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A SHORT FILM DIRECTED BY RUSS EMANUEL
STARRING SEAN GUNNELL, MICHAEL RAY,
DENISE GOSSETT, AND JENNIFER DURST



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SYNOPSIS – 1 LINE

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A SEEMINGLY ORDINARY PRIEST IS CONFRONTED BY A SEEMINGLY ORDINARY MAN?

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THE FIRST PART OF A PILOT FOR A POTENTIAL TELEVISION SERIES, THIS PROJECT WAS FILMED PRIMARILY IN ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA IN JANUARY 2017.

STATEMENT FROM THE DIRECTOR – RUSS EMANUEL

WORKING WITH PRODUCER/WRITER TROY GABALDON HAS BEEN A REWARDING EXPERIENCE. HIS STORYTELLING SKILLS WERE IN LINE WITH VISION OF DICHOTOMY AND CONFLICT WITHIN CHARACTERS' PSYCHES, AND ACTORS SEAN GUNNELL AND MICHAEL RAY DON'T DISAPPOINT IN THEIR TENSE INTERACTIONS TOGETHER ONSCREEN. COMBINED WITH AMAZING CAMERA WORK BY RAY KARWEL, A SOARING SCORE BY VASILIS MILETIS, AND TIGHT EDITING BY EMILE HARIS, I HOPE THE AUDIENCE ENJOYS 'COLLAR' AS MUCH AS I HAD MAKING IT.

-- RUSS EMANUEL

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RUSS EMANUEL
PRODUCER / DIRECTOR

RUSSELL "RUSS" EMANUEL IS AN AWARD-WINNING AMERICAN DIRECTOR, PRODUCER, AND INDEPENDENT FILMMAKER, HAVING DIRECTED SUCH ACTORS AS JOHN HEARD, ROBERT PICARDO, VINCENT PASTORE, GLYNNIS O'CONNOR, HALLIE KATE EISENBERG, JEREMY LONDON, RYAN HURST, WILLIAM DEVANE, MARINA SIRTIS, SEAN KENNEY, ARMIN SHIMERMAN, AND GARY GRAHAM. ORIGINALLY FROM SAN FRANCISCO, HE GREW UP IN BOTH JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES, GARNERING AN INTERNATIONAL VIEWPOINT OF THE WORLD THROUGHOUT HIS CHILDHOOD. AFTER

GRADUATING FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TO STUDY CINEMA-TELEVISION, HE FOUNDED RUSSEM PRODUCTIONS IN 2002 IN ORDER TO PROMOTE HIS SHORT FILMS INCLUDING **GIRL WITH GUN** (2005) AND DOCUMENTARY **RESTORATION OF PARADISE** (2014), AS WELL AS CURRENT FILMS **COLLAR** (2017), **THE ASSASSIN'S APPRENTICE** (2018), AND **THE ASSASSIN'S APPRENTICE II** (2021). PRESENTLY, **WISPER** (2020) MARKS EMANUEL'S FIFTH FORAY INTO FEATURE FILMMAKING, AFTER HAVING DIRECTED **P.J.** (2007), **CHASING THE GREEN** (2009), **THE LEGENDS OF NETHIAH** (2012), AND **OCCUPANTS** (2015).



TROY GABALDON
PRODUCER / WRITER

TROY GABALDON IS AN EX STAND-UP COMEDIAN TURNED SCREEN WRITER / DIRECTOR. DURING HIS COMEDY DAYS HE PERFORMED WITH SUCH STAND UP GREATS AS JUDD APATOW, LARRY WILMORE AND TOMMY DAVIDSON TO NAME A FEW. HIS LOVE OF MOVIES AND STORYTELLING LED HIM TO WRITING SCRIPTS THAT ARE FULL OF DARK HUMOR AND TWISTS. (2014). HIS FILMS INCLUDE **UNCLE ALAN** (2014), **THE GOOD THE BAD AND THE ZOMBIE** (2014), **NO QUESTIONS ASKED** (2014), **BREAKING TRUMP** (2016), **ALLEGEDLY** (2018), AND **LIGHTER THAN AIR** (2020).



EMILE HARIS
EDITOR

A GRADUATE IN BOTH WRITING AND FILM FROM LONG BEACH STATE, EMILE HARIS, TOGETHER WITH FELLOW FILMMAKER YOS PARK, PRODUCED THE SCI-FI SHORT **FRAKIE DIED** (2000), WHICH THEY PRODUCED UNDER THEIR OWN BANNER, ATOMICGUM PRODUCTIONS, INC. HE NEXT TEAMED UP WITH USC GRADUATE RUSS EMANUEL FOR THE FILMS **HER KNIGHT** (2003), **GIRL WITH GUN** (2005), **P.J.** (2007), **CHASING THE GREEN** (2009), **THE LEGENDS OF NETHIAH** (2012) AND NOW **OCCUPANTS** (2015) AND **WISPER** (2020) WHERE HE IS ALSO THE CINEMATOGRAPHER. HIS OTHER DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY CREDITS INCLUDE **WHISKEY NEAT** (2009) AND **HIT LIST** (2011), STARRING ACTOR JOEY LAWRENCE.

