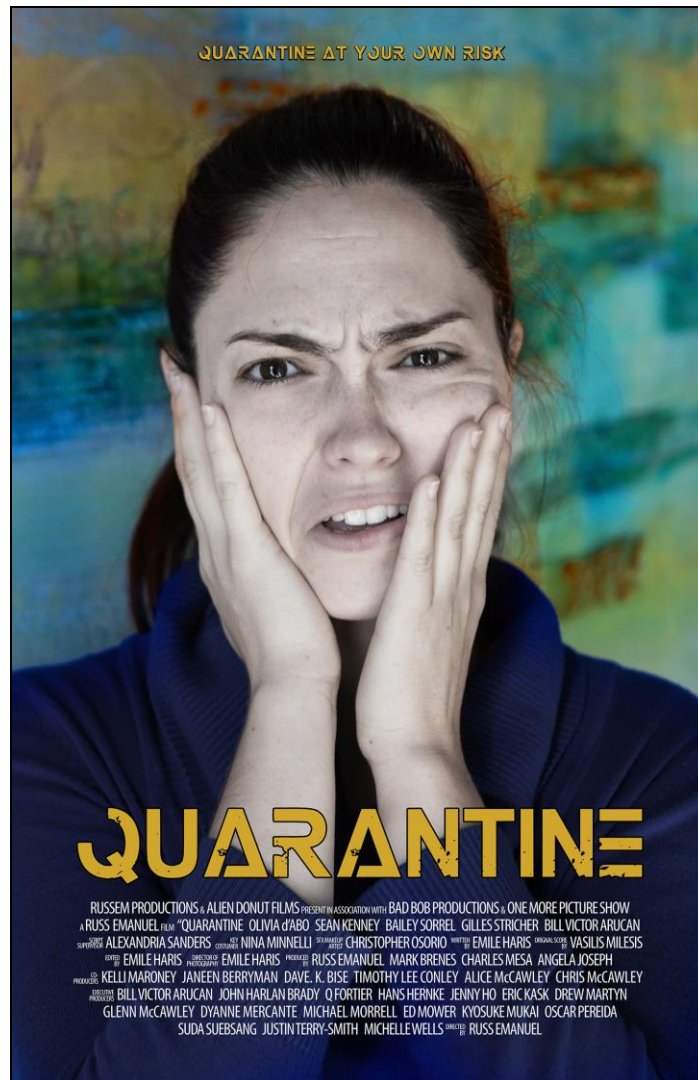


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# QUARANTINE

A Short Film Directed by Russ Emanuel  
Starring Olivia d'Abo, Sean Kenney,  
Bailey Sorrel, Gilles Stricher, Bill Victor Arucan



USA: 2024: 4K Digital: Color: 5.1 Surround Sound: 15 minutes

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## LOG LINE

Everyday people live through a government mandated quarantine during a global pandemic while desperate scientists race to find a cure before it's too late.

## SYNOPSIS

Lead virologist Edward Bellows plays tête-a-tête with hard-hitting journalist Grace Baxter as the world collapses under the weight of a global pandemic. She holds nothing back as she fires question after question, seeking answers from the beleaguered professor. Meanwhile, a couple Matt and Cathy, stuck in lockdown and separated between continents, spend some belated quality time via webcam toasting to foreign brandy and reminiscing on the past.

## STATEMENT FROM THE DIRECTOR

"Quarantine" began with a prequel film called "Routine" which was a 5-minute film, initially a camera test of our new 6K pixel resolution camera package, that we happened to get right before the COVID-19 outbreak. Along with longtime filmmaking partner Emile Haris who passed away in July 2023, we expanded "Routine" into this sequel film, which we shot in November 2020 during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. The film is apropos to the fears of that time as it is about a pandemic and how we all had to quarantine to try to stop the viral spread... but with a horror twist.

