

# CROWDSOURCED CINEMA VT



## CAST AWAY *A Collaborative Film Project*

Friday, October 23, 8 PM AND Sunday, October 25, 7 PM

[On Your Local Community Media Channel](#)

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### Building a Vermont Story from the Original Film



The original 2000 American drama *Cast Away* was directed and produced by Robert Zemeckis and starring Tom Hanks, Helen Hunt, and Nick Searcy. The film depicts the desperate attempt of Hanks, who plays a FedEx employee, to survive and return home after stranded on an uninhabited island due to an aircraft crash in the South Pacific.

Social isolation, worries about survival, and whether one can ever return to the normalcy of life... all these themes sound like life during the COVID-19 pandemic. We Vermonters, like many others on the planet, can feel like castaways. However, we are not on a strange island, but at our own home. Capitalizing on this familiar strangeness, community members across Vermont produced scenes of their own that have been assembled into a remake of the film. *Crowdsourced Cast Away* showcases the natural beauty of Vermont, combined with the creativity and ingenuity of Vermonters.



[Crowdsourced Cinema VT](#) is a project of the [Vermont Access Network](#), an organization of 25 regional community media access centers operating more than 80 cable channels statewide.

## **Feedback from Participants**

*“Along came the VT Crowdsourced Cinema project, which was the perfect project, at the perfect time.”* – **Donna Girot, Executive Director, CATV**

*“I’m a radio programmer for WBTV-LP and doing video work has been a great extension of my skills”* - **Cindy Marcelle**

*“Most of my students are from different schools and setting and setting out to be creative with strangers can be a challenge. Having this scene to work on provided my students with a chance to meet and work on something creative...”*

- **Jason Raymond, Digital Media Lab Instructor, Burlington Technical Center**

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## **Viewing Recommendations**

***Before watching:*** You can’t watch a movie without food or a drink! So, we have found a few recipes that are island-inspired for you to enjoy.



[Tropical Chickpea Salad](#)

[Baked King Crab Legs](#)

[Coconut Margarita](#)

***While watching:*** We have created a Bingo Board for you to fill out while watching the movie! Review the Bingo Board (included at the end of this guide) and keep an eye out for each item.

***After watching:*** We also can’t help but share this Wilson-inspired pumpkin! If you create your own, take a picture and share it with @btvmediafactory on Instagram - use the hashtag #crowdsourcedvt !



## **Crowdsourced Cast Away Fun Facts**

- ❖ 36 teams from across VT and NH
- ❖ 8 Remote Filmmaking trainings for teams
- ❖ 39 scenes produced
- ❖ 5 musical compositions created by VT artists



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## CAST AWAY BINGO

APPLE WILSON	USE OF GREEN SCREEN	ACTUAL FIRE	UNDER WATER	TICKING CLOCK
CROSS ROADS	LEGO CHUCK	AIRPLANE NOISE	FACE MASKED ACTOR	DRAWN ANIMATION
FAKE FOOD	"BLOODY" LIMB	 FREE SPACE	COCONUT	FLANNEL CHUCK
GILLIGAN'S ISLAND REFERENCE	PUPPET CHUCK	FAKE OCEAN	KEN DOLL CHUCK	FLICKERING LIGHTS ON AND OFF
CLOSE UP OF WATCH	PAPER DRAWINGS	2 FEDEX PACKAGES	TWO CUPS OF ICE	CHUCK CATCHES FISH