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## NEWS

### FOX show to televise film by Owego native tonight

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OWEGO -- "On The Lot" reality TV viewers should watch for Kenny Luby Jr., of Owego, who is expected to show the film that took him to Hollywood on FOX at 8 tonight.

Luby, 28, is one of five contestants who will premiere short films they created prior to "On The Lot."

On the nationally televised show, contestants vie for a \$1 million contract with DreamWorks, the prestigious film studio partially owned by famed director and producer Steven Spielberg. Luby is among 15 finalists, even though he never attended film school like his fellow contestants.

His fate was on the edge on May 28 after he showed a one-minute comedy, "Wack Alley Cab," and judges said they didn't get it. Luby filmed the comedy in Binghamton.

"I wanted to make it twisted and crazy," Luby said. "The issue I had was ... I jammed so much that I didn't let the audience breathe a little bit."

Luby said he was really surprised America still voted for him, given the judges' reaction.

"I'd like to think it was a non-conventional comedy and you could tell it was my style," he said. "I think maybe a younger audience bonded to that."

Tonight, his short drama thriller will feature his father, Kenny Luby Sr., who dies in a liver transplant. In reality, Luby Sr. did have a liver transplant in 2005 and recovered.

"It's creepy, real creepy (and) I really look dead," said Luby Sr.

Aside from film premieres, Luby Jr. said he knows audiences want more of the "reality" behind "On The Lot," which is not taking off as hoped, he said.

"We're ready to get into the format of filmmaking that we saw in the first two episodes," he said. "We know America wants to see the dirty work involved in making a great film. Give the show a chance."

Luby's submission film, "...so today..." is still the most viewed and talked about film at [www.thelot.com](http://www.thelot.com).

Ray Pursell, owner of Beer Belly's, an Owego restaurant and bar, said he will give Luby drinks on the house for featuring his bar in that film.



#### ON THE WEB

Watch Kenny Luby's submission film, which was filmed in Owego, at <http://films.thelot.com/films/1607>.

Watch Luby's profile from "On The Lot" at <http://www.thelot.com/contestants/view/?id=9>.



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"Everyone around town is talking about it," Pursell said.

Luby said he is extremely grateful to be on the show.

"I want to thank everyone in the area for watching and voting, I hope," he said. "I'm really enjoying the experience, moment by moment, because it could end at any moment."

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