# **SSScheduler**

# SSScheduler Building Blocks

The Script	6
Characters	6
Extras	6
Extras Casting	6
Stripboards	6
Calendars	6
Strips	7
Units	7
Call Sheet	8
Crew Hours	8
Extra Actors Hours	8
How Do I?	
Get Started	9
Step 1. Activate or Start Free Trial	9
Step 2a. Login to SSScheduler System Account	9
Step 2b. Create a New SSScheduler System Account	10
Start a New Project	11
Step 1. Create the File	11
Step 2. Identify Yourself and Your Role in this Project	12
Import the Script	13
Step 1. Open the Revisions List	13
Step 2. Add the Latest Revision	13
Step 3. Name the Version and Import the Script	14
Step 4. Select the Script File	14
Step 5. Review the Script Preview	15
What Just Happened?	15
Initial Script Reading	16
Step 1. Select a Scene and Read the Script	16
Step 2. Identify the Continuity Day	16
Step 3. Identify and Add Non-Speaking Characters	17
Step 3a. Select Characters	17

Step 3b. Add a New Character	18
Step 4a. Add Additional Strips	19
Step 4b. Add Partial Scene Strips	19
Step 5. Fill in the Strip Details	20
Characters	21
Adding Characters	21
Rearranging/Renumbering Characters	21
Edit a Character	21
View the Scenes this Character is In	22
View the Strips this Character is In	23
Add Elements to a Character	23
Step 2 Configure the Elements	24
Stripboards	25
Stripboard	26
Step 1a. Sort the Strips	26
Step 1b. Rearrange the Strips Manually	26
Step 2a. Insert Day Breaks Automatically	27
Step 2b. Insert Day Breaks Manually	28
Step 3. Insert Banners Manually	29
Step 3b. Preconfigured Banners	30
Step 3b (cont). Select a Preconfigured Banner	31
Step 4. Add New Strips	32
Step 5. Add To Do's to a Stripboard	33
Boneyard	34
Other Stripboard Info	35
Selecting Custom Strip Styles	35
Custom Strip Styles	36
Adding a New Style	37
Apply a Calendar	37
Calendars	38
Configure the Calendar	39
Step 1. Set the Dates	40

Step 2. Configure for Each Unit	41
Step 3. Add Blocked Days	42
Apply a Calendar (cont)	43
What Happened?	43
Strips	44
Opening a Strip	44
Strip Location	45
Add a New Location	45
Strip Elements	46
Step 1. Adding Elements	46
Step 2. Configure the Element	46
Step 2b. What Happened?	47
Step 2c. Review Element Script Selection	47
Step 3. Copy Elements from Another Strip	48
Step 4. Select the Strip to Copy	48
Strip Scenes	49
Step 1. Select the Scenes to Link	49
Partial Strip Script Text	50
Strip Participants	52
Add a Participant Manually	52
Remove a Participant from a Strip	53
Strip Characters	54
Adding a Character to a Strip	54
Create a New Character	55
Strip Extras	57
Adding Extras to a Strip	57
Adding a New Extra Type	58
What Happened?	58
Strip Attachments	59
Add an Attachment - Method 1	59
Add an Attachment - Method 2	59
What Happened?	60

Saving Native Application Changes	60
Units	61
Add a Unit	61
Add a Participant to a Unit	62
What Happened?	63
Add New Participant	64
Verify the Participant	65
What Happened?	65
Actors	66
Add an Actor	67
Actor Details	68
Actor Availability	69
Actor - Character Roles	70
Assign Actor to a Character	71
Extras Casting	73
Extra Type Details	74
Cast Extra Actor	75
What Happened?	76
Share Actors	76
Additional Crew	77
Call Sheet	78
Locations	79
Participants	79
Departmental Call Time	79
Participant Call Time and Actual Hours	80
Cast	81
Extras	82
Extra Type Report/Pick up Time	82
Extra Actor Actual Times	82
Elements	83
Departmental Items	84
On-Site Items	85

Transportation	86
Attachments	87

# SSScheduler Building Blocks

# The Script

Import a locked Final Draft script, Screenwriter mmx format script, or a pdf script (not all pdf scripts can be imported) and all subsequent revisions. All speaking characters will be extracted to create the character list with character numbers automatically assigned.

An initial strip is automatically created for each new scene. You can add additional strips to scenes as needed. Either for the entire scene or sections of the scene that you define.

### **Characters**

Arrange the character list and renumber characters as needed. Add non-speaking characters, stunt doubles or characters of any other type you define. Link characters to scenes and strips (speaking characters are automatically added to scenes and the initial strip during an import).

#### **Extras**

Add types of extras needed for strips such as police officers or office workers and specify the number needed for the strip. Later, assign actors for each extra role. Actors can be shared across extra types on a given shoot day.

# **Extras Casting**

Assign actors to fill extras roles based on the strips as scheduled in a stripboard. Actors may fill multiple extras roles on the same shoot day.

Add additional crew that may be necessary to support a large number of extras.

# **Stripboards**

During the initial script import, a stripboard is generated for the main unit that includes all the strips that were created for the imported scenes. Stripboards are created by unit and multiple stripboards can be created for each unit by starting from scratch or copying an existing stripboard with one being marked as the active stripboard.

Sort, filter, add, remove and rearrange the strips in a stripboard as needed. Add day breaks automatically based on the estimated duration of each strip or manually. Add banners from a list of user defined banners or create new banners on the fly.

Assign a calendar to see the schedule with shooting verses non-shooting days.

You can also create pre and post production stripboards.

### **Calendars**

Create multiple calendars to experiment with different starting and completion dates. Further define the calendar for each unit by indicating working days, hours per day, and blocked dates.

Select a calendar for a stripboard to see how the schedule changes.

# **Strips**

A strip is created for each new scene during the import of a script. Additional strips can be created for scenes, either for the entire scene or for part of a scene by selecting words, phrases, or paragraphs in the script of a scene.

You can also link multiple scenes to a strip. Characters linked to the additional scenes will automatically be added to the strip.

Strips can also be created that are not linked to a scene for a location scout or a costume fitting, for example.

Identify the type for a strip to include a customizable list of departments that are required to execute the strip. Most strips are for shooting a scene and would include all departments. Some strips my be for a costume fitting, for example, and would include only those departments required for the costume fitting.

Assign an estimated time required for setup, duration to shoot or complete, and for breakdown to assist in scheduling.

Select the location where the strip will take place. The location of the shoot or meeting, etc.

Define elements manually or by highlighting a word or phrase in the script and link them to the affected departments.

Add notes, review participants (crew) based on the unit and affected departments, characters, extras, and attachments such as location maps, photos, etc.

# **Units**

Add units and identify participants who will be working in each unit along with their department and title within the unit. A participant may be included in multiple units with different departments and titles for each unit.

With a data sharing subscription, identify participants with whom you want to share the project data. As participants publish their changes, other participants will download those changes so all data remains synchronized. For security purposes, you will send invitations to all data sharing participants. They will receive an email with a link where they will log in to their SSScheduler System account and join the project.

You can also send text or email notifications to data sharing participants by unit, department, strip, or individually.

As participants are added to units, they can automatically be added to the scheduled strips based on the stripboards that have been created for the unit.

Participants can be assigned a role or roles within the Unit which gives them functional permissions within SSScheduler.

### **Call Sheet**

Once a calendar has been applied to a stripboard, you can build the call sheet for a scheduled day. Set call times for the day or for individual departments, and extra types, set report/pickup times for the cast, review strips, shooting locations, log lunch and dinner breaks, assign participant call times and log actual timecard hours, review elements, add additional departmental items, on-site notes, transportation notes, attachments such as maps, photos, and legal documents, and specifics for the header and footer.

Generate multiple versions of the call sheet in pdf format for review and approval then distribution.

# **Crew Hours**

Log time in and out with dinner and lunch breaks and meal penalties for crew members.

## **Extra Actors Hours**

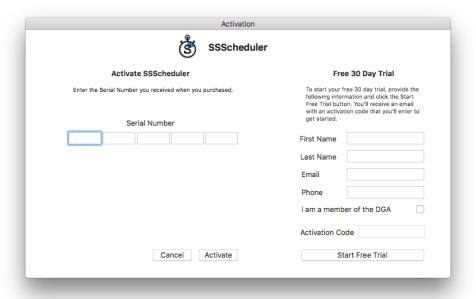
Log time in and out and bumps for extras actors.

# How Do I?

### **Get Started**

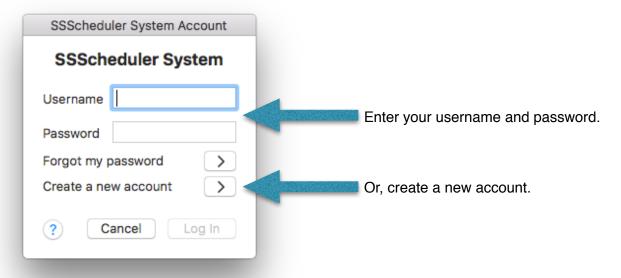
#### Step 1. Activate or Start Free Trial

Activate using the serial number you received when you purchased or register to begin the free trial period.



Step 2a. Login to SSScheduler System Account

In order to secure your project files and to allow you to open a file in which you are a participant, you must login in to your SSScheduler System account.

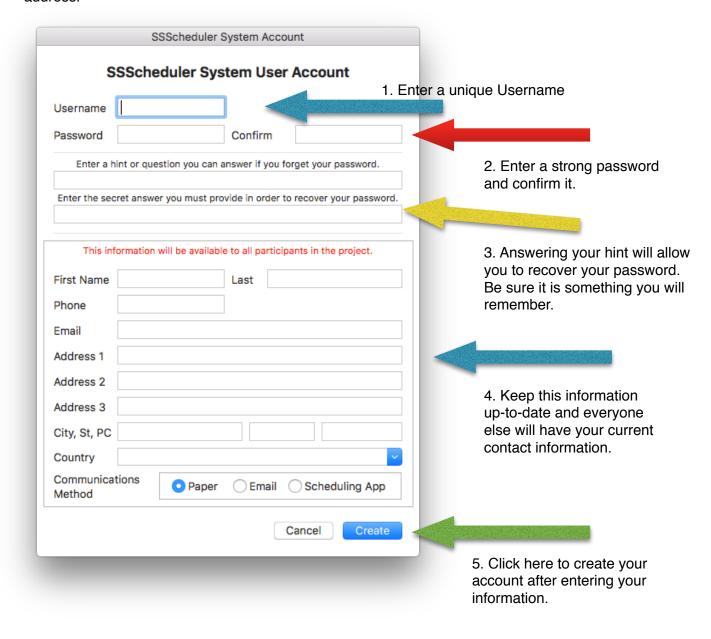


Page 9 of 87

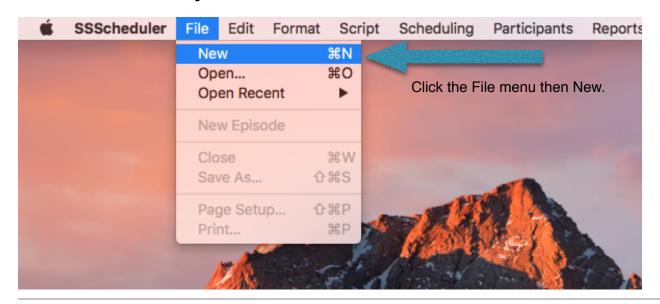
### Step 2b. Create a New SSScheduler System Account

Your account will be used to identify you as a participant in a project file that you attempt to open and will allow you to participate in data sharing on a project.

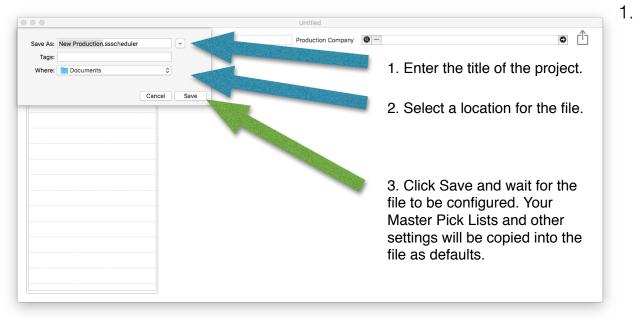
Keeping your account information up-to-date will save everyone else you work with from having to update your contact information in their files if you change your phone number or get a new email address.



# **Start a New Project**



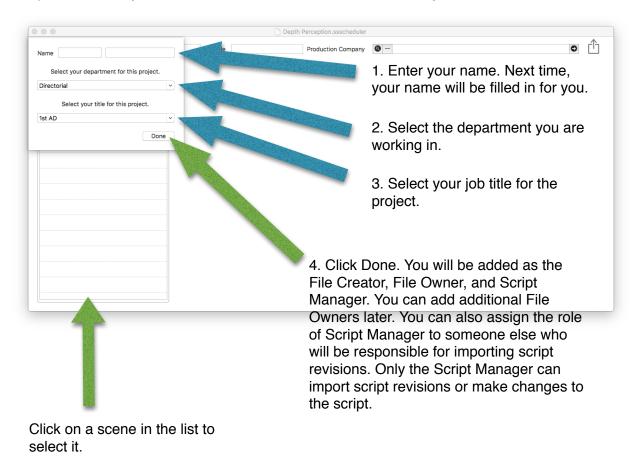
Step



Create

the File

Step 2. Identify Yourself and Your Role in this Project



#### Personal Data Sharing

The project is automatically registered for personal data syncing, meaning that you can run SSScheduler on another computer, sign in with your SSScheduler System account and download the project to the other computer. For example, if you work on an iMac at the office but use a laptop on set.