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CAST BIOGRAPHIES



SEAN GUNNELL
"TALL MAN"

A NATIVE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, AND A GRADUATE OF THE ACADEMY OF ART UNIVERSITY AND THE MEISNER TECHNIQUE STUDIO, SEAN GUNNEL WORKED ON MANY OF TROY GABALDON'S FILMS INCLUDING **STAN A** (2014), **DORITOS: CRASH THE SUPER BOWL** (SPEC COMMERCIAL) (2016), **COLLAR** (2017), AND MOST RECENTLY **LIGHTER THAN AIR** (2018). HIS OTHER CREDITS INCLUDE **LARKIN** (2011), **GRAND AND ALLISON** (2013), **THE BIRTHDAY** (2014), **DRONE WARS** (2016), AND **ESCAPE ARTIST** (2017).



MICHAEL RAY
"FATHER HARRIS"

MICHAEL RAY IS AN UP-AND-COMING ACTOR WHOSE CREDITS INCLUDE TROY GABALDON'S **ALLEGEDLY** (2017), RUSS EMANUEL'S **WISPER** (2018), AS WELL AS **PAWN** (2014), **INSTANT GETAWAY** (2014), **HAZE** (2015), **STEVIE D** (2016), **HAIL, CAESAR!** (2016), AND **REVOLVER MIND** (2017). HE IS CURRENTLY IN AN ONGOING TELEVISION SERIES **AGE OF THE LIVING DEAD**, WHERE HE PLAYS 'GENERAL ARMSTRONG' IN SIX EPISODES.



DENISE GOSSETT
"MRS. LAWSON"

BORN IN FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA, DENISE GOSSETT CAME TO LOS ANGELES AFTER MOVING FROM HARRISBURG, ILLINOIS, TO WASSAU, WISCONSIN, AND LIVING FOR A TIME IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA, WITH HER PARENTS AND YOUNGER BROTHER. DENISE HAS BEEN AN ACTRESS IN TELEVISION & FEATURE FILMS FOR OVER 20 YEARS. SHE CAN MOST RECENTLY BE SEEN IN THE TOM HIDDLESTON MOVIE **I SAW THE LIGHT**, THE MEL GIBSON STARRING FEATURE FILM **GET THE GRINGO** AND THE MORRIS CHESTNUT MOVIE **WHEN THE BOUGH BREAKS**. IN ADDITION TO HER ACTING CAREER, DENISE FOUNDED SHRIEKFEST FILM FESTIVAL IN 2001.



JENNIFER DURST
"BEATRICE BELLO"

A NATIVE OF NEW YORK AND CURRENTLY RESIDING IN THE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, JENNIFER DURST HAS WORKED IN A VARIETY OF CAPACITIES INCLUDING KEY PRODUCTION ASSISTANT ON THE **CHEMIST** (2014) AND UNIT PRODUCTION MANAGER ON RUSS EMANUEL'S **OCCUPANTS** (2015). SHE ALSO HAS THE CAMEO KNOWN AS "EVIL HANDS" ON **OCCUPANTS**. AS WELL AS STARRING ROLES IN RUSS' OTHER FILMS **COLLAR** (2017) AND **THE ASSASSIN'S APPRENTICE** (2018).

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CREW LIST

RUSS EMANUEL	PRODUCER/DIRECTOR
TROY GABALDON	PRODUCER/WRITER
RON MARTINDALE	EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
MARK MIDANI	EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
JENNIFER DURST	UNIT PRODUCTION MANAGER
RAY KARWEL	DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY
FRED YUNT	PRODUCTION DESIGNER
LORI GABALDON	COSTUME DESIGNER
ALISHA L. BAIJOUNAS	KEY MAKEUP ARTIST
STEVE OVERSTREET	DRONE OPERATOR
CHUCK ROCKFORD	PRODUCTION SOUND MIXER
CHRISTINA GRAY	SCRIPT SUPERVISOR
SERGIO CREGO	KEY GAFFER
KENNY ARMAND	KEY GRIP
JASON CASTLE	FIRST ASSISTANT CAMERA
JANEEN BERRYMAN	ON-SET VIDEO/PHOTOGRAPHER
EMILE HARIS	EDITOR
VASILIS MILESI	COMPOSER
SEAN FAHIMIAN	SOUND DESIGNER
PHILIP BASTIAN	VISUAL EFFECTS ARTIST
MATTHEW ALLEN	COLORIST

CAST LIST

SEAN GUNNELL	TALL MAN
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DENISE GOSSETT	MRS. LAWSON
JENNIFER DURST	BEATRICE BELLO

