

Lights - Camera - Action



Losing his sight from just 12 weeks old, Gough, (spelt with a small 'g'), from Beernuts productions is a legally blind director and filmmaker of his own self-funded production company, Beernuts Productions, his marvellous productions available at beernutsproductions.com

Beernuts productions was inspired from Gough's love of writing and storytelling, and although he is legally blind and has had many setbacks in his career of people thinking a blind filmmaker was something of a joke, Gough has pushed through these criticisms, proving that if you want something you can't let anything or anyone

stand in your way.

Beernuts Productions director and producer Gough said that when starting in the film industry, nobody would take him seriously, discriminating against him because of his disability.

"When I first started in this industry people didn't want to give me financing for my projects, they didn't take me seriously at all... I had to come up with a way of getting around that and so my way of doing that was starting my own production company," Gough said.

During the writing process of a production, Gough knows exactly how he wants the film to feel,

and when writing a character, can hear their voice in his head of how he wants them to be portrayed. In the filming stages, Gough relies heavily on his crew to ensure everything is looking how it needs to look and being portrayed correctly.

Videographer and editor Simon Rose said that because Gough is blind it can be hard knowing what each of the scenes are meant to look like, but by extensively going through the script before the shoot days he is able to interpret what Gough pictures and make it come to life.

“Communication is everything. I have to keep in my mind that he can’t see what I see. You don’t get it in the first edit, it comes with time,” Mr. Rose said.

gough has a firm idea of what he expects from those he works with and isn’t reluctant to reinforce what he expects from people working on his productions.

Actor in multiple productions Cale Kampers said that gough's ability to not only write, but produce, direct, and act in his productions is extremely inspiring.

“Most people, myself included, might be inclined to attempt to do just the minimum in life to get by with the type of disability he's faced with - but gough is one of the hardest working people I know, visually impaired or not,” Mr. Kampers said.

gough has been faced with numerous setbacks in his life but has continued to push through despite the criticisms, leading him to the successful career he has today.

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