-- Russ Emanuel

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## CREW BIOGRAPHIES



### Russ Emanuel

PRODUCER/DIRECTOR

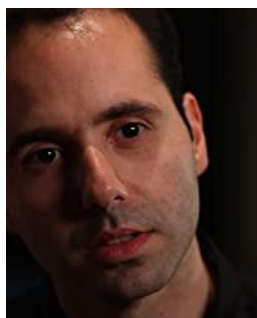
Russ Emanuel is an award-winning independent American director and producer, having directed such actors as John Heard, Robert Picardo, Vincent Pastore, Glynnis O'Connor, Hallie Kate Eisenberg, Jeremy London, Ryan Hurst, William Devane, Marina Sirtis, Sean Kenney, Armin Shimerman, and Gary Graham. He grew up in both Japan and the United States and graduated from U.S.C. to study Cinema-Television. He founded Russem Productions in 2002 to promote his films including **GIRL WITH GUN** (2005) and documentary **RESTORATION OF PARADISE** (2014). Presently, **STAYCATION** (2024) marks Emanuel's sixth foray into feature filmmaking, after directing **P.J.** (2007), **CHASING THE GREEN** (2009), **THE LEGENDS OF NETHIAH** (2012), **OCCUPANTS** (2015), and **WISPER** (2020).



### Emile Haris

WRITER/DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY/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). He next teamed up with University of Southern California 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), **OCCUPANTS** (2015), **COLLAR** (2017), **THE ASSASSIN'S APPRENTICE** (2018), and now **WISPER** (2020) and **STAYCATION** (2024) where he is also the Cinematographer. His other Director of Photography credits include **WHISKEY NEAT** (2009) and **HIT LIST** (2011) starring actor Joey Lawrence. Emile unexpectedly passed away in July 2023 and **STAYCATION** is dedicated to him.



### Vasilis Milesis

COMPOSER

Vasilis Milesis is a multi-awarded film composer and orchestrator. He was accepted with a Scholarship and Assistantship at Berklee College of Music in the "Music for Film, TV and Games" Master Program, where he graduated with Summa cum Laude. He is currently working closely with director Russell Emanuel, composing music for two of three of his feature films, **OCCUPANTS** (2015), **WISPER** (2020), and now **STAYCATION** (2024), as well as two additional shorts including **ROUTINE** (2020), while he is also preparing a project named "Year of Humanity", his first CD with his compositions that were inspired by important facts that occurred from the previous century until now. include **WHISKEY NEAT** (2009) and **HIT LIST** (2011) starring actor Joey Lawrence.



### Bill Victor Arucan

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER / "ROB PETERSON"

Bill Victor Arucan Award is an independent filmmaker, producer, actor, and writer living in the California San Francisco Bay Area and working in Hollywood with 179 wins, 58 nominations & 32 additional awards. He is best known for his family friendly science fiction adventures titled **ALIEN DANGER 1 & 2**. Bill Victor recently won: "Best Actor in a Feature Film" for **IT WANTS BLOOD!** at the Hong Kong Indie Film Festival. Bill Victor is the CEO of the production company Alien Donut Films, which has 28 credited films including horror films **ARENA WARS**, **NIGHT OF THE TOMMYKNOCKERS**, **BERMUDA ISLAND**, **CLOWN MOTEL 2**, **ROUTINE**, and the upcoming pandemic film **STAYCATION**.

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## CAST BIOGRAPHIES



**Olivia d'Abo**  
"GRACE BAXTER"

Olivia Jane d'Abo is a British actress and singer. She is known for her role as Karen Arnold, Kevin Arnold's rebellious teenaged hippie sister in the ABC comedy-drama series **THE WONDER YEARS** (1988–1993), female serial killer Nicole Wallace in **LAW & ORDER: CRIMINAL INTENT**, Marie Blake on **THE SINGLE GUY** (1995–1997), and Jane Porter in **THE LEGEND OF TARZAN** (2001–2003). In 1992, she guest starred in the **STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION** episode titled "True Q" as Amanda Rogers, as well as starring as Jedi Master Luminara Unduli in **STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS** (2008). Her film appearances include roles in **CONAN THE DESTROYER** (1984), **BANK ROBBER** (1993), and **STAR WARS: THE RISE OF SKYWALKER** (2019).



