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## Editorial

It's hard to know whether it's due to a knock-on effect of 2008-9's financial crisis, the pullback of state tax incentives, or just because there's a glut of productions all chasing the same money, but the list of low-budget feature film productions that have either failed to get off the ground or are still struggling to close finance gets ever longer. 'Manson Girls', 'Falling Rocks' and 'Guns of the Dead' – to name but three, and all previously listed in USA Production News – have all seen their shoot dates postponed in the last few weeks because of financing issues.

And there's no shortage of other productions announced since USA Production News has been in existence where producers have been happy to announce that they are ready to hire their heads of department and to crew up, but less happy to admit that they are far from being in a position to actually pay anyone to start work. Meanwhile, everyone's making the mental and physical commitment to preproduction. Facilities, kit and personnel are getting booked. Holidays and family and personal commitments shifted around to fit. And then suddenly, and usually without warning, it all falls apart.

In other areas of employment, employers would be held responsible in law and accountable for time spent and expense incurred by an employee who suddenly finds his job terminated. Not so for freelancers. The flip side of the film industry being one of the least regulated in the world and thus one of the most competitive is that freelancers are always going to be vulnerable. And in these straitened times, the promise of work, however loosely made, is not something to ignore lightly.

At USA Production News we're simply here to publish details of productions we believe are legitimate and ready to crew up. We have heard from some of our subscribers who in the past have been let down and have ended up sometimes seriously out of pocket by fly-by-night producers and production companies who've suddenly stopped returning calls and replying to emails, with the obvious conclusion to be drawn.

So if we may presume to offer advice, it would be:

1. Insist on a contract, deal memo or start form before you actually start work;
2. DO NOT spend any of your own money on materials or incur any other costs that would normally be the responsibility of production;
3. DO NOT commit fully to the duration of the production until you've been paid for least the first week or two

We know that a great many producers out there are decent, honorable and hard-working. Unfortunately, there are many that are not and that is why we are selective about what we publish.

As ever, we welcome our subscribers' comments and feedback and should anyone wish to add anything at all this debate, we'd welcome all comments and would love to publish your experiences and stories (and we can do this anonymously, if you'd prefer).

Linda Klein  
Head of Subscriptions

## Productions

**Title:** **12 Angry Women**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Comedy  
**Location:** Portland, OR  
**Start Date:** July 2011  
**Cast:** Daryl Hannah, Ann Margret, Olivia Newton John  
**Director:** Randall Kleiser  
**Producer:** Roger Pugliese [[Email Address available for members only](#)] , Michael Wise, Michael Taylor  
**Production Company:** Film Bridge International

**Title:** **Admission**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Comedy  
**Location:** New York  
**Start Date:** Summer, 2011  
**Cast:** Tina Fey  
**Director:** Paul Weitz  
**Producer:** Paul Weitz, Kerry Kohansky  
**Production Company:** Depth Of Field [[Email Address available for members only](#)]  
**Studio:** Universal Pictures

**Title:** **Army Wives**  
**Type:** Episodic  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Drama  
**Location:** South Carolina  
**Start Date:** Summer 2011  
**Director:** Tom Verica  
**Producer:** Bruce Zimmerman, Harry Bring, Marshall Persinger, Jeff Melvoin, Deb Spera, Mark Gordon  
**BTL:** LP: Barbara D'Alessandro [[Email Address available for members only](#)]  
**Production Company:** The Mark Gordon Company  
**Studio & Network:** ABC Television Studio      Lifetime Networks

**Title:** **B.B. King And I**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** New  
**Genre:** Bio-Drama  
**Location:** TBD  
**Start Date:** Sep 1, 2011  
**Director:** Michael Schroeder  
**Producer:** Frank Capra III, Michael Zanetis  
**Production Company:** King Size Productions, LLC [Email Address available for members only]

**Title:** **Bag of Bones**  
**Type:** Miniseries  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Horror  
**Location:** Nova Scotia  
**Start Date:** Jul 1, 2011  
**Director:** Mick Garris  
**Producer:** Mark Sennet, Peter McIntosh [Email Address available for members only]  
**Production Company:** Capitol Filmworks, Sennet Entertainment  
**Network:** A&E Television Networks

**Title:** **Bailout**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** New  
**Genre:** Drama  
**Location:** TBD  
**Start Date:** August 2011  
**Cast:** Jack Black  
**Director:** Michael Winterbottom  
**Producer:** Priyanka Mattoo, Ben Cooley, Melissa Parmenter, Michael Besman [Email Address available for members only]  
**Production Company:** Ballyhoo, Inc., Electric Dynamite