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SCREENINGS AND AWARDS

1. AMERICAN TRACKS MUSIC AWARDS – OCTOBER 9, 2017 – **"SEMI-FINALIST: BEST SCORE"** NOMINATION
2. SAN PEDRO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – OCTOBER 15, 2017
3. GLENDALF INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – OCTOBER 21, 2017
4. CALCUTTA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – NOVEMBER 11, 2017
5. ERIE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – DECEMBER 7, 2017
6. CULVER CITY FILM FESTIVAL – DECEMBER 9, 2017 – **"BEST FAITH-BASED SHORT"** WINNER
7. GLOBAL FILM FESTIVAL AWARDS – DECEMBER 11, 2017 – **"BEST THRILLER SHORT, BEST ACTOR: MICHAEL RAY"** WINNER, **"ORIGINAL SCORE"** HONORABLE MENTION
8. HILL CHIEF FESTIVAL – DECEMBER 16, 2017 & MARCH 15, 2019 – **"SPECIAL AUDIENCE AWARD"** WINNER
9. SOUTHERN STATES INDIE FAN FILM FEST – JANUARY 5, 2018 – **"BEST ENGLISH LANGUAGE SHORT, BEST LEAD ACTOR IN AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE SHORT: SEAN GUNNELL"** NOMINATIONS
10. SOUTHERN SHORTS AWARDS – JANUARY 20, 2018 – **"BEST ACTING SEAN GUNNELL, MICHAEL RAY, CINEMATOGRAPHY, DIRECTION, EDITING, MUSIC, PRODUCING, PRODUCTION DESIGN, SCREENPLAY, SOUND DESIGN"** WINNER
11. HOLLYWOOD INTERNATIONAL MOVING PICTURES FILM FESTIVAL – JANUARY 27, 2018 – **"SEMI-FINALIST"** NOMINATION
12. FIREFLY FILM COMPETITION – FEBRUARY 15, 2018 – **"BEST SHORT FILM (PLATINUM AWARD), BEST EDITING"** WINNER
13. HUNTINGTON BEACH FILM FESTIVAL – FEBRUARY 24, 2018
14. ACCOLADE GLOBAL FILM COMPETITION – FEBRUARY 27, 2018 **"AWARD OF MERIT: FILM FEATURE, LEADING ACTOR SEAN GUNNELL, SUPPORTING ACTOR (MICHAEL RAY)"** WINNER
15. GEORGE LINDSEY UNA FILM FESTIVAL – MARCH 3, 2018
16. THE BRIGHTSIDE TAVERN SHORTS FEST – MARCH 4, 2018 – **"BEST ACTOR – DRAMA (MICHAEL RAY), BEST SCREENPLAY"** NOMINATIONS
17. IDYLLWILD INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF CINEMA – MARCH 8-10, 2018 – **"EXCELLENCE IN INDEPENDENT FILMMAKING"** WINNER, **"BEST SHORT FILM, BEST DIRECTOR SHORT FILM, BEST SCREENPLAY SHORT FILM, BEST ACTOR SHORT FILM (SEAN GUNNELL), BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR SHORT FILM (MICHAEL RAY), BEST ENSEMBLE CAST SHORT FILM, JUAN RUIZ ANCHIA AWARD BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY SHORT FILM, MARSHALL HAWKINS AWARD BEST ORIGINAL SCORE SHORT FILM, BEST EDITING SHORT FILM"** NOMINATIONS
18. FIRSTGLANCE FILM FESTIVAL SPRING 2018 SHORT ONLINE CONTEST – MARCH 12 TO APRIL 12, 2018
19. UTAH FILM FESTIVAL AND AWARDS – APRIL 5-7, 2018 – **"MUSIC SCORE"** NOMINATION
20. KANSAS CITY FILMFEST – APRIL 14, 2018
21. SHORT TO THE POINT – APRIL 14, 2018
22. TUPPELO FILM FESTIVAL – APRIL 20, 2018 – **"BEST SHORT, 3RD PLACE"** WINNER
23. WORLDFFEST-HOUSTON INTERNATIONAL FILM & VIDEO FESTIVAL – APRIL 22, 2018 – **"SPECIAL JURY AWARD: SUSPENSE/THRILLER, PLATINUM AWARD: DRAMATIC-ORIGINAL"** REMI WINNER
24. MILLEGEVILLE-EATONTON FILM FESTIVAL – APRIL 27, 2018 – **"BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR (MICHAEL RAY)"** NOMINATION
25. PHILADELPHIA INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL – MAY 3, 2018 – **"BEST SHORT FILM, BEST ACTOR – SHORT FILM (SEAN GUNNELL)"** NOMINATIONS
26. HOLLYWOOD FILM COMPETITION – MAY 5, 2018 – **"BEST SCRIPT: GOLD AWARD, BEST DIRECTOR: GOLD AWARD, BEST SCORE: PLATINUM AWARD"** WINNER
27. INDEPENDENT SHORTS AWARDS – MAY 6, 2018 – **"PLATINUM AWARD: BEST DUO SEAN GUNNELL, MICHAEL RAY, GOLD AWARD: BEST MYSTERY SHORT"** WINNER