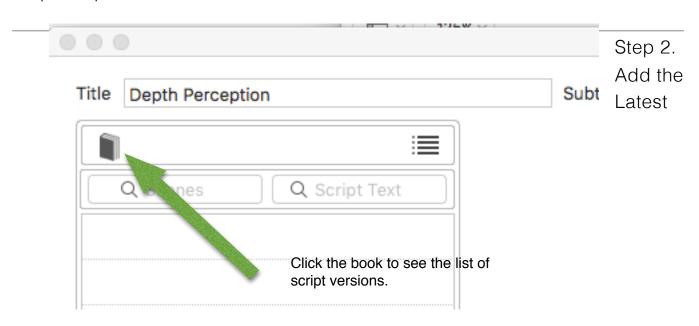
If you are using the Free Trial or have a data sharing subscription, the project is also registered for data sharing with the applicable number of users.



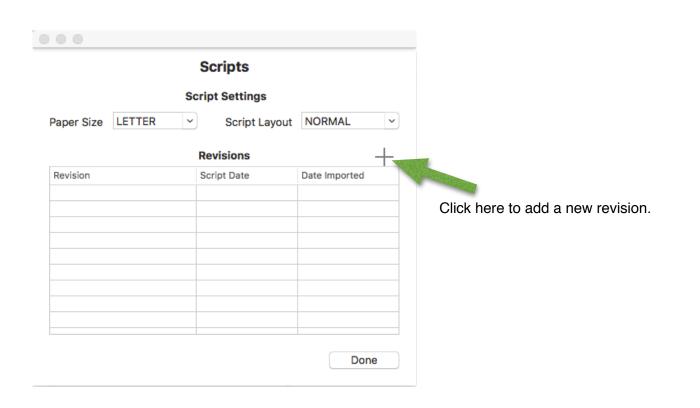
# Import the Script

You can import locked Final Draft scripts, Screenwriter MMX scripts, and most pdf scripts.

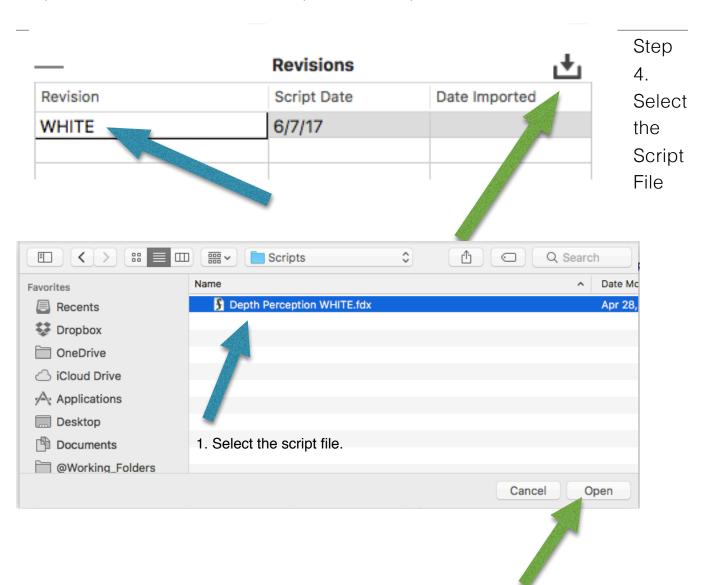
Step 1. Open the Revisions List



### Revision

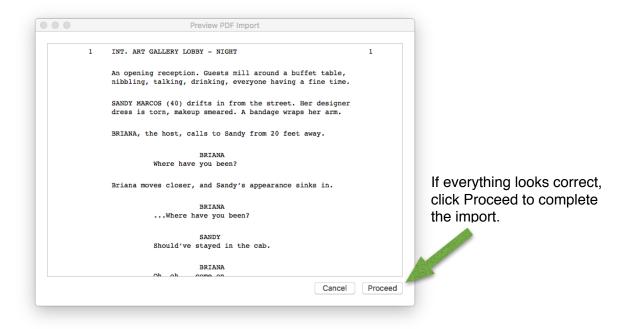


Step 3. Name the Version and Import the Script

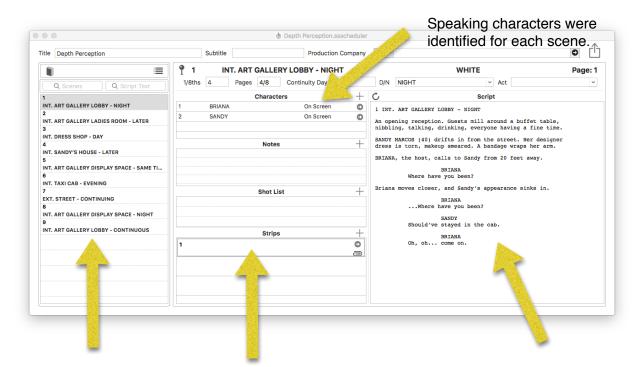


2. Click Open.

### Step 5. Review the Script Preview



# What Just Happened?

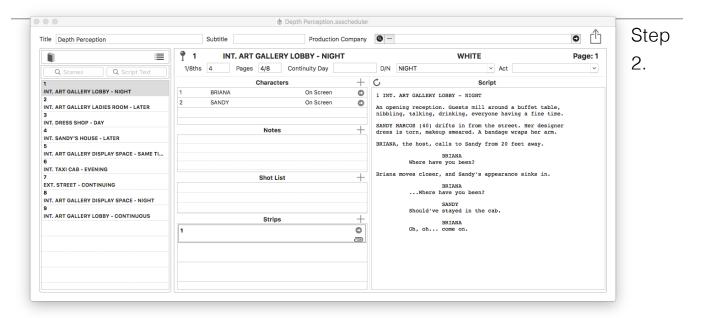


3. The new character is automatically added to the character selection list. Proceed with saving the character as described in step 3a.

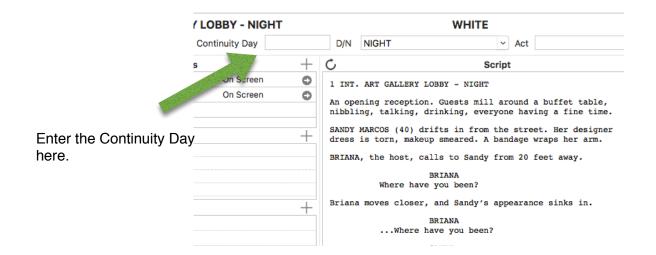
# **Initial Script Reading**

After importing the script, you can do an initial reading and breakdown of the script.

#### Step 1. Select a Scene and Read the Script



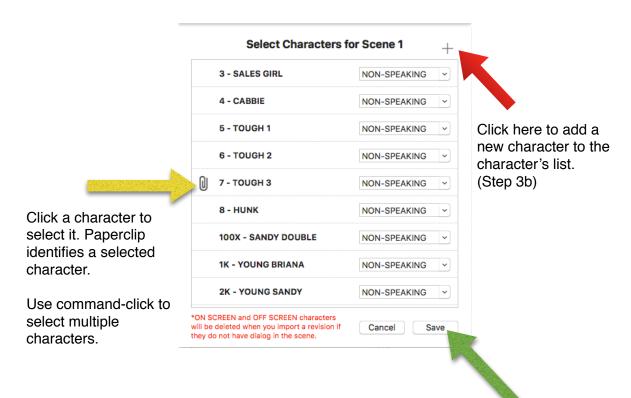
Identify the Continuity Day



Step 3. Identify and Add Non-Speaking Characters



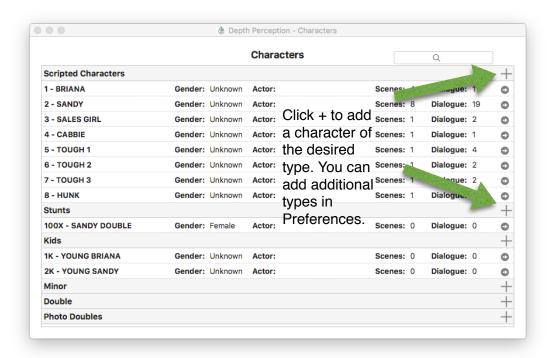
Step 3a. Select Characters

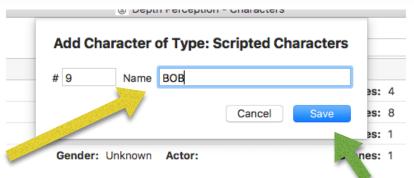


Click Save to add the selected characters to the scene.

### Step 3b. Add a New Character

The main characters list will be displayed.





1. Enter the character's name.

2. Click Save to add the character to the main list.



### Step 4a. Add Additional Strips

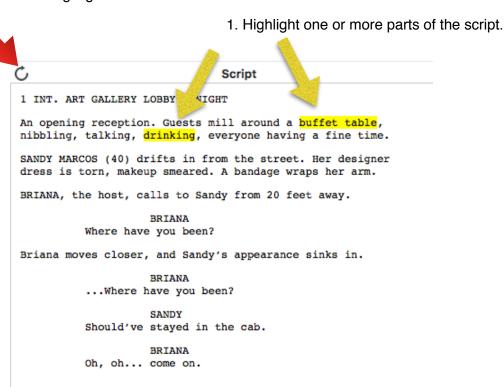
You can add additional strips that are applicable to the entire scene.



Click here to add a new strip to the scene.

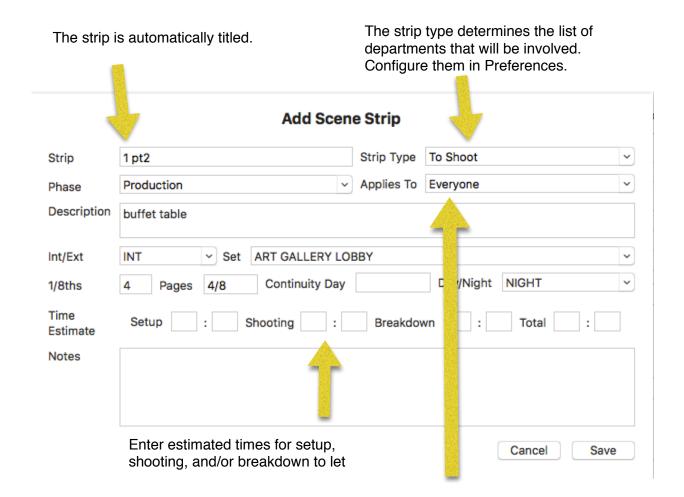
## Step 4b. Add Partial Scene Strips

Click here to erase highlighted text.



2. Click the + button as described above in step 4a to create the partial scene strip.

Step 5. Fill in the Strip Details

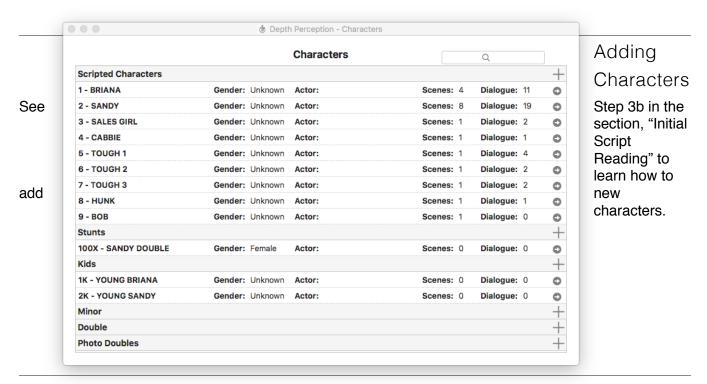


Select an Applies To department to limit this strip for a department. Only participants in that department will be able to see it.

# **Characters**

To manage the Character list, click the Script menu then Characters.





# Rearranging/

### Renumbering Characters

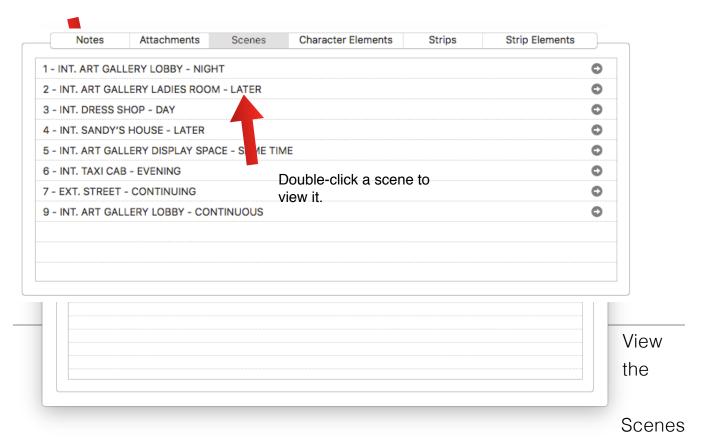
Drag and drop a character to the appropriate position in the list and characters will be renumbered automatically.



### Character

Double-click a character in the list to edit the character details.

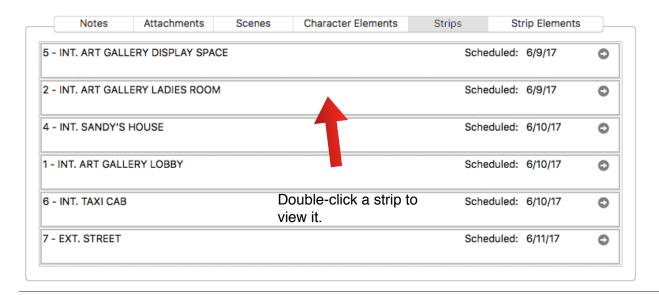
#### Change the character number here.



this Character is In

# View the Strips this Character is In

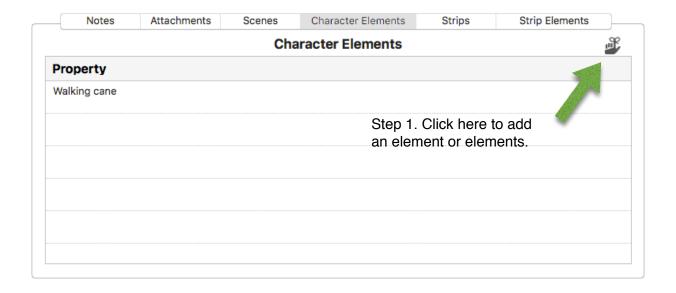
The strips will be shown in schedule order.