**Title:** **The Big Wedding**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** New  
**Genre:** Comedy  
**Location:** Greenwich, CT  
**Start Date:** July 2011  
**Cast:** Robert DeNiro, Diane Keaton, Katherine Heigl, Amanda Seyfried  
**Director:** Justin Zackheim  
**Producer:** Clay Percorin, Harry J. Ufland [Email Address available for members only] , Justin Zachheim  
**Production Company:** Ufland productions, Two Ton Films

**Title:** **Bumped**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Comedy  
**Location:** Montreal  
**Start Date:** June 2011  
**Cast:** Kellen Lutz  
**Director:** Stephen Herek  
**Producer:** Brad Feinstein [Email Address available for members only] , Allan Triel, Ashok Amritraj, Steve Carr  
**Production Company:** Hyde Park Entertainment, Rumpus Entertainment, Titan World Entertainment

**Title:** **Careful What You Wish For**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Thriller  
**Location:** Michigan  
**Start Date:** Fall 2011  
**Cast:** TBD  
**Director:** Jake Nava  
**Producer:** Robert Stein, Michael Helfant, Chris Frisina  
**BTL:** LP: Paul Kurta [Email Address available for members only]  
**Production Company:** Troika Pictures [Email Address available for members only]

**Title:** **Castle**  
**Type:** Episodic  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Drama  
**Location:** Raleigh Studios - HWD  
**Start Date:** July 2011  
**Producer:** Andrew Marlowe, Armyan Bernstein, Rob Bowman, Laurie Zaks  
**BTL:** UPM/LP: Joan Van Horn [Email Address available for members only]  
**Production Company:** Beacon Pictures  
**Studio:** ABC Television Studio  
**Network:** ABC Television Network

**Title:** **Celeste and Jesse Forever**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Romantic Comedy  
**Location:** Los Angeles  
**Start Date:** May 24, 2011  
**Cast:** Rashida Jones  
**Director:** Lee Krieger  
**Producer:** Jennifer Todd, Suzanne Todd  
**BTL:** LP: David Grace [Email Address available for members only]  
**Production Company:** Team Todd, Studio Boss

**Title:** **Cherry**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** New  
**Genre:** Drama  
**Location:** San Francisco  
**Start Date:** June 2011  
**Cast:** James Franco, Heather Graham  
**Director:** Stephen Elliott  
**Producer:** Liz Destro, Nicole Clemens [Email Address available for members only]  
**Production Company:** ICM (packaging)

**Title:** **Crooked Arrows**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Comedy  
**Location:** New England/NY  
**Start Date:** Jul 25, 2011  
**Director:** Steve Rash  
**Producer:** Jeffrey McCormick, Adam Leff, Mitchell Peck, J. Todd Harris [Email Address available for members only]  
**Production Company:** Branded Pictures Entertainment

**Title:** **Crossing Rivers**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Drama  
**Location:** Missouri  
**Start Date:** May 31, 2011  
**Director:** Brad Burrow  
**Producer:** Jefferson Donald, Sterling Macer Jr., Brad Burrow, Grant Curtis, Drew Hiss [Email Address available for members only]  
**Production Company:** Crimson Creative Works

**Title:** **Cry Macho**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Drama  
**Location:** TBD  
**Start Date:** Aug 24, 2011  
**Cast:** TBD  
**Director:** Brad Furman  
**Producer:** Al Ruddy, Bill Block [Email Address available for members only]  
**Production Company:** QED International, Clearview Productions

**Title:** Foxfire  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Drama  
**Location:** Sault Ste Marie, Ontario  
**Start Date:** July 2011  
**Director:** Laurent Cantet  
**Producer:** Jennifer Weiss [Email Address available for members only]  
**Production Company:** Haut Et Court, Memento Films International, The Film Farm

**Title:** Have a Little Faith  
**Type:** Telefilm  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Drama  
**Location:** Detroit  
**Start Date:** Jun 20, 2011  
**Cast:** TBD  
**Director:** Jon Avnet  
**Producer:** Mitch Albom, Brent Shields  
**Production Company:** Hallmark Hall Of Fame [Email Address available for members only]

**Title:** Lola Versus  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Romantic Comedy  
**Location:** New York  
**Start Date:** Jun 13, 2011  
**Cast:** Zoe Lister-Jones, Orlando Bloom  
**Director:** Daryl Wein  
**Producer:** Michael London, Jocelyn Hayes Simpson  
**BTL:** LP: Matthew Myers [Email Address available for members only]  
**Production Company:** Groundswell Productions  
**Studio:** Fox Searchlight Pictures