28. TOKYO LIFT-OFF FILM FESTIVAL ONLINE – MAY 7-11, 2018
29. NYC INDIE FILM AWARDS – MAY 12, 2018 – **"DIAMOND AWARD: BEST EDITING, PLATINUM AWARD: BEST SCORE, BEST SCREENPLAY, BRONZE AWARD: BEST SHORT FILM, BEST ACTOR (SEAN GUNNELL)"** WINNER
30. MOSCOW SHORTS INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL – MAY 31, 2018
31. MELBOURNE CITY INDEPENDENT FILM AWARDS – JUNE 4, 2018 – **"BEST SCREENPLAY – SHORT"** WINNER
32. SHORT STOP INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – JUNE 11-12, 2018 – **"BEST ORIGINAL SCORE, BEST CINEMATOGRAPHER"** WINNER, **"BEST OF THE FEST, BEST ACTOR (MICHAEL RAY)"** NOMINATIONS
33. COSMIC FILM FESTIVAL – JUNE 16, 2018 – **"BEST SHORT UNDER 6-15 MINUTES"** NOMINATION
34. INTERNATIONAL NEW YORK FILM FESTIVAL – JUNE 16-17, 2018
35. ALTFE ALTERNATIVE FILM FESTIVAL – JUNE 18, 2018 – **"SHORT CATEGORY: BEST THRILLER"** NOMINATION
36. PAIM SPRINGS SHORTEST FILM MARKET – JUNE 19-24, 2018
37. EUROPEAN INDEPENDENT FILM AWARD – JULY 28, 2018 – **"SILVER AWARD: BEST ACTOR – MALE (SEAN GUNNELL), BEST EDITING, HONORABLE MENTION: BEST SCORE"** WINNER
38. CALDAS FILM FESTIVAL – AUGUST 1, 2018 – **"FINALIST"**
39. DIRECT MONTHLY ONLINE FILM FESTIVAL – AUGUST 1, 2018 – **"BEST FILM OF THE MONTH: AUGUST"** WINNER
40. OCEANSIDE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – AUGUST 2, 2018
41. GRAND INDIIEWISE CONVENTION – AUGUST 11, 2018
42. ART IS ALIVE FILM FESTIVAL – AUGUST 18, 2018 – **"BEST SHORT FILM – SUSPENSE/HORROR"** NOMINATION
43. ACTION ON FILM INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – AUGUST 19, 2018 – **"BEST ACTOR – SHORT (SEAN GUNNELL), BEST DRAMA – SHORT"** NOMINATIONS
44. HOLLYWOOD DREAMZ INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – AUGUST 19, 2018 – **"BEST DRAMA – SHORT, BEST ACTOR – SHORT (MICHAEL RAY)"** NOMINATIONS
45. SHORT CINE FEST – AUGUST 22, 2018 – **"BEST PERFORMANCES OF THE SHORT (MALE – MICHAEL RAY), BEST CINEMATOGRAPHER OF THE SHORT"** WINNER
46. ONIRIS AWARDS – AUGUST 25, 2018 – **"BEST THRILLER SHORT, BEST SCREENPLAY"** WINNER, **"BEST ACTOR (MICHAEL RAY), BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR (SEAN GUNNELL), BEST EDITING, AND BEST POSTER"** NOMINATIONS
47. MEDITERRANEAN FILM FESTIVAL (MEDFF) – AUGUST 31, 2018
48. UNDO DIVERGENT FILM AWARDS – SEPTEMBER 8, 2018
49. COAL COAST FILM FESTIVAL – SEPTEMBER 8, 2018
50. MOONDANCE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – SEPTEMBER 15, 2018 – **"SEMI-FINALIST"**
51. RENDEZVOUS FILM FESTIVAL – SEPTEMBER 22, 2018 – **"BEST SHORT"** NOMINATION
52. OZARK MOUNTAIN WEBFEST – SEPTEMBER 28-30, 2018 – **"BEST SHORT FILM"** NOMINATION
53. CULT CRITIC MOVIE AWARDS – SEPTEMBER 29, 2018 – **"FILM ON RELIGION CATEGORY: BEST FILM ON RELIGION"** WINNER
54. VASTERAS FILMFESTIVAL – OCTOBER 5 & 8, 2018
55. INDIGO MOON FILM FESTIVAL – OCTOBER 13, 2018
56. KANSAS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – OCTOBER 16, 2018
57. RED WOOD FILM FESTIVAL – OCTOBER 18, 2018
58. CUTTING EDGE FILM FESTIVAL – OCTOBER 18-27, 2018
59. SYDNEY INDIE FILM FESTIVAL – OCTOBER 22 TO NOVEMBER 1, 2018 – **"SEMI-FINALIST"**
60. PARIS LIFT-OFF FILM FESTIVAL ONLINE – OCTOBER 29 TO NOVEMBER 4, 2018
61. OREGON INTERNATIONAL FILM AWARDS – NOVEMBER 1, 2018 – **"PLATINUM AWARDS: NARRATIVE SHORT COMPETITION"** WINNER
62. DEPTH OF FIELD INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – NOVEMBER 2, 2018 – **"BEST DRAMA, AWARD OF EXCEPTIONAL MERIT: SUPPORTING ACTOR (MICHAEL RAY), AWARD OF EXCELLENCE: LEAD ACTOR (SEAN GUNNELL), DIRECTION, EDITING, SCRIPT WRITER, ORIGINAL SCORE"** WINNER