Add

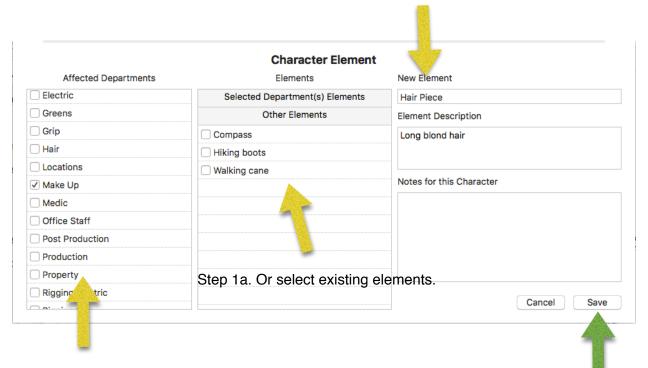
#### Elements to a Character

Elements added for a character will be included in all strips in which this character is included.



# Step 2 Configure the Elements

Step 1. Enter the name of the element. Create multiple elements by separating them with commas.

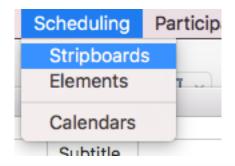


Step 2. Select the applicable or affected departments.

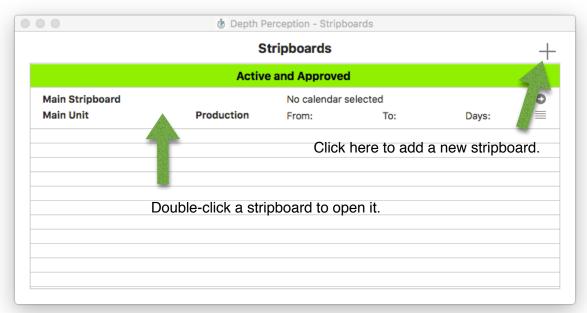
Step 3. Click Save to create any new elements and link them to the character.

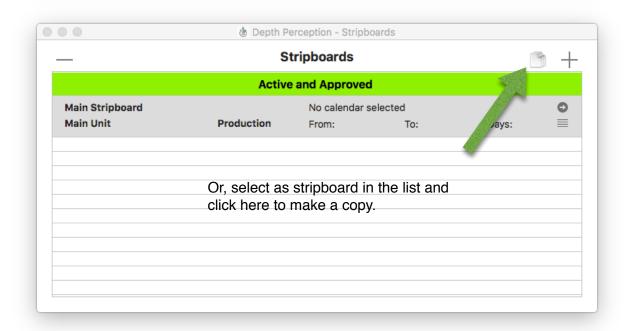
# **Stripboards**

When the first script is imported, a stripboard for the created as a starting point. Access stripboards from the menu.

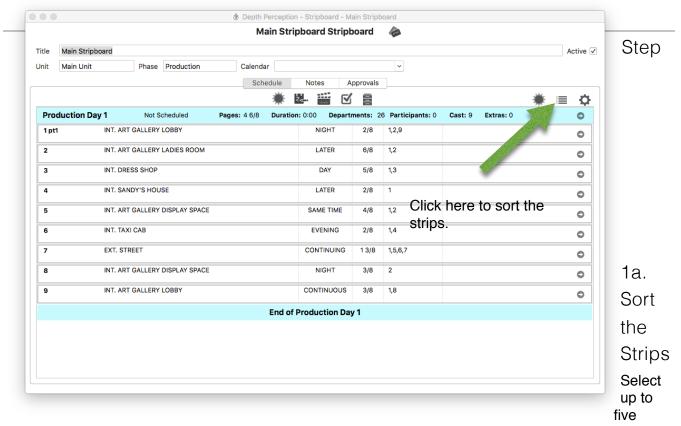


Main unit is Schedule

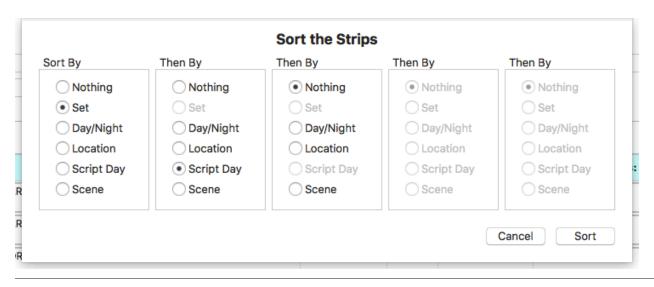




# **Stripboard**



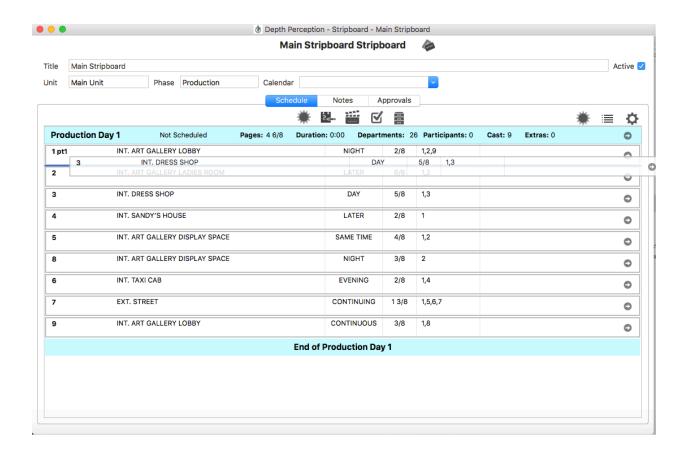
levels of sorting. If you have already added day breaks, you will be given the option to make a copy of the stripboard because the day breaks will have to be removed.



Step

1b. Rearrange the Strips Manually

Drag and drop strips to rearrange them.



1. Click here to add a new banner.

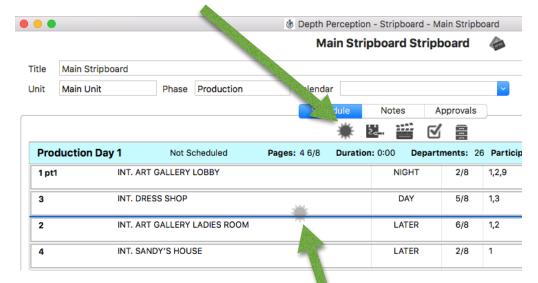
# Step 2a. Insert Day Breaks Automatically

If you have entered estimated setup, duration, and/or breakdown times for each strip, you can have day breaks inserted automatically based on the working hours for each day in the calendar. Learn later about configuring a calendar.

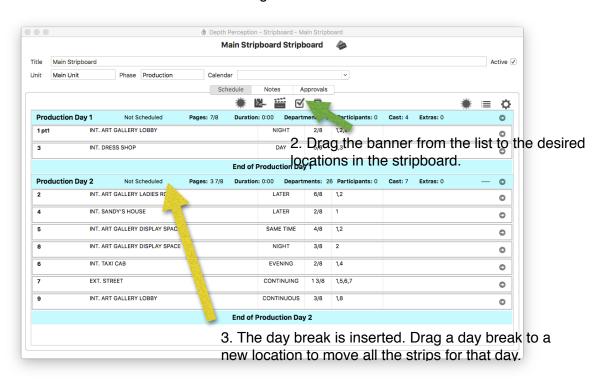


### Step 2b. Insert Day Breaks Manually

1. Click and drag here to add a day break.

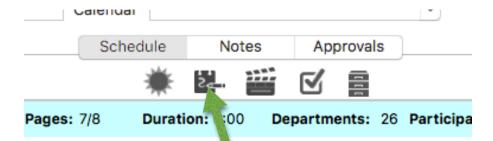


2. Drag it to the desired location and release it.

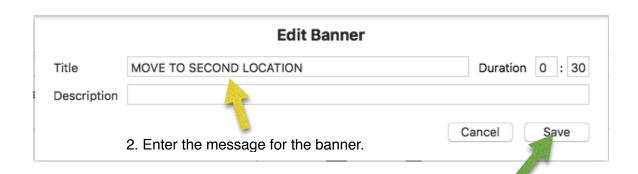


### Step 3. Insert Banners Manually

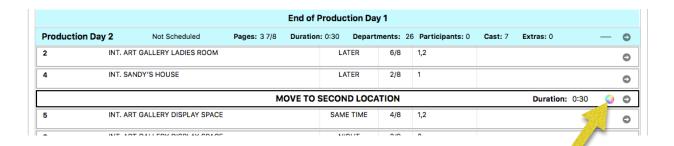
Insert banners manually or pick them from a list of preconfigured banners you can create in Preferences.



1. Drag and drop a banner at the desired



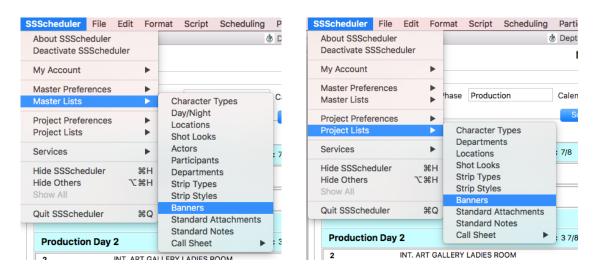
3. Click Save to add the banner.

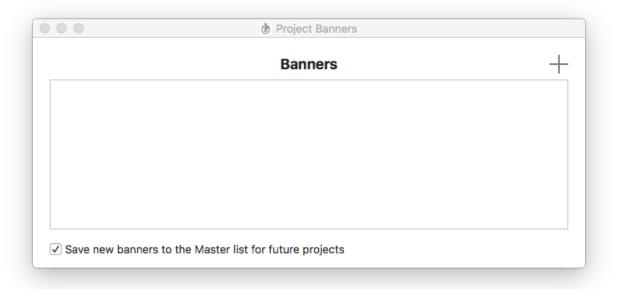


4. Click here to color code the banner. You can select a color for the background, the border, and the text.

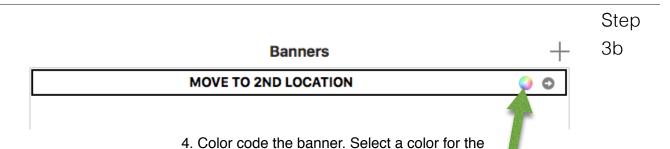
# Step 3b. Preconfigured Banners

Preconfigure banners under the SSScheduler menu in Master Lists and Project Lists. Banners in Master Lists will be added to all new projects. Banners added or changed in Project lists will only affect the current project.



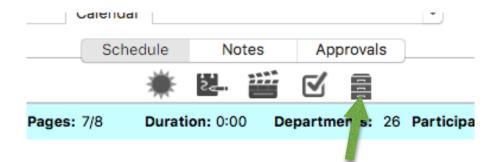




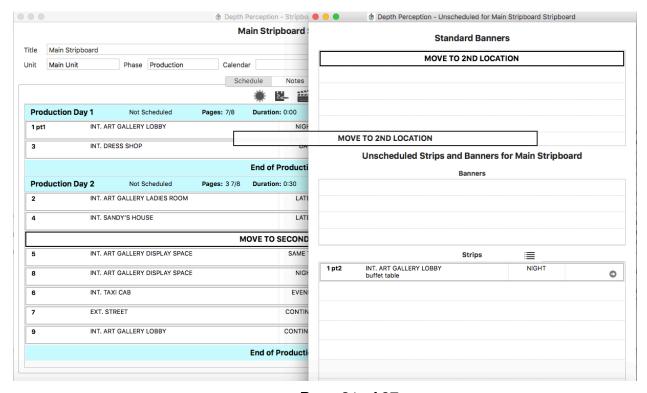


background, the border, and the text.

(cont). Select a Preconfigured Banner Back on the stripboard.

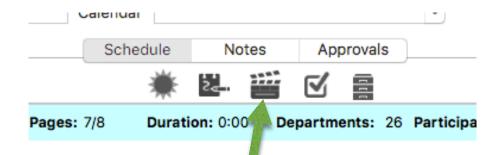


1. Click here to open the boneyard which contains preconfigured banners, unused banners, and unscheduled strips.



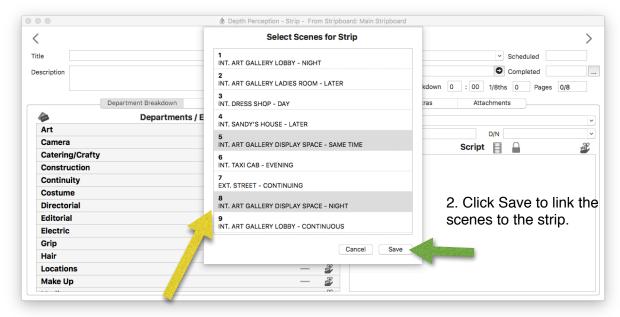
Page 31 of 87

Step 4. Add New Strips



1. Click and drag here to add a strip that will be linked to one or more scenes.

The strip will open where you can select the linked scene or scenes.