**Title:** Love Bite  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** New  
**Genre:** Comedy, Horror  
**Location:** Wales  
**Start Date:** September 2011  
**Director:** Andy de Emmony  
**Producer:** Robert Bernstein, Douglas Rae, Paul Ritchie [Email Address available for members only]  
**Production Company:** Ecosse Films

**Title:** Magic Mike  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** New  
**Genre:** Drama  
**Location:** TBD  
**Start Date:** September 2011  
**Cast:** Channing Tatum, Alex Pettyfer  
**Director:** Steven Soderbergh  
**Producer:** Reid Carolin [Email Address available for members only]  
**Production Company:** 33andOut Productions, Inc., Nick Wechsler Productions

**Title:** More As the Story Develops  
**Type:** Pilot  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Drama  
**Location:** Los Angeles  
**Start Date:** Jul 11, 2011  
**Cast:** Jeff Daniels  
**Director:** Greg Mottola  
**Producer:** Alan Poul, Aaron Sorkin, Scott Rudin  
**BTL:** LP: Leanne Moore [Email Address available for members only]  
**Production Company:** Scott Rudin Productions  
**Network:** HBO Inc

**Title:** **Mud**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** New  
**Genre:** Drama  
**Location:** Arkansas - Miss  
**Start Date:** Jul 15, 2011  
**Director:** Jeff Nichols  
**Producer:** Aaron Ryder, Sarah Green [Email Address available for members only]  
**Production Company:** FilmNation Entertainment LLC

**Title:** **Pacific Rim**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Epic Drama, Science Fiction  
**Location:** Toronto  
**Start Date:** Sept. 2011  
**Director:** Guillermo Del Toro  
**Producer:** Thomas Tull, Jon Jashni  
**BTL:** LP: Callum Greene [Email Address available for members only]  
**Production Company:** Legendary Pictures  
**Studio:** Warner Bros. Pictures

**Title:** **Paranormal Activity 3**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Thriller  
**Location:** Los Angeles  
**Start Date:** Jun 15, 2011  
**Director:** Ariel Schulman, Henry Joost  
**Producer:** Steven Schneider, Oren Peli, Jason Blum  
**BTL:** LP: Jeanette Brill [Email Address available for members only]  
**Production Company:** Blumhouse Productions, Room 101, Inc.  
**Studio:** Paramount Pictures

**Title:** **Pride and Prejudice and Zombies**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Horror, Romance, Thriller  
**Location:** London  
**Start Date:** Fall 2011  
**Director:** Craig Gillespie  
**Producer:** Annette Savitch, Ted Hamm, Sean McKittrick, Richard Kelly, Natalie Portman  
**Production Company:** Darko Entertainment [[Email Address available for members only](#)] , Handsomecharlie Films, Rip Cord Productions  
**Studio:** Lionsgate Films

**Title:** **Seven Songs for Amy**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Romantic Comedy  
**Location:** Ireland  
**Start Date:** Jul 4, 2011  
**Director:** Konrad Begg, Graham Cantwell  
**Producer:** Patrick Bergin, Fiona Graham [[Email Address available for members only](#)] , Graham Cantwell  
**Production Company:** Sonny And Skye Productions Ltd

**Title:** **Skinny Dip**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Action, Drama  
**Location:** Santa Marta, Colombia  
**Start Date:** June 2011  
**Cast:** Danny Trejo  
**Director:** Frankie Latina  
**Producer:** Gilbert Trejo, Zhana Londoner, Marco Londoner, Jack Turner, Nicholas Shumaker [[Email Address available for members only](#)]  
**Production Company:** Big Blind Films / Momentary Pictures, Empire 8 Productions, The Zoo

**Title:** **Sound of Mind**  
**Type:** Comedy Pilot  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Comedy  
**Location:** Los Angeles  
**Start Date:** Jun 3, 2011  
**Director:** Greg Burks  
**Producer:** Mindy Kanaskie, [Email Address available for members only] Daniel De La Rosa  
**Production Company:** Visionary Studios

**Title:** **Spin**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Drama  
**Location:** Mojave, CA  
**Start Date:** June 2011  
**Director:** Damon McCarthy  
**Producer:** John Atterberry [Email Address available for members only] , Cecil Chambers [Email Address available for members only]  
**Production Company:** Triumphant Pictures

**Title:** **The Aggression Scale**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** drama  
**Location:** Rochester, NY  
**Start Date:** Jun 16, 2011  
**Director:** Steven C. Miller  
**Producer:** Joseph McKelheer [Email Address available for members only]  
**Production Company:** Film Harvest/Through The Heart

