

Notes on how to run Philip Lamb's "The Mystery of Edwin Drood" movie files on a PC/Windows machine

- a) **Download** and install VLC Player from videolan. <http://www.videolan.org/vlc/>
- b) **Make a directory** named *Drood Production Movies* in the root of your C:\ drive. This must be named just as shown, including the spaces.
- c) **Copy the movie files** provided by Philip Lamb into this folder. Also copy the file *Drood Playlist 009.xspf* into this same folder. This is now your master playback folder.
- d) **Drag** the *Drood Production Movies* folder in the root of your C: drive
If you don't know how to do this, click on My Computer, then double click on the C: drive. Drag the *Drood Production Movies* folder onto this C: folder.

Special note: The files will ONLY run from the root of your C: drive. If you are an advanced user and want to run this folder from the desktop, the playlist file location entries need to be updated with the full windows path, for each and every movie and pause command in the playlist. Use a tool like Notepad++ or similar to make this edit. This is a simple XML file but it requires a full windows pathname, and each entry must include the VLC id number in sequence.

- e) **Double click** to open the *Drood Production Movies* folder. Locate the file named: *Drood Playlist 009.xspf* and VLC player will load and the first movie will run and then pause. This first movie is for House Open when the audience arrives.

Special note about the lightning sequences: The movie named *19-28_A1_S6_seg02_01_c.mov* is repeated ten times in the playlist so you don't need to backup to replay each lightening sequence. Just follow Philip Lamb's script notes and the playback will line up perfectly.

Operational notes about VLC Player

The "n" key moves to the NEXT movie or next pause in sequence.

The "p" key goes back to the PREVIOUS movie or pause in sequence.

F11 puts VLC Player into Full Screen Mode

Ctrl-H toggles the control panels on/off.

To remove VLC showing the commands and filename over top of the movie, in the VLC menus go to Tools-Preferences and choose OSD/Subtitles and uncheck the two boxes at the top. The Tools-Preferences page also allows you to change the hot keys such as "n" and "p" if you are using a remote clicker, etc.