63. EYECATCHER FILM FESTIVAL – NOVEMBER 9, 2018
64. BLOW-UP! ARTHOUSE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – NOVEMBER 10-11, 2018
65. STUDIO CITY INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – NOVEMBER 12, 2018
66. NEVADA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – NOVEMBER 14, 2018
67. CHICAGO AMARCORD ARTHOUSE TELEVISION & VIDEO AWARDS – NOVEMBER 19, 2018
68. VEGA DIGITAL AWARDS – "VIDEO / ONLINE VIDEO: ENTERTAINMENT" CENTAURI WINNER
69. SANFORD MEISNER FILM FESTIVAL – DECEMBER 1, 2018
70. 6 ON NEBRASKA – DECEMBER 7, 2018 – **"BEST CRIME, BEST ACTOR (SEAN GUNNELL), BEST EDITING"** WINNER
71. SAN FRANCISCO'S MOTHER HOLE INDIE FILM FESTIVAL – DECEMBER 8, 2018
72. CANADA SHORTS FILM FESTIVAL – DECEMBER 15, 2018 – **"AWARD OF DISTINCTION"** WINNER
73. MOVING PICTURES FESTIVAL – DECEMBER 15, 2018
74. MODEL N MOVIE INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL – DECEMBER 21, 2018 – **"QUARTER-FINALIST"**
75. PINNACLE FILM AWARDS – JANUARY 7, 2019 – **"DIAMOND AWARD: BEST NARRATIVE SHORT, BEST ACTOR (SEAN GUNNELL)"** WINNER
76. CHAMBAL INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – JANUARY 12, 2019
77. INDIE SHORT FEST (ISE-LA) – FEBRUARY 3, 2019
78. UNDERGROUND FILMFEST – FEBRUARY 15-16, 2019
79. INDEPENDENT TALENTS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – FEBRUARY 28, 2019 – **"SEMI-FINALIST"**
80. SOUTH FILM AND ARTS ACADEMY FESTIVAL – MARCH 16, 2019 – **"BEST CRIME SHORT FILM, LEAD ACTOR HONORABLE MENTION IN A SHORT FILM (SEAN GUNNELL), SUPPORTING ACTRESS HONORABLE MENTION IN A SHORT FILM (DENISE GOSSETT)"** WINNER
81. MILKBUSCH SHORT FILM FESTIVAL – MARCH 31, 2019
82. DUMBO FILM FESTIVAL – APRIL 9-10, 2019
83. FILMFEST 52 – APRIL 17, 2019
84. BARE BONIS INTERNATIONAL FILM & MUSIC FESTIVAL – APRIL 26, 2019 – **"SHORT THRILLER, LEAD ACTOR-MALE (MICHAEL RAY), SUPPORT ACTOR-MALE (SEAN GUNNELL)"** NOMINATIONS
85. FLORENCE FILM AWARDS – MAY 3, 2019 – **"BEST SCREENWRITER"** WINNER
86. CALCASEU PARISH SHORT FILM FESTIVAL – MAY 18, 2019
87. CENTRAL STATES INDIE FILMFEST – MAY 28-31, 2019 – **"FINALIST"**
88. TOP INDIE FILM AWARDS – MAY 31, 2019 – **"BEST WRITING, BEST MUSIC"** WINNER, **"BEST SHORT, BEST DIRECTOR, BEST ACTOR (SEAN GUNNELL), BEST EDITING"** NOMINATIONS
89. BUENOS AIRES INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – JUNE 9, 2019 – **"SEMI-FINALIST"**
90. INDIE FILM FESTIVAL – JUNE 23, 2019 – **"BEST ACTING DUO (SEAN GUNNELL, MICHAEL RAY)"** WINNER
91. HOLLYWOOD BLOOD HORROR FESTIVAL – JULY 1, 2019 – **"BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR (MICHAEL RAY)"** WINNER
92. OLYMPUS FILM FESTIVAL – JULY 10, 2019 – **"BEST THRILLER SHORT"** WINNER
93. JELLYFEST – JULY 20-21, 2019 – **"SEMI-FINALIST"**
94. CORDILLERA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – JULY 28, 2019
95. CANADIAN DIVERSITY FILM FESTIVAL – AUGUST 10, 2019
96. SILVER STATE FILM FESTIVAL – SEPTEMBER 7, 2019
97. LAS VEGAS GLOBAL FILM CONVENTION – SEPTEMBER 24-28, 2019 – **"SEMI-FINALIST"**
98. RALEIGH FILM & ART FESTIVAL – OCTOBER 5, 2019
99. VINTAGE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – OCTOBER 5, 2019
100. GRAPEVINE FILM FESTIVAL – OCTOBER 5, 2019 – **"BEST SHORT FILM"** NOMINATION
101. TRI-CITIES INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – OCTOBER 11-13, 2019 – **"DRAMA SHORT (THRILLER & SUSPENSE)"** WINNER

