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A Killer Local Web Series Set to Release Next Semester

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If you've spent far too long shifting through Netflix choices for a good thriller, you can stop now. You're not going to find it there. You'll find it on Pat Lussenhop's Youtube channel. Local University of Iowa students have gathered together to make a web series about a serial killer with multiple personality disorder.

Hollow Ties is an upcoming indie web series that is all student made. Director and co-writer Pat Lussenhop says he's been working on this idea for years. Lussenhop is only a Junior at the University. Alongside his team is his producer Maeve Schmitt, a Sophomore and avid helper for student filmmakers on campus.

Hollow Ties started out as a small idea coming from a young Lussenhop his freshman year at Iowa. The idea has now blossomed into a fully fledged production. The cast and crew meets three times a week to shoot in several locations around campus apartments, restaurants like Short's and the IMU.

Inside the Student Video Productions office, Lussenhop says with a grin, "It's going really well." Their producer agrees saying, "It's been rough coordinating with students in a big production like this. We're all so busy, but it's been really cool seeing everything come to life."

Lucky for local students at the University, Lussenhop is open to having any interested party join the production. Currently, he is working with theater students as talent and has several different people on crew calls each week.

The story follows a 23-year-old Harrison. As he goes through his day to day life, he begins to realize that something just isn't right. The secrets that his multiple personalities are keeping from him start to eat away at his reality. This web series takes you on a gruesome journey through the eyes of the victim and the killer.

With streaming services like Netflix, Hulu, Vimeo, and Youtube taking the place of TV for many college aged students, young viewers are flocking to web series. Walking through campus you

see students on their phones watching Youtube videos, and in the dining halls watching the latest episode of Orange Is the New Black. Youtube stars like iJustine and Smosh started off with just an idea and a Youtube channel.

Today, everyone is mobile, and the last thing people feel like they have is time. Not only are web series gaining popularity because of their short run time, but also for their accessibility. Anytime, anywhere you can watch the next episode of Breaking Bad. What's even better? Some web series give viewers the ability to watch a whole season at once. Netflix's appeal of binge watching has become almost second nature for college students everywhere. So much so, that when people want to hang out the term "Netflix and chill," has been coined and even reproduced into Halloween costumes.

Hollow Ties is scheduled to be released as a 9 Episode mini web series next semester.

As they make jokes between scenes and high five after getting the perfect close up, Pat Hussenhop turns around with his mouth still full of laughter shaking his head and says, "These people are crazy."

Whether you want to put the date on your calendar, or costar in the upcoming web-series, Hollow Ties has 8 more episodes to film. So, break out the countdown app; the killers not on the loose just yet.

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