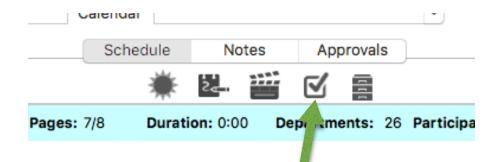


1. Select one or more scenes. Use Command-click to select multiple scenes.

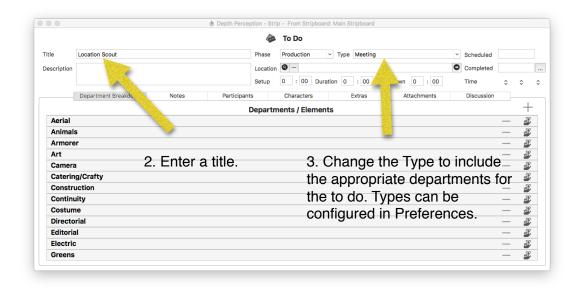


A strip with multiple scenes will be named like this one.

Step 5. Add To Do's to a Stripboard



1. Click and drag here to add a strip (to do) that is not linked to a particular scene.



#### Back to the stripboard.

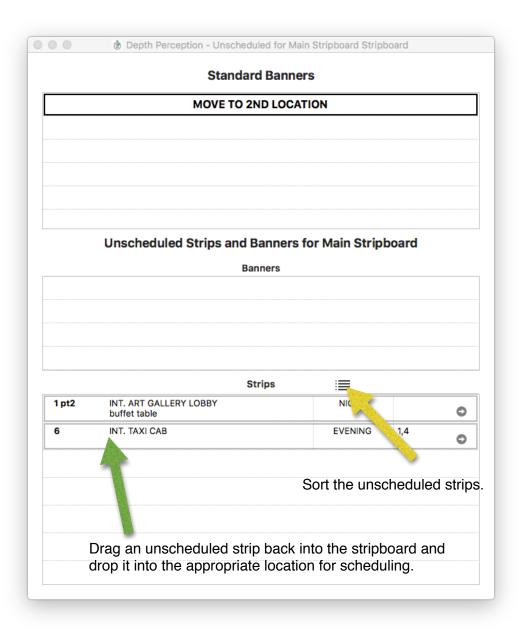


4. Click here to color code the to do.

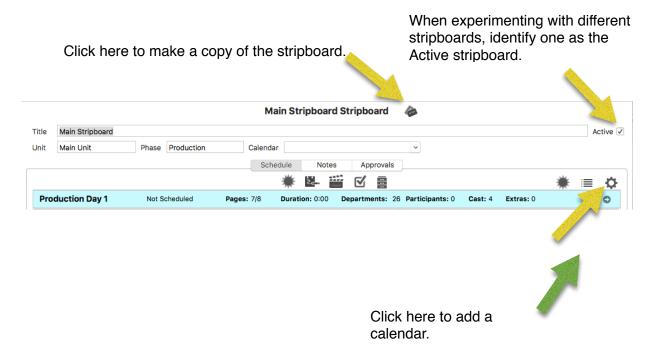
# **Boneyard**

As described in Step 3b above, click the File Cabinet to open the boneyard.

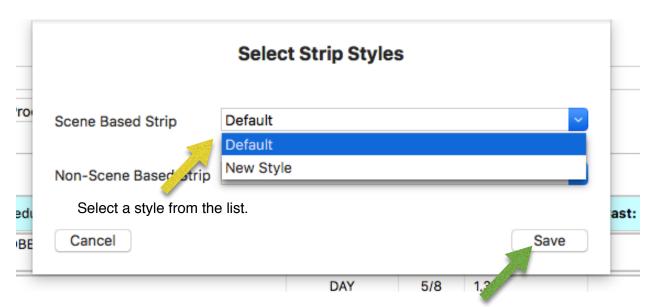
Move a banner, strip, or to do to the boneyard by dragging it from its place in the stripboard and dropping it onto the file cabinet.



# **Other Stripboard Info**



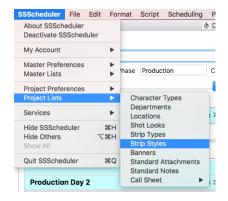
# Selecting Custom Strip Styles



Click Save to apply the strip styles to the stripboard. Page 35 of 87

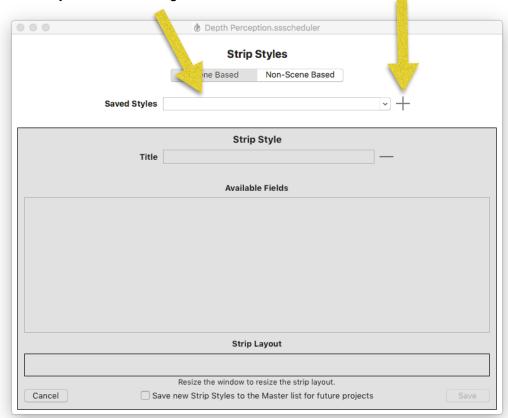
## **Custom Strip Styles**

Access custom strip styles from the SSScheduler menu. Select Strip Styles from Master Lists to create and configure strip styles that will be available for all new projects. Select Strip Styles from the Project Lists menu to create and configure custom strip styles for the project.

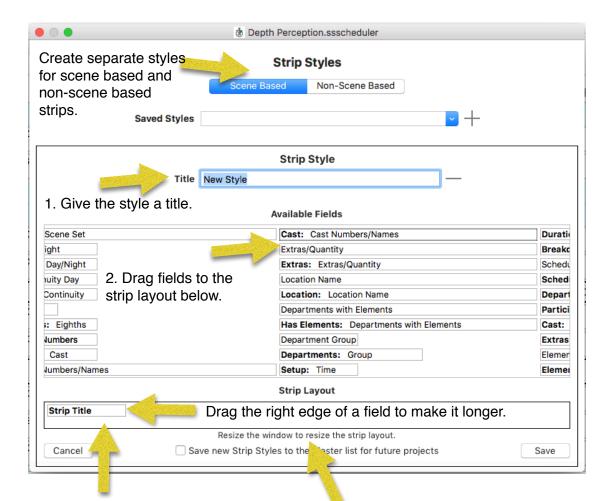


Select a style to make changes.

1. Click here to add a new style.



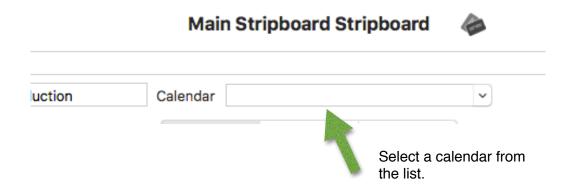
#### Adding a New Style



3. Arrange the fields in the layout.

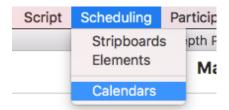
Resizing the window will make the layout wider for more fields. Most fields will grow vertically to fit the data in them.

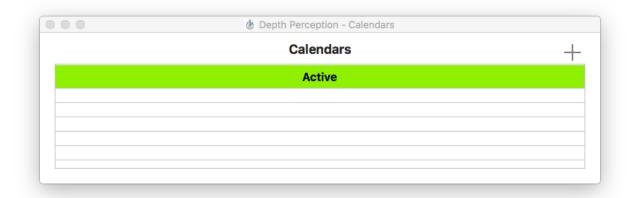
## **Apply a Calendar**

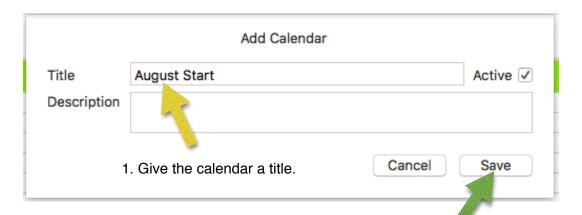


## **Calendars**

Access Calendars from the Schedule menu.

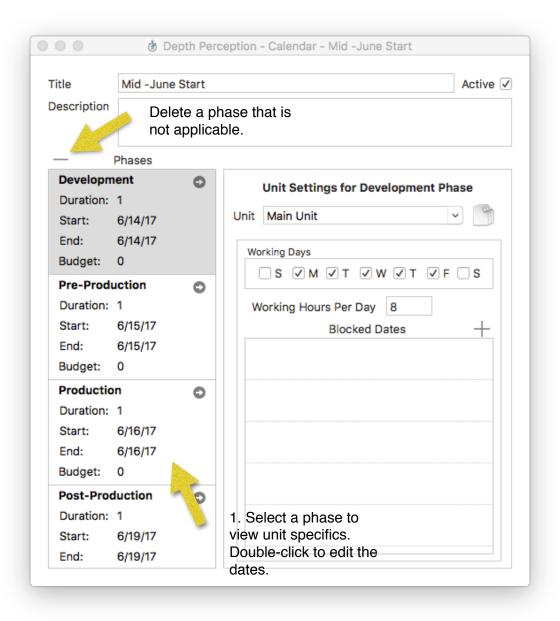






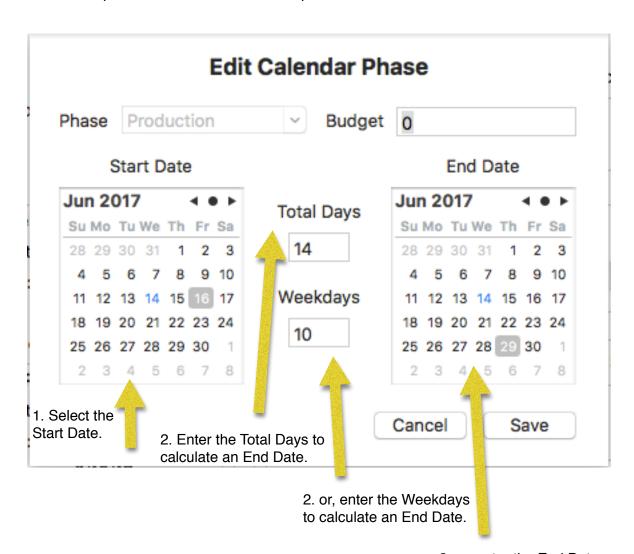
2. Click Save to add the calendar.

### Configure the Calendar



#### Step 1. Set the Dates

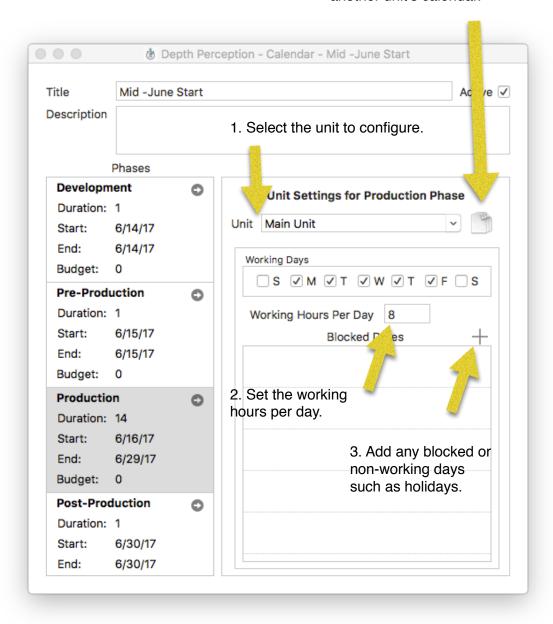
Double-click a phase to set the dates for that phase.



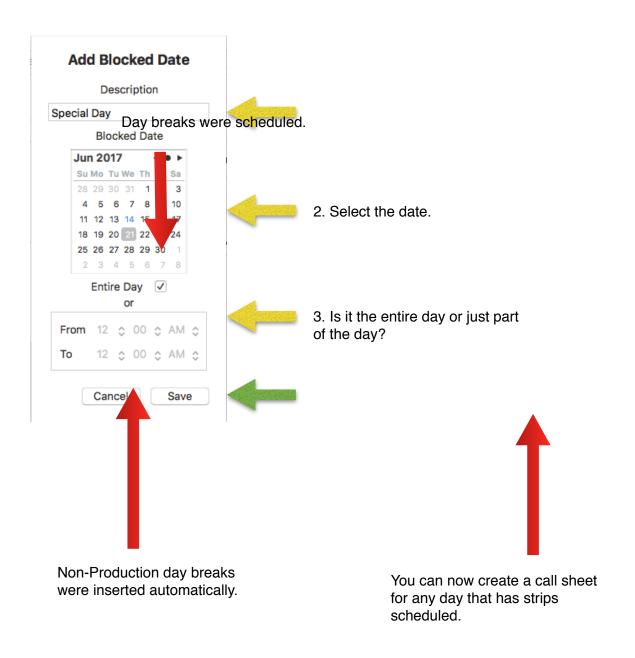
2. or, enter the End Date.

### Step 2. Configure for Each Unit

Optionally copy the working days and blocked dates from another unit's calendar.

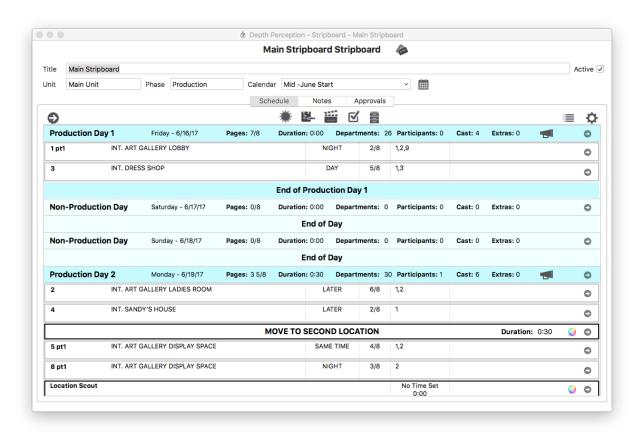


Step 3. Add Blocked Days



## **Apply a Calendar (cont)**

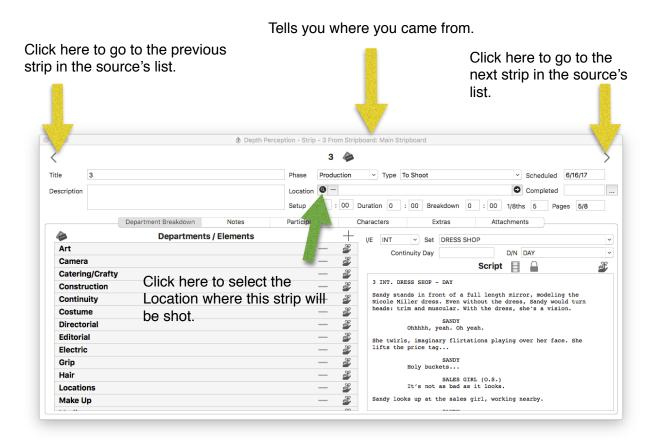
What Happened?



