

Fu(nd) This!

A film funding applicant battles censorship and cultural cowardice, as well as his own conscience, in a fraught attempt to get his project 'green-lit' in this surreal and biting political comedy. Religious and social taboos are challenged, and barriers are broken, as he grows not only increasingly impatient with the stern board of officials vetting his proposals, but also increasingly cunning in working his way around the obstacles they place before him. Freedom of expression, the bounds of taste and decency, and the slavish capitulation to commercialism, are all confronted in this roller-coaster romp. Anyone who's ever tried in vain to get approval for a fresh and original idea will instantly recognise the scenario that unfolds in this fun little film by a first-time director team. (Running Time: 11 minutes) - see www.FundThisShortFilm.com for full details.



Starring - Bruce MacKinnon (*The Catherine Tate Show, Taking The Flak, Big Top, The Office, Smack The Pony, Perfect Day*), **Barry McCarthy** (*Kinky Boots, Notes on a Scandal*) and **Gillian McCutcheon** (*This Life, Drop The Dead Donkey, Strike It Rich*). **Oliver Houston, Co-Director & Writer** - Oliver has written a number of comedy shorts, including *Postcard* (about a dream souvenir shop), *Flake Out* (a drug-squad stake-out of an ice cream van), *Branded* (a dystopian vision of commercialism and home-made marmalade), and *Magpie* (a romance about a beach-combing metal-detective and lost rings). **Anna Edwards, Co-Director & Editor** - Anna has worked on several UK features including *Pride & Prejudice* and *Atonement*, as well as on *Firewall* and *My One & Only in the US*, for which she also made the behind-the-scenes documentary. She has directed several shorts, including *Spin Dry*, which appeared on ITV3 and *A Fairlie Film*, which was broadcast on Channel 4. **Dominic Norris, Producer** - Dominic has produced several acclaimed shorts and features that have competed at various festivals including Cannes, Venice & Edinburgh, as well as BAFTA nominated *Notting Hill Anxiety Festival*. He has produced the short films *Buying Porn* starring Karl Theobald, and *Inseparable* starring Benedict Cumberbatch and Natalie Press, and is currently in pre-production on the urban horror *Comedown*, to be directed by Menhaj Huda (Kidulthood). **John Ferguson, Cinematographer** - John has worked on many of the *Harry Potter* films as well as on a host of other television and feature films including *Children Of Men*, *Sleepy Hollow*, *The Gathering Storm* and *My House In Umbria*. **David Mackie, Cinematographer** - Dave has also worked on many of the *Harry Potter* films, as well as on *The Dark Knight*, *The Quantum of Solace*, *The Bourne Ultimatum*, *Batman Begins*, *V for Vendetta* and *Nowhere Boy*.