

## Hidden Talent Leads To New York Film Festival Selection

**A member of BHP Billiton's Petroleum's Perth IT team has had a short film selected for screening at the prestigious New York International Independent Film & Video Festival.**



*Unix Systems Support Specialist, Lincoln Fenner directing*

Unix Systems Support Specialist, Lincoln Fenner, says his day job is to "enhance computing to best help our geoscientists find oil". But in his spare time, he has been making films for some years through his company, Creation Box Films, which also makes corporate videos and DVDs. Lincoln has also studied film making and worked on films in Los Angeles and London.



*Lincoln and crew on set*

Selection means the film, 'Another Chance' will be screened in front of hundreds of studio executives, actors and media, having undergone a rigorous selection process by a review panel.

"The festival is known as the voice of independent film and receives extensive media coverage, so it will mean tremendous exposure for us," says Lincoln.

The first most of Lincoln's colleagues knew of his creative side was when the film had its premiere in Perth in June. Around 250 people attended the premiere prior to a screening of the box office hit, 'Batman Begins'. "I had to upgrade the size of the cinema venue twice to accommodate all the people who wanted to see it," he says.

"I think people I work with were quite surprised. They didn't realise that I had this passion to make films in my spare time, because I hadn't mentioned it much at work all these years."

Lincoln wrote the film with Justin Limb, who plays the film's main character, Simon. On a morning coffee break, Simon is drawn to a mobile phone he finds lying in an alley. When it rings, the voice on the other end predicts Simon's immediate, dire future. When events come true, the voice offers him 'another chance'. After trust is established with the voice, Simon is challenged to confront his boss, who is on the verge of suicide. Can Simon now offer him 'another chance' too?

A cast and crew of around 20 people were involved in making the film, which was shot in and around Perth.



*Lincoln setting up the camera*

Selection for screening at the festival, to be held in November, comes with two VIP tickets that include entry to the gala opening, all the film screenings, seminars and panel discussions - and after-screening parties in New York's top night spots.

Lincoln has chosen not to go to the festival as his wife, Natasha, who is also involved with Creation Box Films, is due to give birth to the couple's first child around the same time. But, he says, the company will be represented. More information about 'Another Chance' and Creation Box Films and can be found at [www.creationboxfilms.com](http://www.creationboxfilms.com)