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SCREENINGS AND AWARDS

102.	LES RIMBAUD DU CINEMA FILM FESTIVAL - OCTOBER 19, 2019
103.	X WORLD SHORT FILM FESTIVAL - DECEMBER 28-29, 2019 - "BEST THRILLER SHORT" WINNER, "BEST TRAILER, BEST DIRECTOR EXCELLENCE, BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY, BEST ACTOR PERFORMANCE (SEAN GUNNELL & MICHAEL RAY)" NOMINATIONS
104.	MADRID FILM AWARDS - JANUARY 11, 2020
105.	GOLDEN STATE FILM FESTIVAL - FEBRUARY 23, 2020
106.	MELKBOS INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL - APRIL 4, 2020
107.	NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL FILM AWARDS - APRIL 8, 2020 - "BEST DUO (SEAN GUNNELL & MICHAEL RAY)" WINNER, "BEST THRILLER" NOMINATION
108.	BEACH CITY'S INSPIRATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL - APRIL 23-26, 2020 - "INSPIRATIONAL RECOGNITION"
109.	TWILIGHT TOKYO FILM FESTIVAL - MAY 28, 2020 - "SHORT SCRIPT" WINNER, "OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT: ACTOR (MICHAEL RAY), SHORT FILM"
110.	SOUTHEAST REGIONAL FILM FESTIVAL - MAY 31, 2020
111.	FANTASTIC FILM FESTIVAL - MAY 31, 2020
112.	SAND DANCE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL - JUNE 10, 2020 - "BEST SHORT FILM, ACTOR (SEAN GUNNELL), SHORT SCRIPT" WINNER
113.	INTERROBANG FILM FESTIVAL - JUNE 27, 2020
114.	HITCHCOCK FILM AWARDS - JULY 10, 2020
115.	MOODY CRAB FILM FEST - JULY 17, 2020
116.	FROSTBITE INTERNATIONAL INDIE FEST - AUGUST 9, 2020
117.	THE BEST FILM FESTIVAL - AUGUST 29, 2020
118.	PHOENIX MONTHLY SHORT FILM FESTIVAL - SEPTEMBER 1, 2020
119.	ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL - SEPTEMBER 17, 2020
120.	THE CONTINENTAL FILM FESTIVAL - SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 - "SEMI-FINALIST"
121.	GRAHA INTERNATIONAL MONTHLY FILM AWARDS - OCTOBER 4, 2020 - "BEST ACTOR OF SHORT FILM (SEAN GUNNELL), BEST SCREENPLAY OF SHORT FILM" NOMINATIONS
122.	PEACHTREE VILLAGE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL - OCTOBER 29 TO NOVEMBER 1, 2020
123.	ONLYKO FILMS AWARDS - OCTOBER 31, 2020 - "BEST SHORT FILM DRAMA" WINNER
124.	INDEPENDENT STARFILMFEST - NOVEMBER 13-15, 2020
125.	MEDITERRANEAN FILM FESTIVAL CANNES - NOVEMBER 27-30, 2020
126.	EAST EUROPE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL - DECEMBER 5-12, 2020 - "BEST SHORT FILM, BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR IN A SHORT FILM (MICHAEL RAY)" NOMINATIONS
127.	INDIAN INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL CINEMASCOPE AWARDS - DECEMBER 16-24, 2020
128.	DRAMA TICA FILM FESTIVAL - DECEMBER 31, 2020 - "BEST THRILLER-TERROR-HORROR, BEST DIRECTOR" NOMINATIONS
129.	NEW YORK FLASH FILM FESTIVAL - DECEMBER 31, 2020 - "LONG SHORT DRAMA" FINALIST
130.	ANDROMEDA FILM FESTIVAL - JANUARY 5, 2021 - "JURY SPECIAL MENTION" WINNER
131.	ACTING AWARDS FESTIVAL - JANUARY 10, 2021
132.	GOLD MOVIE AWARDS - JANUARY 15, 2021
133.	STAR FILM FESTIVAL - JANUARY 17, 2021 - "BEST PICTURE" NOMINATION
134.	NEW JERSEY FILM AWARDS - FEBRUARY 1, 2021
135.	ANATOLIA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL - FEBRUARY 5, 2021
136.	KAPOW INTERGALACTIC FILM FESTIVAL - FEBRUARY 28, 2021 - "BEST CRIME DRAMA" WINNER, "BEST ENSEMBLE" NOMINATION
137.	VIP FEST - FEBRUARY 28, 2021 - "BEST PICTURE, BEST THRILLER" NOMINATIONS
138.	BEST ACTOR AWARD - NEW YORK - MARCH 5, 2021 - "BEST DUO: PLATINUM AWARD (SEAN GUNNELL AND MICHAEL RAY), BEST ACTOR IN A THRILLER: GOLD AWARD (SEAN GUNNELL)" WINNER
139.	GLOBAL MONTHLY ONLINE FILM COMPETITION - MARCH 8, 2021 - "BEST SHORT FILM (HONORABLE MENTION), BEST TRAILER" WINNER
140.	IDYLLWILD INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF CINEMA - MARCH 8-14, 2021
141.	EUROPA FILM FESTIVAL - MARCH 31, 2021 - "BEST DIRECTOR" NOMINATION
142.	NORTH EUROPE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL - APRIL 5-10, 2021 - "BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR IN A SHORT FILM (MICHAEL RAY), BEST DIRECTOR OF A SHORT FILM" NOMINATIONS
143.	THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL FILM & MUSIC FESTIVAL - APRIL 13, 2021 - "BEST THRILLER FILM" NOMINATION
144.	BEST DIRECTOR AWARD - NEW YORK - MAY 5, 2021 - "SILVER AWARD: BEST DIRECTOR OF A MYSTERY FILM" WINNER
145.	BRIDGE FEST - MAY 6-7, 2021
146.	THE GLADIATOR FILM FESTIVAL - MAY 7, 2021
147.	KALAKARI FILM FEST - MAY 15, 2021
148.	GAROA AWARDS - MAY 25, 2021 - "BEST NARRATIVE SCREENPLAY, BEST NARRATIVE ACTOR (SEAN GUNNELL), BEST NARRATIVE SUPPORTING ACTOR (MICHAEL RAY), BEST NARRATIVE SUPPORTING ACTRESS (DENISE GOSSETT)" NOMINATIONS
