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Alton Alumni Try For Television Fame

The city of Alton may once again have its name in lights. Last year, a group of Alton High School alumni traversed the Alton area to shoot scenes of Greg Jackson's *In Memory*, a movie the director intends to submit to an upcoming reality television show.

Stephen Spielberg's "On The Lot" will showcase amateur short movies, like *In Memory*, and will give one lucky winner a chance to have their vision realized on the big screen.

"It's a lot like American Idol, but with movies- and a lot less Ryan Seacrest," said Jackson of "On The Lot". He is hoping that the little things will make his movie stand out above the rest. "Our music is completely original. Carl Russell scored and recorded the entire soundtrack. It's really incredible."

But Greg did have a little help from his friends. James Winters, Sarah Bish, and Adam Tucker star in the short film. Eric Stolze and Jameson O'Guinn added some special behind the scenes work. In fact, everyone involved in the opus are Alton High alumni. "I think it's a testament to the kind of education we received at Alton High," said the movie's producer, Jameson O'Guinn. "We were all taught to be creative and do our best."

Preliminary voting is done online at the show's website (www.thelot.com). In the five days that Jackson's film has been online, it has been seen by over 860 people and is averaging an impressive five-star rating. A direct link can be found at Greg's website (www.gregcjackson.com).

"We really want to win," Jackson said. "We're trying to show that kids from small towns are just as talented as the people in Hollywood."

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