**Title:** **The Baby Maker**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Comedy  
**Location:** Los Angeles  
**Start Date:** Jun 22, 2011  
**Cast:** Kevin Heffernan  
**Director:** Jay Chandrasekhar  
**Producer:** Brian Kavanaugh-Jones, Jason Blum [Email Address available for members only]  
**BTL:** Associate Producer: Jeanette Brill  
**Production Company:** Blumhouse Productions, Automatik Entertainment

**Title:** **The Firm**  
**Type:** Episodic  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Drama  
**Location:** Toronto  
**Start Date:** Jul 20, 2011  
**Director:** Lucas Reiter  
**Producer:** John Morayniss, Michael Rosenberg, Noreen Halpern, John Grisham  
**BTL:** UPM: Thom Pretak [Email Address available for members only]  
**Production Company:** E1 Entertainment/Entertainment One  
**Network:** NBC (network)

**Title:** **The Philosophers**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** New  
**Genre:** Drama  
**Location:** Jakarta, Indonesia  
**Start Date:** June 2011  
**Director:** John Huddles  
**Producer:** Cybill Lui, George Zakk  
**Production Company:** Olive Branch Media [Email Address available for members only]

**Title:** **The Stronger**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Drama  
**Location:** Los Angeles  
**Start Date:** July 2011  
**Director:** Lauren Lemay  
**Producer:** [Email Address available for members only]  
**Production Company:** Ivory Productions

**Title:** **The To Do List**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Comedy  
**Location:** Los Angeles  
**Start Date:** Jul 1, 2011  
**Cast:** Bill Hader, Andy Samberg, Alia Shawkwat, Aubrey Plaza  
**Director:** Maggie Carey  
**Producer:** Greg Walter, Tom Lassally, Jennifer Todd, Mark Gordon  
**BTL:** LP: Tara Craig [Email Address available for members only]  
**Production Company:** The Mark Gordon Company, Varsity Pictures

**Title:** **Think Like a Man**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Comedy  
**Location:** Los Angeles  
**Start Date:** Jul 6, 2011  
**Cast:** Kevin Hart, Taraji Henson, Michael Ealy  
**Director:** Tim Story  
**Producer:** Rob Hardy, Rushion McDonald, Steve Harvey, William Packer  
**BTL:** LP: Glenn Gainor [Email Address available for members only] , PS: Valerie Sharp  
**Production Company:** Rainforest Films  
**Studio:** Screen Gems  
**Network:** TBD

**Title:** **Trick and Treat**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** New  
**Genre:** Horror  
**Location:** L.A. & Illinois  
**Start Date:** August 2011  
**Director:** Eric Hector  
**Producer:** Mathius Mack Gertz [Email Address available for members only] , Phillip Williams  
**Production Company:** M.M. Gertz Entertainment/House Of Film

**Title:** **Tripping Tommy**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** New  
**Genre:** Drama  
**Location:** New Orleans  
**Start Date:** Jul 11, 2011  
**Director:** Philippe Caland  
**Producer:** Jeanine Rohn [Email Address available for members only]  
**Production Company:** YBG Productions

**Title:** **UnTitled Paul Thomas Anderson Project (Western)**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Drama  
**Location:** Los Angeles  
**Start Date:** Jun 13, 2011  
**Cast:** Philip Seymour Hoffman, Joaquin Phoenix, Amy Adams  
**Director:** Paul Thomas Anderson  
**Producer:** Bill Pohlad, Megan Ellison, John Leshner, JoAnne Sellar  
**BTL:** PM: Daniel Lupi [Email Address available for members only] UPM: Will Weiske  
**Production Company:** Western Film Company LLC, The Weinstein Company

**Title:** **We Have Your Husband**  
**Type:** Telefilm  
**Status:** New  
**Genre:** Action  
**Location:** LA & Vancouver  
**Start Date:** Jun 15, 2011  
**Producer:** Tim Johnson [[Email Address available for members only](#)] , Jean Abounader  
**Production Company:** Johnson Production Group

**Title:** **What Maisie Knew**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Coming Of Age, Drama, Family  
**Location:** New York  
**Start Date:** August 2011  
**Director:** Scott McGehee, David A. Siegel  
**Producer:** Riva Marker [[Email Address available for members only](#)] , Chuck Weinstock, Bill Teitler, Daniel Crown, Daniela Taplin Lundberg  
**Production Company:** Weinstock Productions, Red Crown Pictures

**Title:** **While We're Young**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Comedy  
**Location:** New York  
**Start Date:** Jun 13, 2011  
**Cast:** Ben Stiller  
**Director:** Noah Baumbach  
**Producer:** Scott Rudin  
**BTL:** LP: Lila Yacoub [[Email Address available for members only](#)]  
**Production Company:** Focus Features, Scott Rudin Productions

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