149.	RIO DE JANEIRO INTERNATIONAL MONTHLY AWARDS - JUNE 10, 2021 - "BEST ACTOR (SEAN GUNNELL), BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR (MICHAEL RAY)" WINNER, "BEST SCREENPLAY, BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS (DENISE GOSSETT), BEST DIRECTOR, BEST FOREIGN SHORT FILM, BEST VISUAL EFFECTS, BEST EDITION, BEST SOUND DESIGN, BEST ORIGINAL SOUNDTRACK, BEST MAKE-UP/HAIR, BEST POSTER" NOMINATIONS
150.	FICTION FILM FESTIVAL - JUNE 30, 2021 - "BEST DRAMA" NOMINATION
151.	LAKEFRONT FILM FESTIVAL - JULY 22-25, 2021
152.	EXPERIMENTAL FILM FESTIVAL - JULY 31, 2021 - "BEST DRAMA, BEST DIRECTOR, BEST CAST" NOMINATIONS
153.	FORUM FILM FESTIVAL - JULY 31, 2021 - "BEST DRAMA" NOMINATION
154.	FLICKFAIR FILM FESTIVAL - AUGUST 1-31, 2021
155.	SWEDISH INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL - AUGUST 10-20, 2021 - "BEST INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM, BEST DIRECTOR, BEST ACTOR (SEAN GUNNELL), BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR (MICHAEL RAY)" NOMINATIONS
156.	OSAKA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL - AUGUST 16-18, 2021
157.	BIG BEN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL - AUGUST 31, 2021 - "BEST SHORT FILM, BEST DIRECTOR, BEST ACTRESS (DENISE GOSSETT), BEST ACTOR (SEAN GUNNELL), BEST FILM VIDEO POSTER" WINNER
158.	MONZA FILM FEST - SEPTEMBER 24, 2021 - "FINALIST"
159.	BIG SUR FILM FESTIVAL - SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 - "BEST THRILLER SHORT, BEST ACTOR (SEAN GUNNELL)" WINNER
160.	AUTHOR FILM FESTIVAL - SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 - "BEST DRAMA" NOMINATION
161.	FOCUS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL - OCTOBER 1-31, 2021
162.	ALTERNATIVE INDIE PRO FILM FESTIVAL - OCTOBER 31, 2021 - "BEST THRILLER" WINNER, "BEST ACTOR (SEAN GUNNELL), BEST DRAMA" NOMINATIONS
163.	BITSIZE FILM FESTIVAL - NOVEMBER 1, 2021
164.	BLACK CAT AWARD - NOVEMBER 11-15, 2021
165.	TEKNOCHAT FILM FESTIVAL - NOVEMBER 30, 2021 - "BEST DRAMA" NOMINATION
166.	V.I.Z. FILM FEST - DECEMBER 11, 2021 - "BEST SHORT CRIME/THRILLER" WINNER, "BEST POSTER, BEST SOUNDTRACK, BEST SHORT FILM SCREENWRITER, BEST SHORT FILM ACTOR (SEAN GUNNELL), BEST SHORT FILM, BEST SHORT FILM DIRECTOR" NOMINATIONS
167.	ES EUROPE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL - SOUTH EUROPE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL - DECEMBER 11-18, 2021 - "BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR IN A SHORT FILM (MICHAEL RAY), BEST DIRECTOR OF A SHORT FILM" NOMINATIONS
168.	KRIMSON HORYZON INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL - DECEMBER 30, 2021 - "BEST DIRECTOR, BEST MYSTERY FILM, BEST ACTOR/ACTRESS (SEAN GUNNELL)" WINNER
169.	SUMMER FILM FESTIVAL - DECEMBER 31, 2021 - "BEST ACTOR (MICHAEL RAY), BEST THRILLER-ADVENTURE" NOMINATIONS
170.	AUTUMN FILM FESTIVAL - DECEMBER 31, 2021 - "BEST DIRECTOR, BEST ACTOR (MICHAEL RAY)" NOMINATIONS
171.	AVA DIGITAL AWARDS - JANUARY 17, 2022 - "PLATINUM WINNER: MOVIE"
172.	GOLDEN REEL INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL - FEBRUARY 1, 2022 - "CATEGORY (SHORT FILMS): BEST SOUND DESIGN, BEST SCRIPT, BEST ACTING DUO (SEAN GUNNELL, MICHAEL RAY), BEST DIRECTOR, BEST SHORT FILM, BEST FILM 2ND RUNNER UP" WINNER
173.	LOVE FILM FESTIVAL - FEBRUARY 28, 2022 - "BEST FICTION" NOMINATION
174.	REALE FILM FESTIVAL - MARCH 1, 2022 - "HONORABLE MENTION"
175.	INDEPENDENT CINEPHILES SHORT FILM FESTIVAL - APRIL 2, 2022 - "BEST SHORT DRAMA, BEST ACTOR (MICHAEL RAY), BEST POSTER" WINNER
176.	FIC RIO FESTIVAL INTERNACIONAL DE CURTAS NO RIO DE JANEIRO - APRIL 25, 2022 - "BEST INTERNATIONAL ACTOR (SEAN GUNNELL)" NOMINATION
177.	SOUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL - APRIL 30, 2022 - "BEST THRILLER-HORROR, BEST ACTOR (MICHAEL RAY)" NOMINATIONS
178.	WORLD FILM FESTIVAL - APRIL 30, 2022 - "BEST HORROR-THRILLER-PSYCHO" NOMINATION
179.	ICONIC IMAGES FILM FESTIVAL - JUNE 16, 2022
180.	FORUM FILM FESTIVAL (SERIE B, UNDERGROUND) - JULY 31, 2022 - "BEST SERIE B FILM" WINNER
181.	SOUTH AMERICA AWARDS - AUGUST 12, 2022 - "SEMI-FINALIST"
182.	SKIA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL - SEPTEMBER 20-23, 2022
183.	BEAUFORT FILM FESTIVAL - OCTOBER 7 TO NOVEMBER 13, 2022
184.	VIDDY AWARDS - OCTOBER 12, 2022 - "PLATINUM WINNER: BROADCAST CREATIVITY - DIRECTING"
185.	THE SOPHIE SHORT FILM AWARDS - NOVEMBER 14-18, 2022 - "BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR IN A SHORT FILM" NOMINATION
186.	SHOCKFEST: THEATER OF MYSTERY - DECEMBER 10, 2022
187.	RENEGADE FILM FESTIVAL - MARCH 2-4, 2023 - "SEMI-FINALIST"
188.	MAGMA - "BEST SHORT FILM, BEST DRAMA, BEST DIRECTING, BEST ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY" NOMINATIONS
189.	BLOCK ISLAND FILM FESTIVAL - JUNE 2, 2023

