

Something Blue

a film by Sean Gannon

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Alum Creates Video Drama “Something Blue”

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Sean Gannon (AS '91) just finished making a video drama filmed right here in Iowa. He was the director, executive producer, writer and editor for the feature film, "Something Blue," which began filming Sept. 13 and finished Sept. 24.

Gannon, originally from Bondurant, Iowa, grew up on a farm and graduated from Drake with a major in theater and a minor in radio/TV. While at Drake, he was a cartoonist for the Times-Delphic and had his own TV show called "Blort."

The film is about a young couple who are getting married. The groom asks a friend to film the proposal, and then the couple decides to tape the whole process of getting married. "It starts out as a fun, goofy thing, but when his family starts treating her badly and he won't do anything about it, it sort of turns into a documentary of a relationship starting to fray."

One unique feature about this film is that all the actors in it have either graduated from Drake or are from Iowa. "I wanted local talent for this film," Gannon said. "Actually, the two leads in the film are a married couple and both graduated from Drake a couple of years ago. I thought that the chemistry would be better if I used a married couple in the film." Most of the music in the film is by Iowa musicians as well.

"I had two choices of where I could film this, Iowa or L.A., and obviously I chose Iowa," Gannon said. "One thing I really liked about shooting in Iowa was that you could walk into a wedding dress store say you'd like to shoot a movie there, and they're excited by the idea," Gannon said. "In L.A., store-owners are constantly badgered by filmmakers wanting to shoot so they aren't interested, or they charge you a ton of money."

After college, he was an editor for a fishing show called "Outdoor Encounters" in Des Moines from 1991 to 1992. "This was an interesting job because I had never fished before," Gannon said. "The producer would say, 'put together a walleye montage,' and I'd say, 'okay—which ones are the walleyes?'"

After that, Gannon earned his masters degree in film production focusing on directing and writing from Florida State University. His thesis was a film called "Radioman," which was about an AWOL soldier finding work at a mom-and-pop radio station in the 40s. It won a student Emmy and Best Student Short at the Austin film Festival in 1995.

Gannon currently resides in Los Angeles.