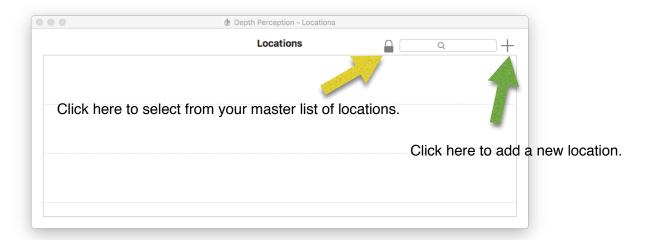
## **Strips**

#### Opening a Strip

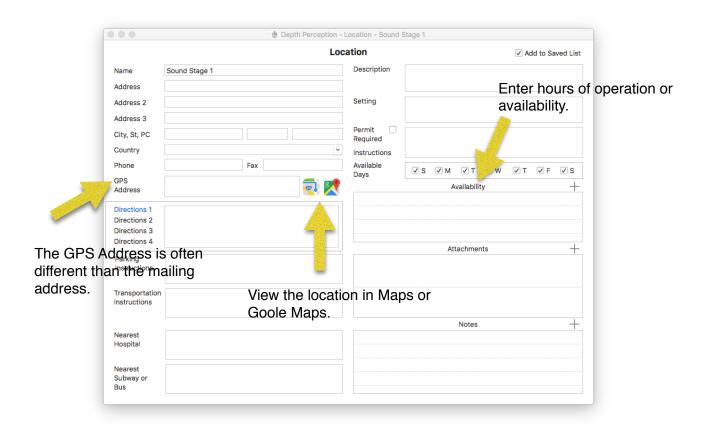
There are several places where strips are listed and can be opened: Stripboard, Scene, Character, Actor, etc. Open a strip by double-clicking on it.



# **Strip Location**



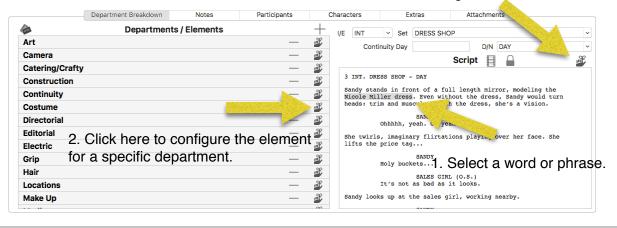
#### Add a New Location



## **Strip Elements**

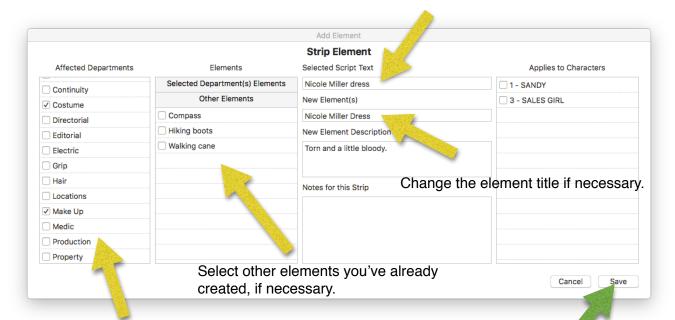
#### Step 1. Adding Elements

2. Click here to configure the element.



Step 2. Configure the Element

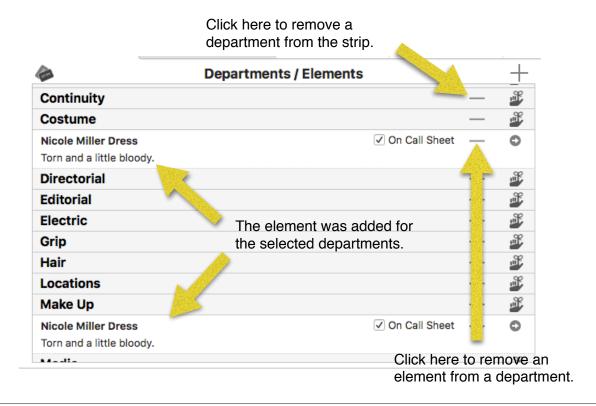
The text you selected in the script is here.



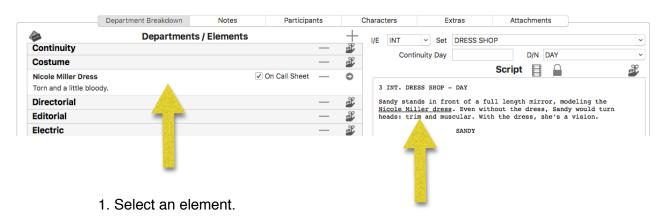
Select the departments that are affected.

Save the Element.

Step 2b. What Happened?

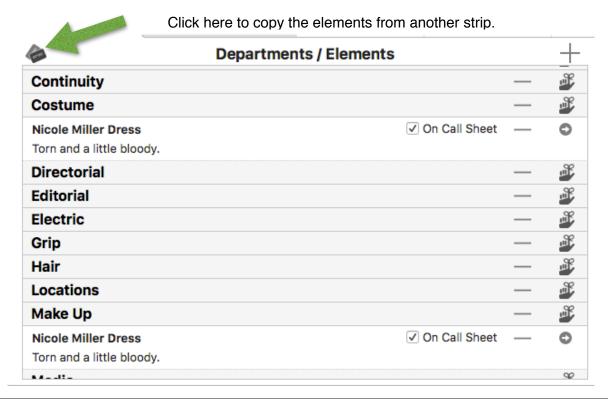


Step 2c. Review Element Script Selection

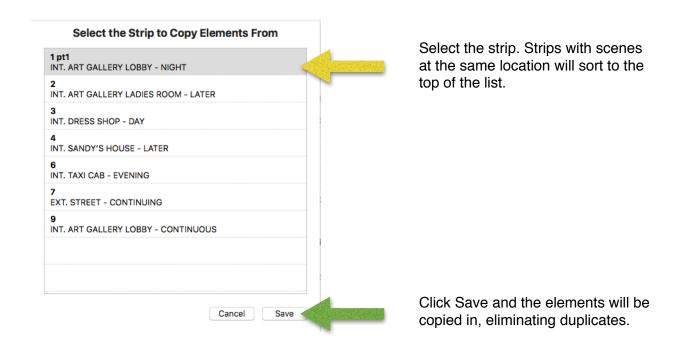


2. The script text that identifies the element is underlined.

Step 3. Copy Elements from Another Strip



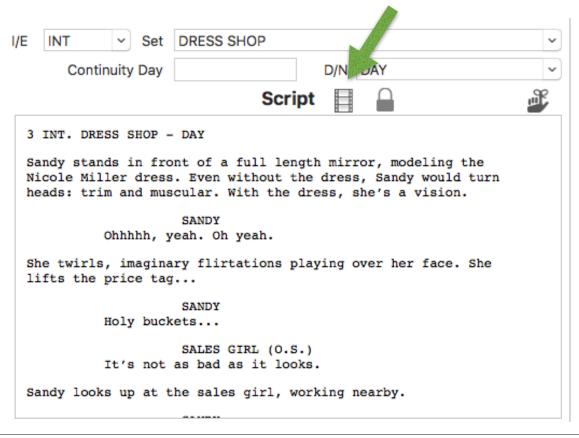
Step 4. Select the Strip to Copy



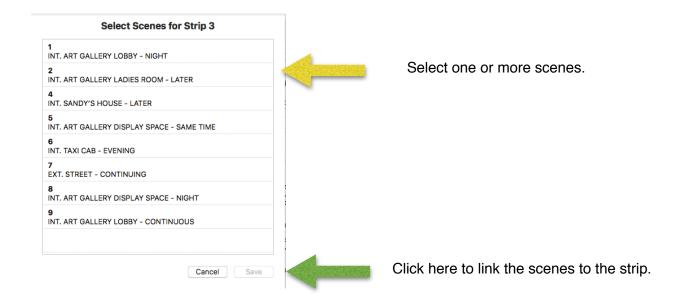
### **Strip Scenes**

A strip can be linked to one or more scenes.

Click here to select additional scenes to link to the strip.

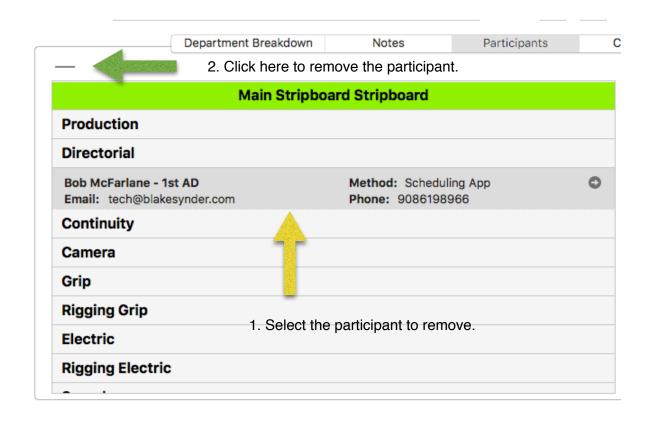


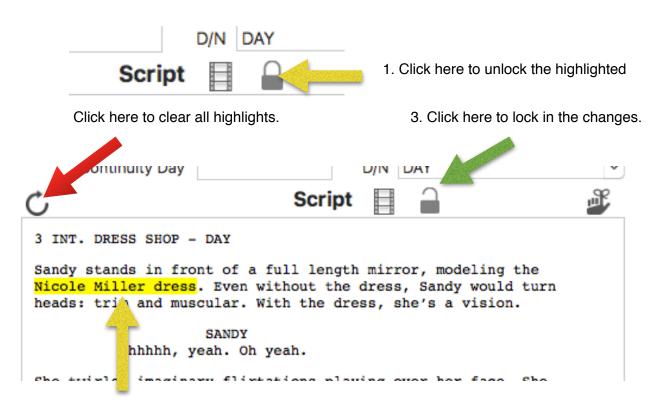
Step 1. Select the Scenes to Link



## **Partial Strip Script Text**

When a partial strip is created after selecting text in the scene's script and a revision is imported, the selected text may have changed. But, it can be corrected.



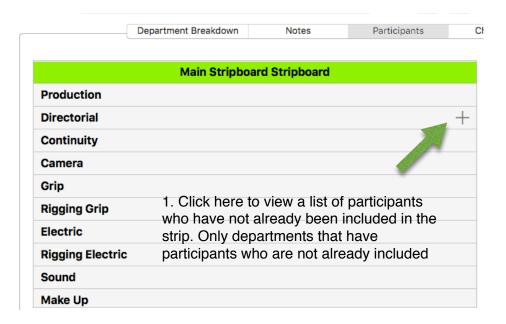


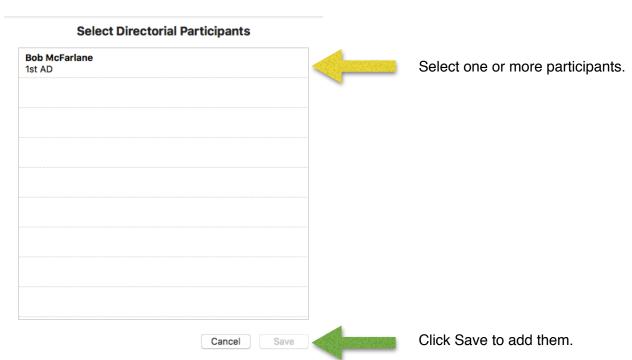
2. Highlight one or more sections of the script.

## **Strip Participants**

Strip participants or crew, are automatically included in a strip for each stripboard in which the strip is scheduled. Participants are usually added into the unit where they will be working and can be marked to be included in all strips for that unit. See the Units section to learn more.

#### Add a Participant Manually



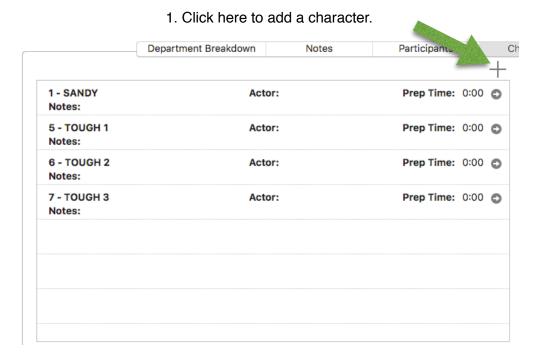


Remove a Participant from a Strip

## **Strip Characters**

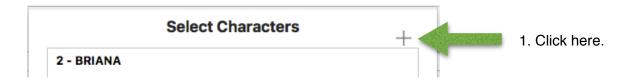
Characters are automatically added to each strip based on the characters in the scenes that are linked to the strip. Additional characters can be added manually.

