

Harry Putter  
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Everyone has heard of Harry Potter: Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, the Chamber of Secrets, the Prisoner of Azkaban, et al. But does everyone know the real story? The story about the boy named Harry Putter; upon whom J.K. Rowling's famous books were based? Jeremy Gustafson, a former student of Minnehaha Academy, is currently working on a movie with interviews and stories about the real boy behind the magic of J.K. Rowling.

Of course, Harry Putter does not *really* exist; the movie is what is called a "mockumentary," a parody off of the bestselling Harry Potter Books. In Jeremy Gustafson's film, the boy "Harry Putter", along with his friends "Hermione Lone Ranger," "Ronnie Weaselby," and his archenemy, "Draco Milfoil", attempts to "set the record straight" by telling his side of the story.

Gustafson's film career started in high school here at Minnehaha, where he acted in the Publicity Interns' series of monthly comedy videos. After graduation, Gustafson met producer and president of Walden Entertainment, Matthew Feeney, at a WaZoo! Show script reading session. The two have worked together on local independent films such as "Stealing Summer," "Fall Into Me," and "Icebreaker." Gustafson also worked as an extras casting assistant on the major motion picture, "A Prairie Home Companion," shot in St. Paul last summer.

Gustafson says that Minnehaha has helped him tons to get him on his way into the film business. As a student at MA, Gustafson worked on stage management, directing,

and even a little bit of acting as the first tenor in the 2004 production of “The Music Man.”

“I’d been mildly interested in film since I was very young,” says Gustafson, “but helping with Nick’s publicity videos really served to rejuvenate that interest.”

Gustafson also says that he is grateful towards Ann Sorenson, the fine arts teacher and director of this year’s spring production, “Singin’ in the Rain.”

“Being able to help on set for that shoot was definitely a huge benefit to me.”

Harry Putter will begin filming in June in the Minneapolis / St Paul area, and will need the help of local Minnesotans for extras. For more information, you can look at the Harry Putter website: [harryputtermovie.com](http://harryputtermovie.com)