

Hello!

I am currently casting extras over the age of 16 for the 1950s period feature film THE SPIRIT OF THE GAME, being produced by McLaren House.

It's a bit of fun for anyone interested in getting involved in drama acting and seeing what happens on a professional feature film set. One scene we wish to draw a crowd for is the recreation of the 1956 basketball clash between the Mormon Yankees basketball team and the French national team prior to the 1956 Melbourne Olympics. This is based on a real-life event.

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**Synopsis:**

It's 1956 and 20-year old American Delyle Condie journeys to Melbourne on a mission for his church, and in an attempt to recover from a broken heart. He leaves behind a promising basketball career and finds himself in a city gripped with Olympic fever. Delyle struggles to maintain his spirits when faced with indifference from the locals, but when an opportunity to help train Australia's first Olympic basketball team arises, Delyle sees his chance to connect. His passion leads to the formation of the Mormon Yankees basketball team. In the run-up to the Games, fierce competition with the French leads to a bloody rematch, through which Delyle and his Yankees are able to prove their mettle & faith to the world, and lay the foundations for the sport of basketball in Australia.

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THE SPIRIT OF THE GAME stars Kevin Sorbo (HERCULES: THE LEGENDARY JOURNEYS, ANDROMEDA, KULL THE CONQUEROR) & Marina Prior (much Australian stage & screen) and is produced by Spencer McLaren (THE SECRET LIFE OF US), Kate Whitbread & Steve Jaggi.

Filming will take place at **Knox Basketball Stadium, Park Crescent, Boronia VIC 3155** on:

**Tuesday 25 August** from **6.30 am** or **7.30 am**

**Wednesday 26 August** from **7.30 am**

**Thursday 27 August** from **7.30 am**.

Filming on all three days will finish at approximately **5.45 pm**.

Driving to the location is recommended, however it is within close proximity to Boronia Station. Extras will not be required to attend more than one day, but are welcome to do so! Please nominate which day(s) you would prefer to attend. If you have no such preference, we will slot you into the day (just one) that we need you the most.

It is important extras do not look anachronistically modern. There cannot be visible tattoos, piercings (beyond earrings) which can't be temporarily removed, or dyed/colored hair. Males need short hair & cleanly-shaven faces. Short hair on females must be symmetrical: ie. bobs are ok, but no asymmetrical shaves or the like. Clothing needs to be similarly 'neutral'. No Nike jumpers or basketball-themed hoodies –the sport has not taken root in Australia yet! Bringing some warm overclothing to wear between filming is recommended, as a basketball court is apt to be draughty.

Please let me know if you think you could be involved. I can be contacted at this email & phone number if you have any further questions. A flyer is also attached for you to distribute as you see fit. Feel free to let friends & family know as well.

Thank you & best regards!

Michael Graves