### Adding a Character to a Strip

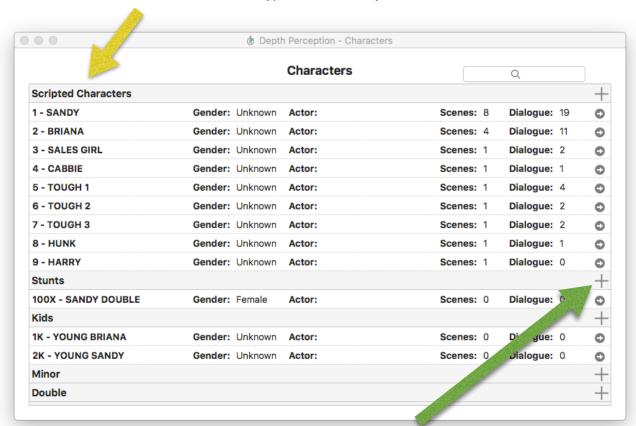




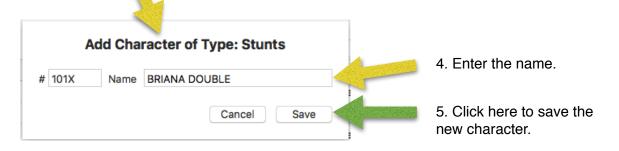
#### Create a New Character

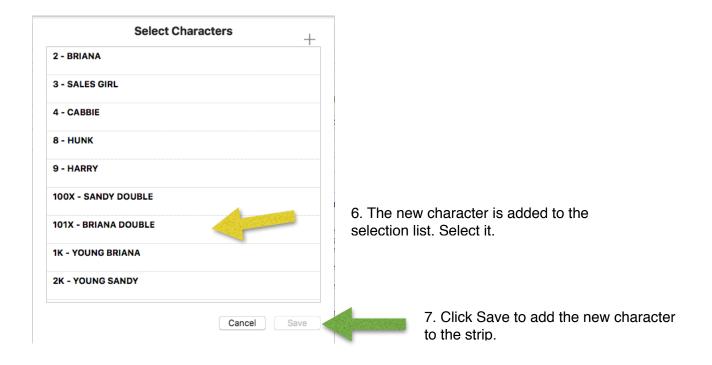


2. Determine the type of character you want to add.

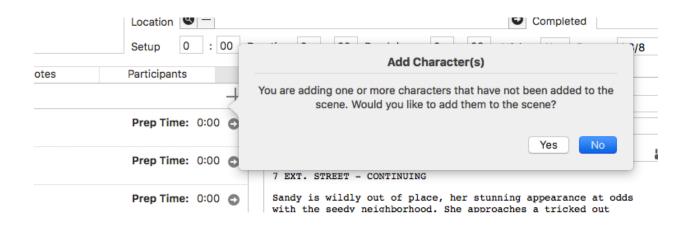


3. Click the + for the type of character you want to add.



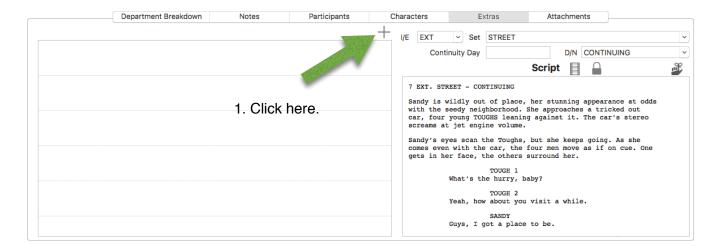


Since this is a new character you are given the option to also add the character to the scene to which the strip is linked.

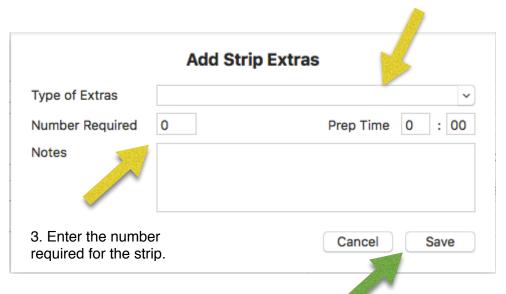


## **Strip Extras**

### Adding Extras to a Strip

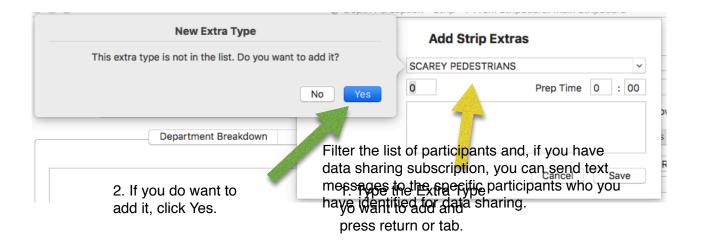


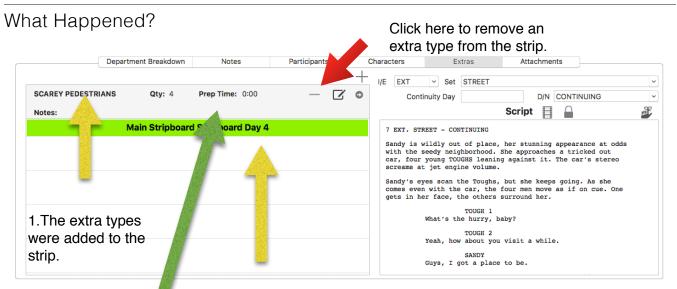
#### 2. Select the type of extra.



4. Click Save.

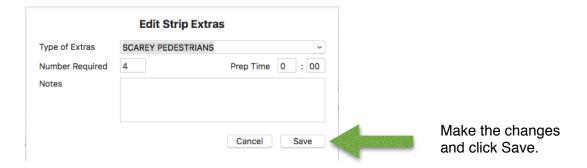
### Adding a New Extra Type





Double-click an extra to make changes.

2. Each active stripboard is listed. When actors are cast in the Extras Casting



## **Strip Attachments**

Attachments can be any kind of file such as a photo, a pdf, etc.

Click here to include people in your master participants list.

#### Add an Attachment - Method 1

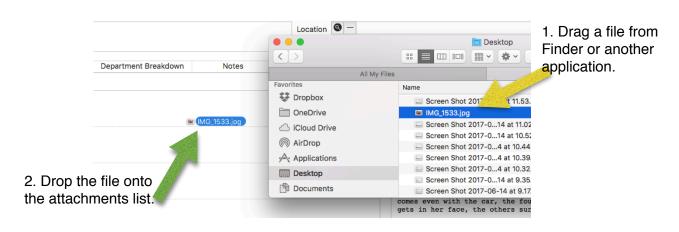


2. Enter a description.

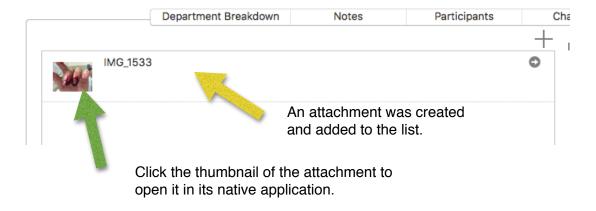


4. Click Save.

Add an Attachment - Method 2

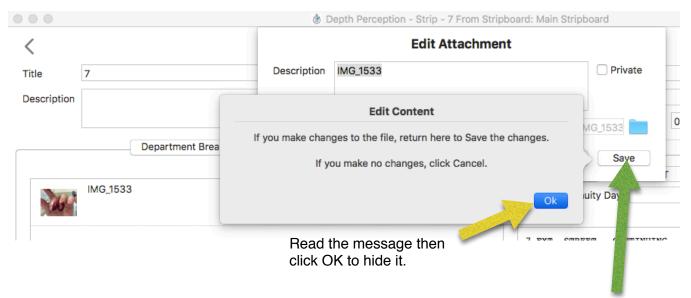


### What Happened?



### Saving Native Application Changes

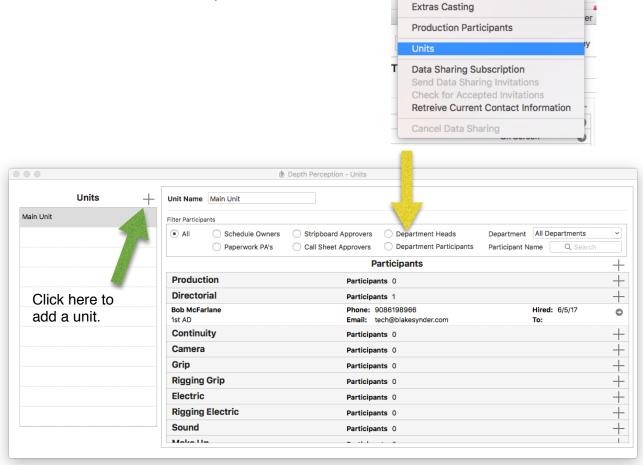
If you open an attachment in its native application and make changes, the file will need to be reloaded into the attachment object.



After making changes in the native application, close it, return here and click Save.

#### **Units**

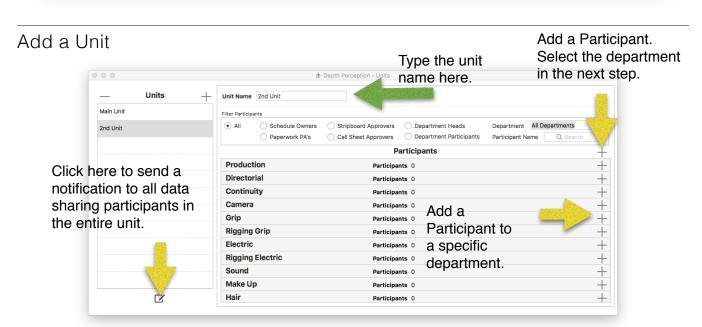
Units are accessed from the Participants menu.



Participants Reports View

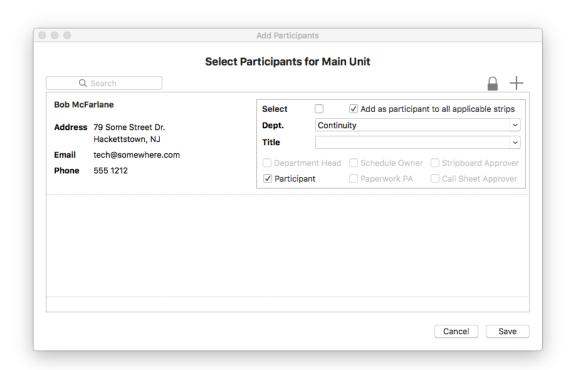
Actors

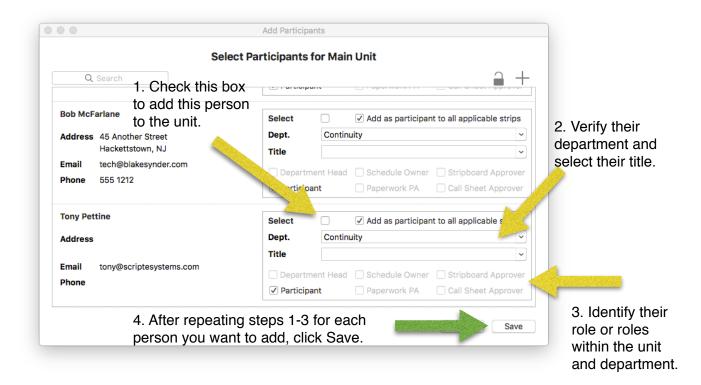
Window H

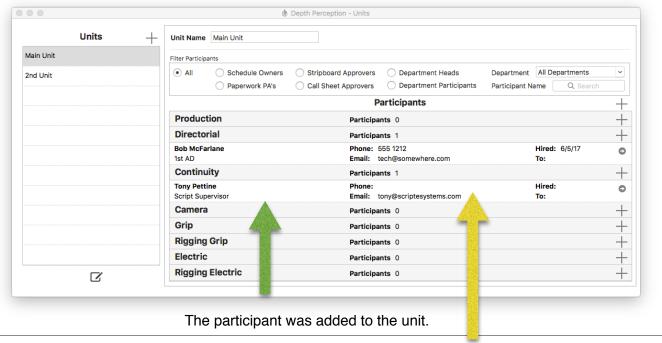


## Add a Participant to a Unit

After clicking a + button as described above:







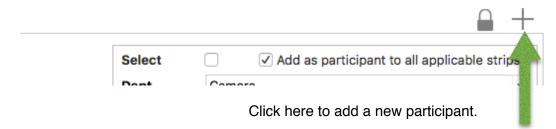
What Happened?

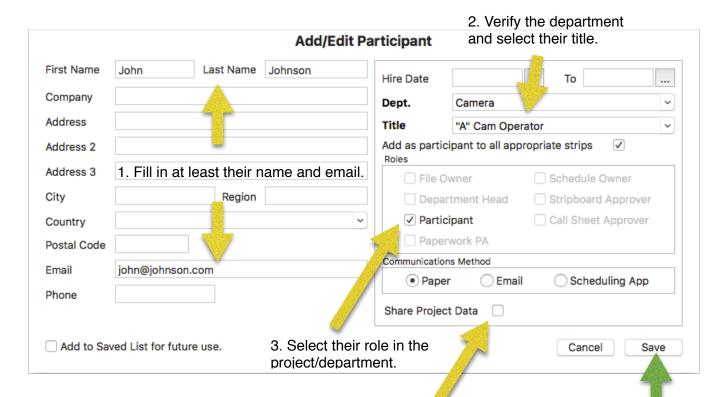
Double-click a participant to view their details.

### **Add New Participant**

If you don't find a participant in your project or in your master list, add a new participant.