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PRODUCTION NOTES AND ANECDOTES

“CONFESSIONAL”

IT TURNS OUT THE CONFESSIONAL SCENE WAS SHOT IN PRODUCER TROY GABALDON'S GARAGE WITH THE CONFESSIONAL SET BEING CONSTRUCTED FROM SCRATCH.

“WINDY!”

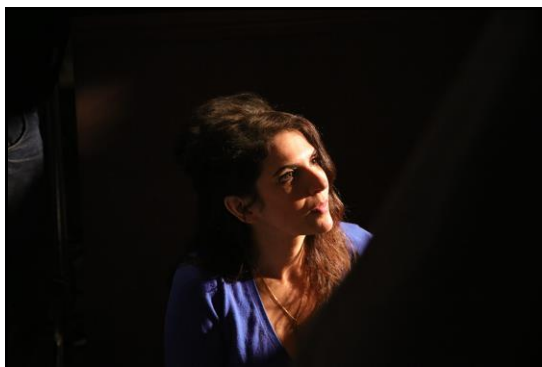
WHEN WE GOT TO SET AROUND 5:30AM ON THE FIRST SHOOT DATE, IT WAS SO WINDY THAT WE DIDN'T THINK WE WOULD BE ABLE TO SHOOT. HOWEVER, WE DECIDED TO CHANGE THE SCRIPT ACCOUNTING FOR THE WIND AND IT WORKED OUT, MUCH TO THE PRODUCER TROY GABALDON'S RELIEF!

“BEGINNING OF THE PILOT EPISODE”

WHEN PRODUCER TROY GABALDON APPROACHED DIRECTOR RUSS EMANUEL, HE PITCHED THE IDEA OF 'COLLAR' AS A BEGINNING OF A PILOT EPISODE HE HAD ALREADY WRITTEN FOR A POTENTIAL TELEVISION SERIES. THE IDEA THAT THE HERO WOULD BE VERY CONTROVERSIAL WAS SOMETHING THAT WAS INTRIGUING TO BOTH TROY AND RUSS.

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PRODUCTION STILLS



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PRODUCTION STILLS (CONT.)

