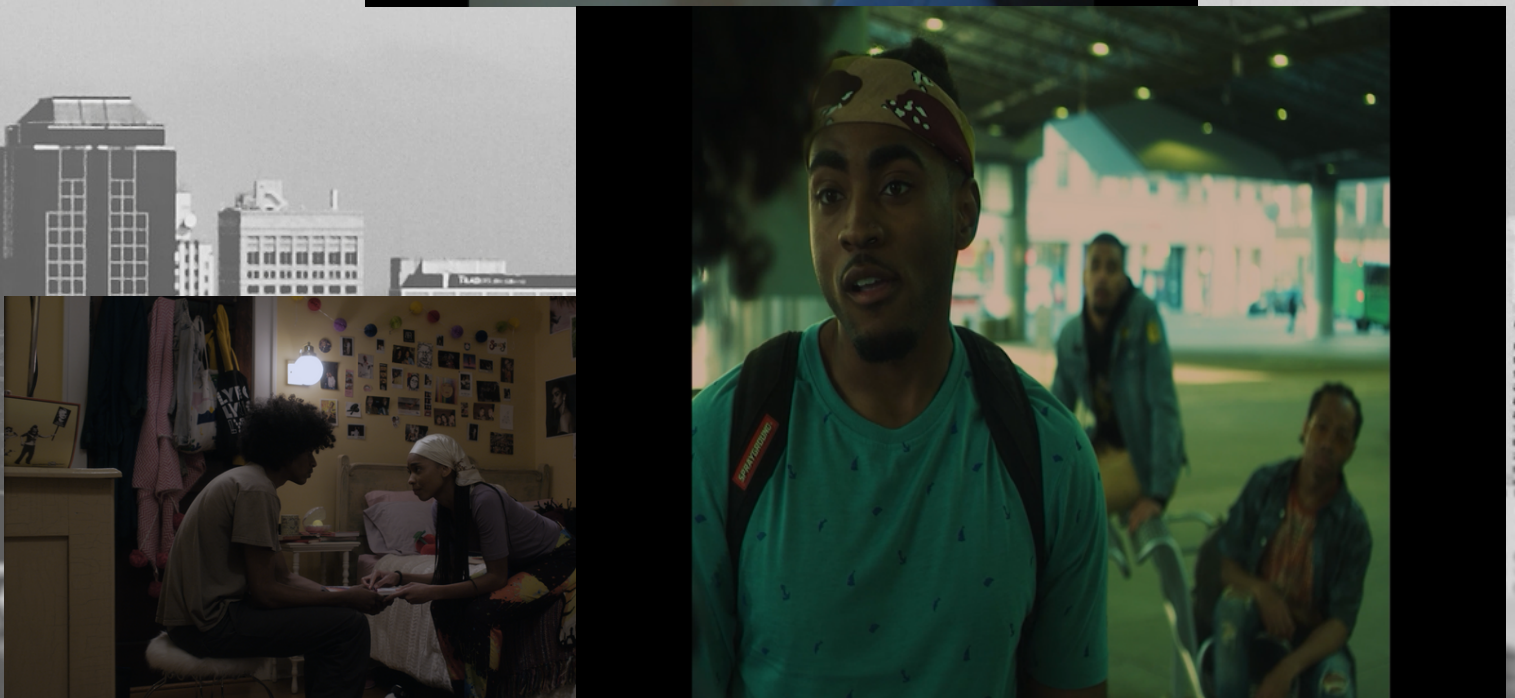
I thought back to my days in high school- the time that would shape my future. This normally is an exciting time for young adults, but when your path is uncertain or takes a turn, it can make or break you. I chose one path and it brought me here but there are many kids out there, talented & bright with dreams they struggle to obtain because of the systematic obstacles placed in front of them. This story is for them and all of the marginalized kids who were told they can't amount to anything,



# THE STORY

**Logline:** Four high school teens are thrown into detention after a fight come together through their love for music and songwriting. However, their newfound bond is brought to a halt by the harsh reality of the world they come from.

**Synopsis:** Marcus, 17 is an introspective high school kid. He is jumped by members of a local gang, Bloc Boyz, but is saved by Dario, Louis, and Jashawn - fellow students who are affiliated with the gang. They fend off the gang members but are sent to detention where the four boys forge an unlikely connection through music. But the boys soon learn that their dreams of making it are complicated at best.



# CAST

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**Chetan Cutting**  
"Marcus"

**Amber Janea**  
"Natalia"



**Ahmad DeChalus**  
"Louis"



**Dexter Philip**  
"Jashawn"

**Omari Johnson**  
"Dario"



# STILLS



# SPECIFICATIONS

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Project Type:	Short
Runtime:	14 minutes, 7 seconds
Completion Date:	July 7, 2021
Production Budget:	40,000 USD
Country of Origin:	United States
Country of Filming:	United States
Language:	English
Shooting Format:	Digital
Aspect Ratio:	4:3
Film Color:	Color



# CREDITS

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