#### Select Participants for Main Unit

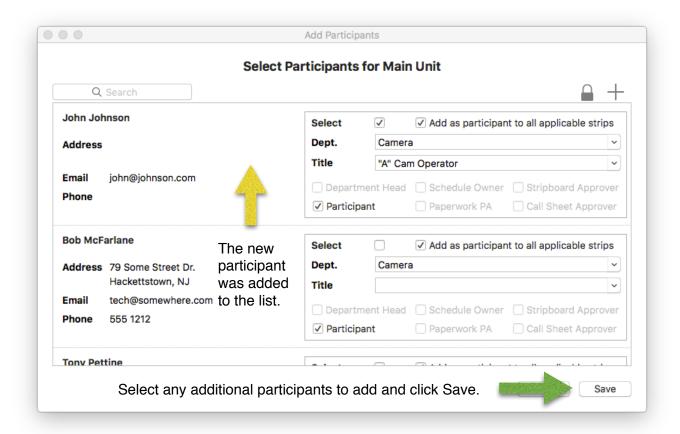




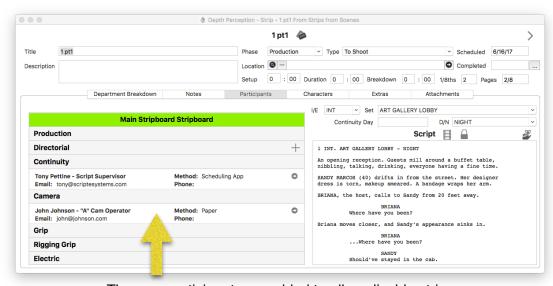
4. If you have a data sharing plan, you can include this participant in data sharing. This allows them to also receive text and email notifications.

5. Click Save

### Verify the Participant



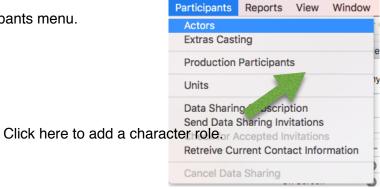
### What Happened?

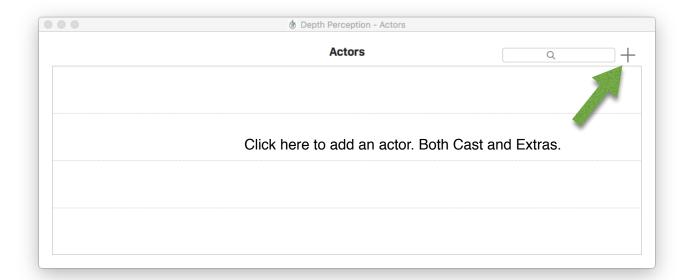


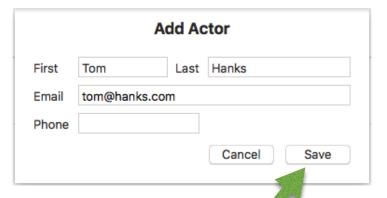
The new participant was added to all applicable strips.

### **Actors**

Actors are access from the Participants menu.



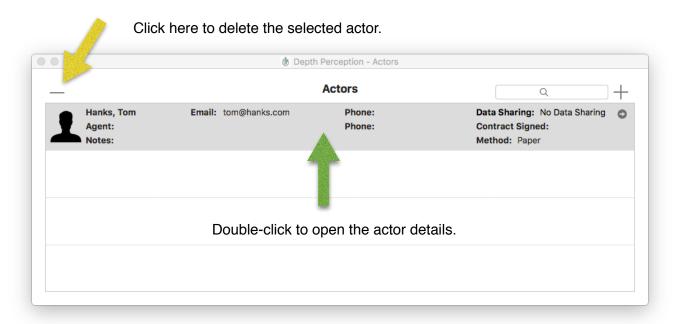


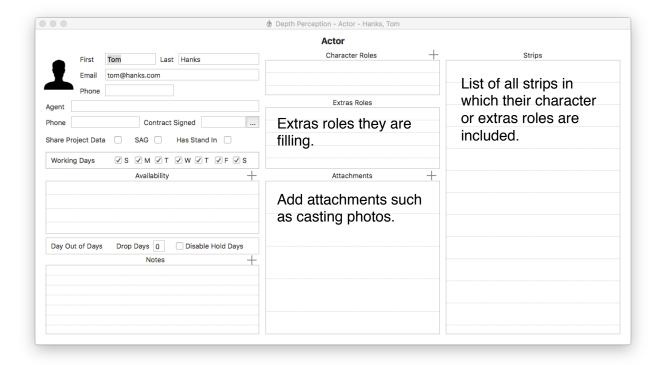


Fill in their info and click Save.

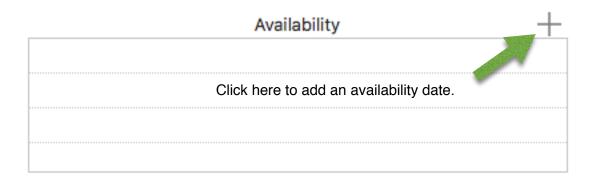
Add an Actor

### **Actor Details**





### Actor Availability



2. If the actor is either available or unavailable up to a specific date, select Any Day. Otherwise, select a specific date.

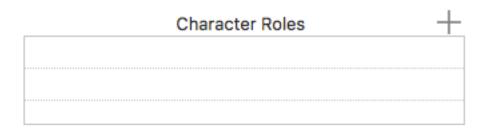
3. Specify times of day when they are or are not available.

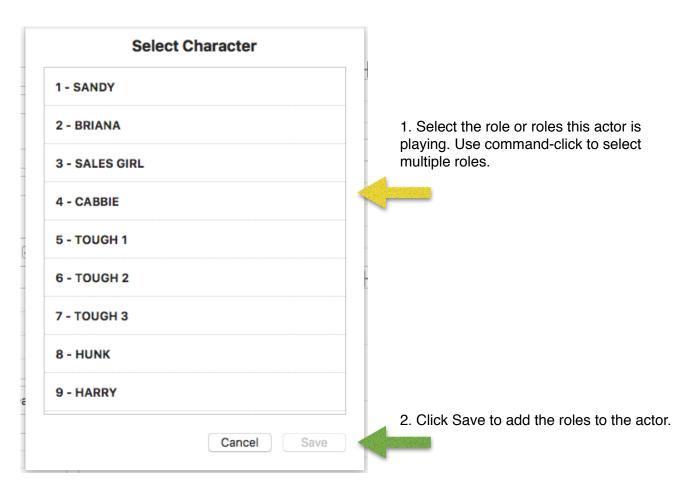
1. Select whether this is an available or unavailable date.

2. If the actor is available or unavailable after a specific date, select Any Day. Otherwise, select a specific date.

4. Click Save.

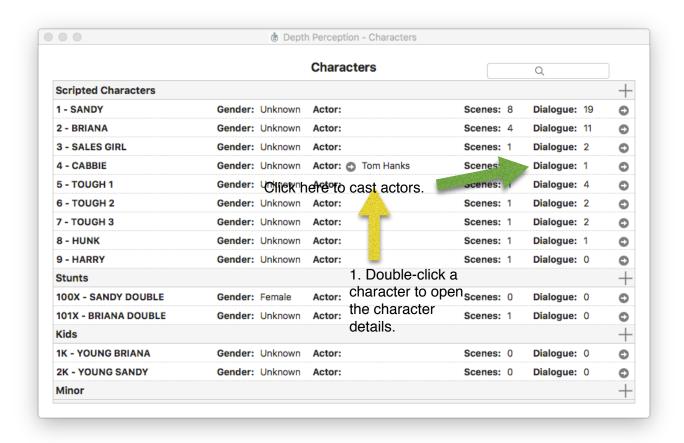
#### Actor - Character Roles





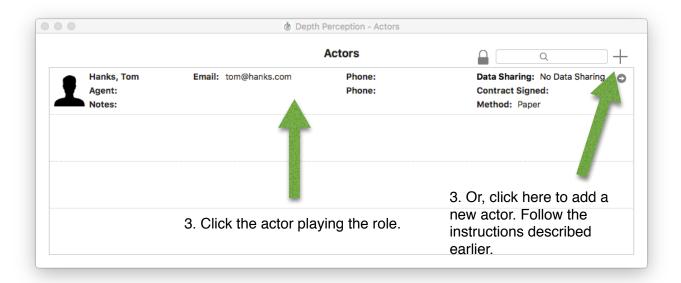
An actor can also be cast for a character from the characters list.

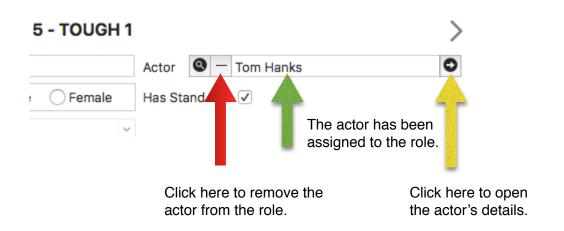
### Assign Actor to a Character





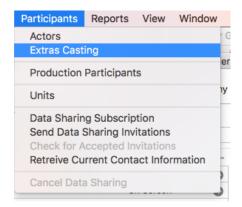
2. Click here to open the Actors list.

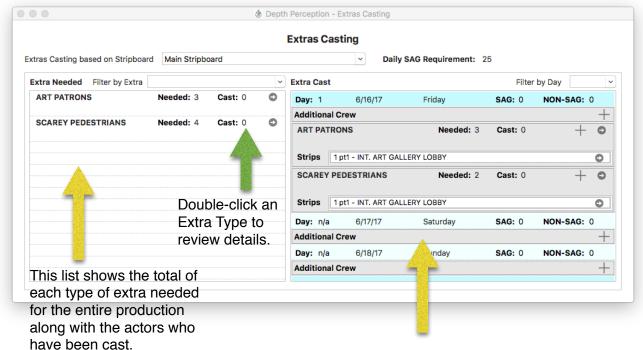




## **Extras Casting**

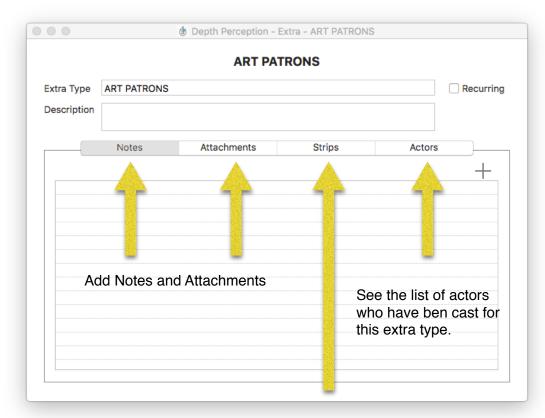
Extras Casting is accessed from the Participants menu.





This list shows the extra types needed for each day along with the actors who have been cast and any additional crew.

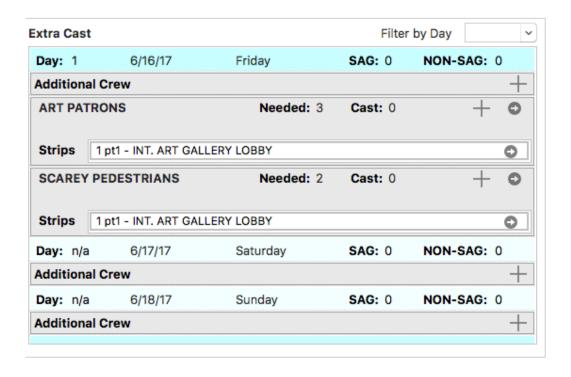
# **Extra Type Details**

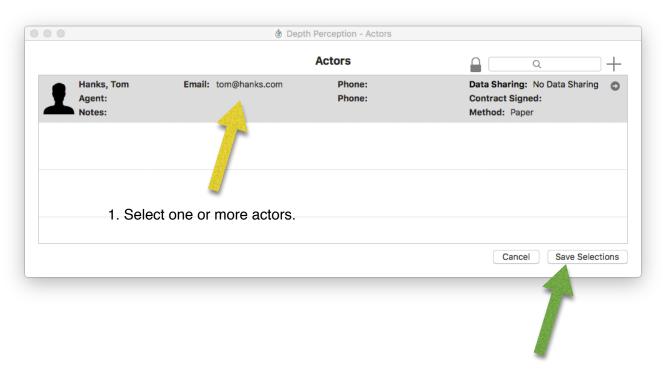


View the strips that require this extra type.



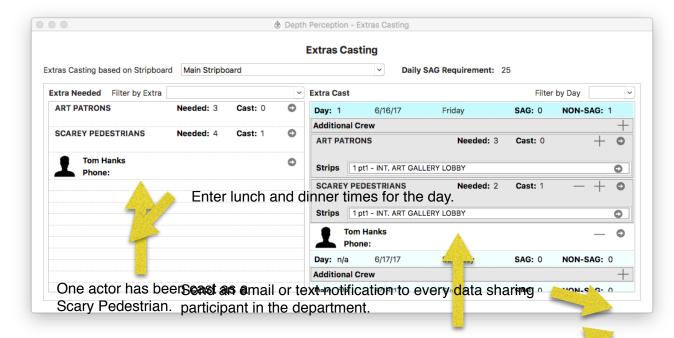
## **Cast Extra Actor**





2. Click here to cast the actors in the selected extra role.

## What Happened?

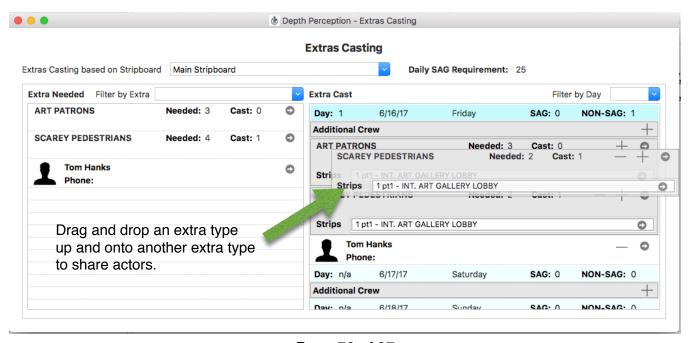


One actor has been cast as a Send an email or text notification to this data sharing participant.

