# **ACTORS CONTRACT**

Name of actor Mad Comedian Revin Hart (Pupper), Black Amanda Bynes, all played by
Omar Dyer Name of production company: Coaches! 101 Production  C/o Agent (if there is one): Coaches! 101 A NJ Non-Profit
Company Address: PO Box 4463 Jersey City, NJ 07304
Actor or Agent's Address: 275 Liberty Ave apt2 Jersey City NJ 07307
PO Box 4463 Jersey City NJ 07304
Date 02/22/2015
Dear Name of actor: Mad Comedian, Kevin Hart (Puppet), Black Amanda Bynes, all
played by Omar Dyer
played by Olliat Dyei
This letter confirms agreement that you will take the part of <u>casting members</u> in the Film / Sitcom <u>Mad Comedian: Take Over New York</u> ( the "Film / Sitcom") This is the working title and the final name of the film may change. As you know, this is a low budget production and we are keen to ensure that everyone understands the basis upon which the Film / Sitcom is being made. If there is anything about this letter that you do not understand or you wish us to clarify, please do not hesitate to contact us.
1)You agree to be available to work during the filming period ("the Shoot") from TBA toTBA (or you can name the exact dates).  2) You agree that the filming will take place in the following locations
3) You agree to give over any rights you may have in the finished film to Coaches! 101 Productions and Coaches! 101 A NJ Non-Profit. This will allow us to distribute the film in any and every way we can. 4) This is a non payment, credit only notary for your performance in this Film. 5) We will aim to ensure that working days are not longer than 10 hours. 6) We will do our best to ensure your health, safety and welfare during the Shoot. 7) We will have public liability insurance to cover you during the Shoot. 8) We will provide you with food and refreshments throughout the Shoot. We will liase with you over your travel arrangements to and from the Shoot and either provide transport or pay travel expenses which we need to agree in advance. 9) We will be provide you with a VHS of the finished Film within 3 months of the completion of all post production.
signed by the actor: h date: 1/22/2016
signed on behalf of the company: Ourstand date: 1/22/2016

## SHOOTING PEOPLE GOOD ENOUGH CONTRACTS

These contracts are designed to be 'good enough' for low budget filmmaking. If you have a commission from a TV station or are making a fully funded feature film, you should seek to use the PACT contracts (Producers Association for Cinema and Television – www.pact.co.uk) which are based on full Equity fees and contain a great deal more details about exclusivity, overtime and repeat fees and copyright clearances.

These contracts are designed to be as clear as possible – no fancy legal language just plain English. The contract should be printed out on company letterhead, 2 copies signed by the producer should be sent out – one for the actor to keep and one for them to sign and return.

#### WHAT ARE THESE CONTRACTS FOR?

A contract is there to protect - to protect the producer and to protect the actor. A contract makes sure there is as much clarity as possible between both partners so both know what to expect from the other. You should always use a contract with your actors no matter how informal the shoot. It will save you from the consequences of any misunderstandings or disagreements further down the line.

The Shooting People Actors Contract contains things that the actor promises to do – such as turn up. These are covered in the first 3 clauses which start 'you agree' And things the producer promises to do – such as provide insurance. These are covered in the last 6 clauses which start 'we will'.

## **AT THE VERY LEAST**

Shooting People members expect that at bare minimum, a producer will pay for travel and food expenses, provide a copy of the finished film and provide Public Liability Insurance to cover the crew and cast for any accidents during the production. We strongly urge you to retain these elements to the contract, even if you amend or remove other clauses.

#### **RIGHTS AND PAYMENT**

Creative people such as directors, writers, composers and actors automatically own the rights to their own creative contribution to a film. In order to sell or show a film the producer needs to control all the rights to the film. On a fully funded production, the producer pays the actor money in exchange for which the actor assigns all (or some) of the rights in their work to the producer. On low budget films the producer is often paying the actor a minimum fee or even no fee at all. Yet they must still obtain the rights they need to distribute the film even if they simply wish to show it online for free.

## **DEFERED PAYMENT CONTRACTS**

Both producers and actors are aware that every low budget feature is a potential Blair Witch even though the odds are very low indeed. It may be that you have an actor who you consider to be essential to the production whose agent is not prepared to sign away all rights for no fee or for only the Equity film school fee. In this case you may want to consider an additional deferred payment contract which promises to pay the actor more money if and when the film is a commercial success.

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