### Share Actors

Click here to enter a departmental call time.

On a shoot day, extra actors may be able to be used as multiple extra types.



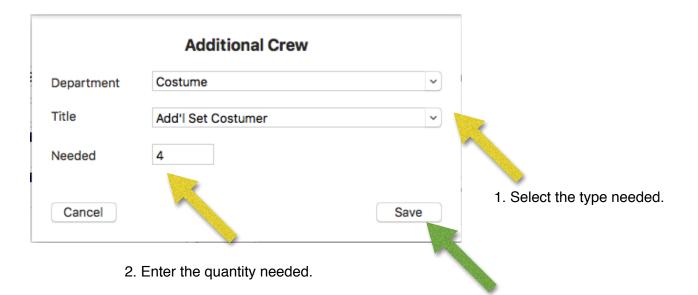
Page 76 of 87

### Additional Crew

Due to the number of extras on any given shoot day, additional crew may be required to manage them.



Click here to add additional crew for a shoot day.

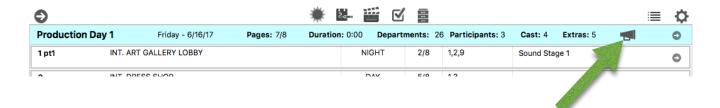


3. Click Save



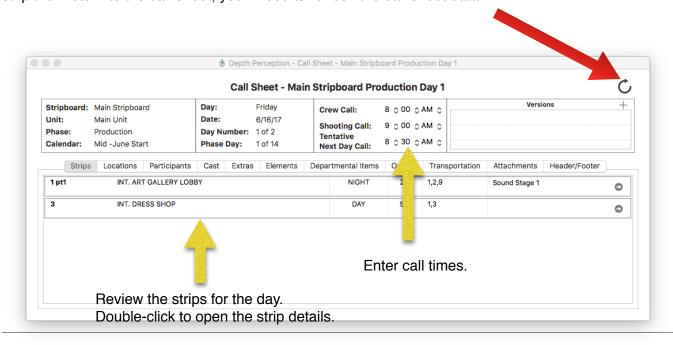
## **Call Sheet**

A call sheet is accessed from a day break on a stripboard.



3. Click here.

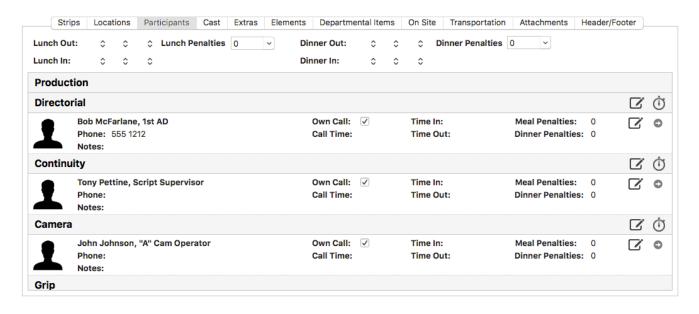
Each time you open a call sheet, it will gather any changes you've made that affect this call sheet. If you leave the call sheet open and go to another place such as a strip and change the characters in the strip then return to the call sheet, you'll need to refresh the call sheet data.



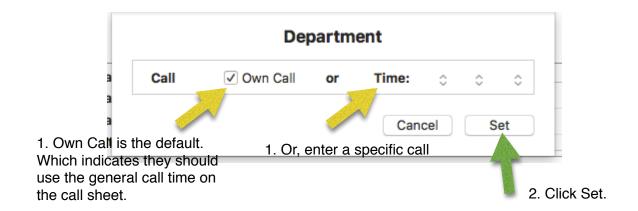
### Locations



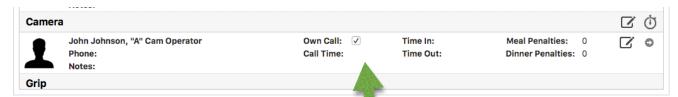
## **Participants**



## Departmental Call Time



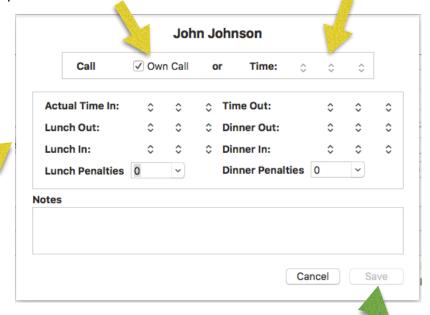
## Participant Call Time and Actual Hours



Double-click a participant to enter their call time and actual hours.

1. Own Call is the default. Which indicates they should use the general call time on the call sheet or their departmental call time.

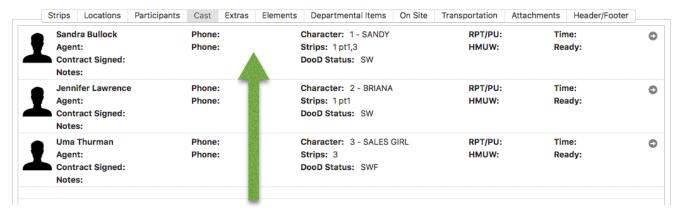
1. Or, enter a specific call



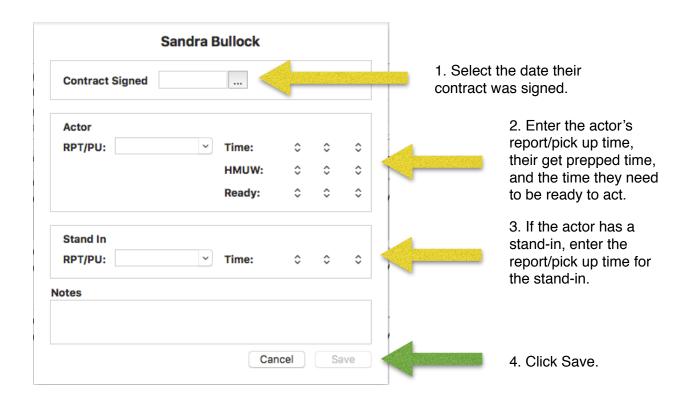
2. Enter their actual hours.

3. Click Save.

### Cast



Double-click to edit an actor's times.



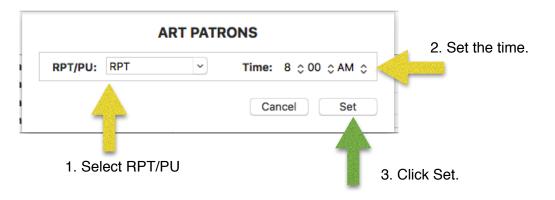


### Extras

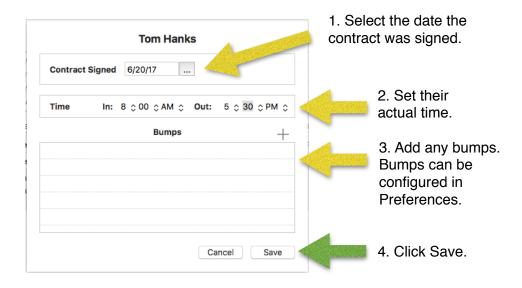
In this example shown, we're short a few actors to fill the extras roles.



## Extra Type Report/Pick up Time

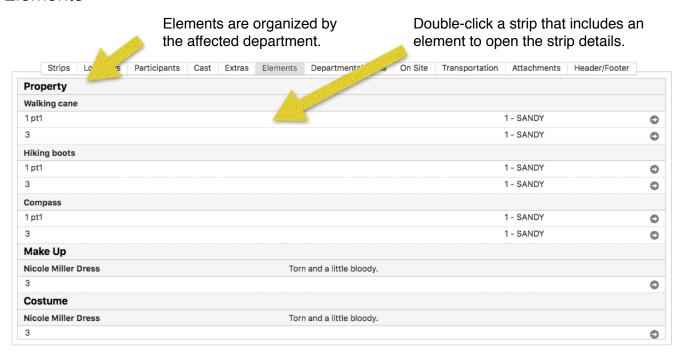


### Extra Actor Actual Times



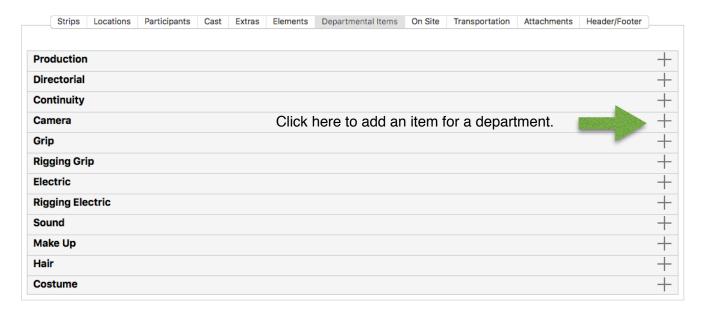
Page 82 of 87

### Elements

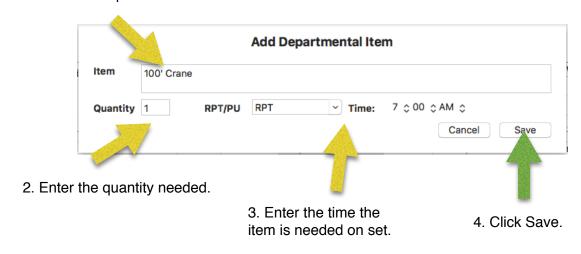


## Departmental Items

In addition to elements that affect a department for a particular strip, additional departmental items can be added that are needed for a shoot day but aren't limited to a strip.



1. Enter a description for the item.

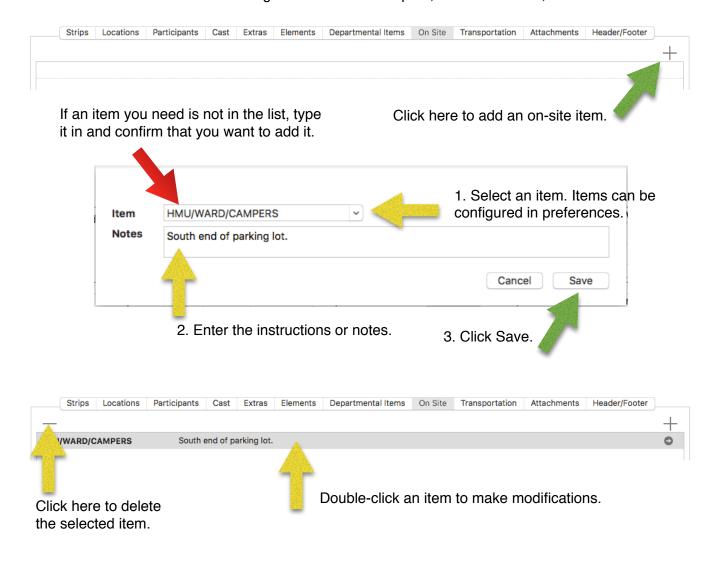


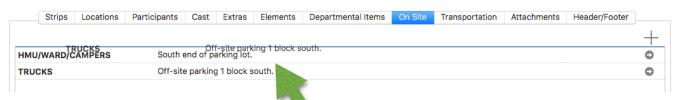


Double-click to make changes.

### On-Site Items

On site items are instructions for things such as actor campers, costume trailers, etc.



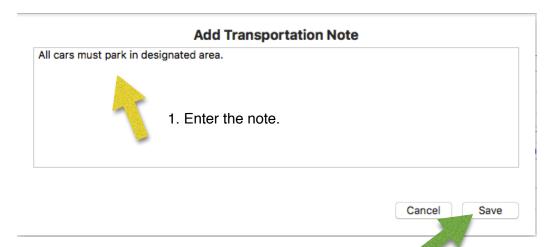


Drag and drop items to rearrange the order.

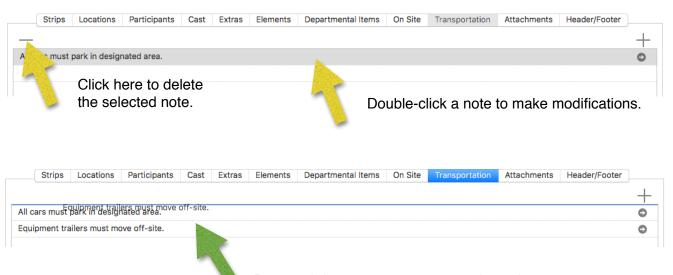
## Transportation



Click here to add a transportation note.



2. Click Save.



Drag and drop notes to rearrange the order.

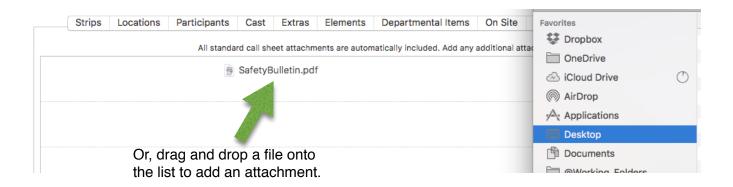
### Attachments

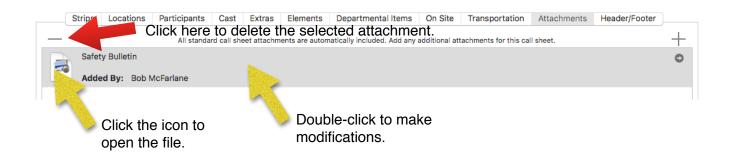




3. Click Save to add the attachment.

2. Click here to select a file.





Page 87 of 87