**Sean Kenney**  
"PROFESSOR EDWARD BELLOWS"

Sean David Kenney is an American actor best known for his role in **STAR TREK: THE ORIGINAL SERIES** as the physically disabled Christopher Pike in "The Menagerie" (the healthy Pike was played by Jeffrey Hunter), and as Lieutenant DePaul in "Arena" and "A Taste of Armageddon." After his roles on **STAR TREK** and a few other small parts, including his first bit part in **THE IMPOSSIBLE YEARS** (1968), Kenney had leading roles in **HOW'S YOUR LOVE LIFE?** (1971), the cult horror film **THE CORPSE GRINDERS** (1971), **SLUMBER PARTY '57** (1976), and most recently, Russ Emanuel's **THE ASSASSIN'S APPRENTICE: SILBADORES OF THE CANARY ISLANDS** (2023). In 1980, Kenney also became a professional photographer.



**Bailey Sorrel**  
"CATHY"

Originally from Denver, Bailey attended the University of Northern Colorado where she studied Theatre Arts, English, and Secondary Education. Bailey Sorrel is a Los Angeles based actor, writer, and producer. A performer with strong theatrical roots, Bailey established herself in Los Angeles as Jenny in **THE YELLOW WALLPAPER** at the Hollywood Fringe Festival. Following this theatrical debut, Bailey originated the role of Takhoori in the world premiere production, **WILLIAM SAROYAN: THE UNPUBLISHED WORKS IN PERFORMANCE**, featuring the words of the Pulitzer-winning playwright.

On screen, Bailey often plays feisty, upbeat, vulnerable characters. Most recently, she played the girlfriend with a will to survive in the apocalyptic thriller, **STAYCATION**. Prior to the pandemic she could be seen performing live around town with the indie improv team, The Demerritts.



**Gilles Stricher**  
"MATT"

Gilles Stricher is a French-American actor who was raised internationally and also in California. Having lived a bit everywhere, he finally made his way to UCLA to study International Politics and make his parents happy, but soon discovered acting instead! Marvelous life choices! And the rest, as they say, c'est l'histoire. His acting roles include **CHECK, PLEASE** (2017), **THE GRAVEYEARD SHIFT** (2018), **INK** (2018), **UNDER PRESSURE** (2019), **AN ILL WIND** (2020), and most recently, Russ Emanuel's **STAYCATION** (2024).

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## CREW LIST

Russ Emanuel	Producer/Director
Emile Haris	Director of Photography/Writer/Editor
Mark Brenes, Angela Joseph, Charles Mesa	Producers
Bill Victor Arucan, John Harlan Brady, Q Fortier, Hans Hernke, Paul Hickman, Jenny Ho, Eric Kask, Drew Martyn, Ed Mower, Kyosuke Mukai, Oscar Pereida, Suda Suebsang	Executive Producers
Gladys Rodriguez	Production Designer
Robert Poe	Art Director
Alisha L. Baijounas	Key Makeup Artist
Christopher Osorio	Special Makeup Effects Artist
Clayton Turnage	First Assistant Director
Jorge Hernandez	Key Gaffer
Alexandria Sanders	Script Supervisor
Vasilis Milesis	Composer
Sean Fahimian	Sound Designer
Emile Haris, Brian Barsuglia	Visual Effects Supervisors

## CAST LIST

Olivia d'Abo	Grace Baxter
Sean Kenney	Professor Edward Bellows
Bailey Sorrel	Cathy
Gilles Stricher	Matt
Bill Victor Arucan	Rob Peterson
The Fin	Cat

## PRODUCTION NOTES & ANECDOTES

### "PETERSON NAME"

The 'Peterson' name is a trademark in Russ Emanuel's films including **GIRL WITH GUN** (a casually mentioned coworker), **P.J.** (a mentioned doctor), **CHASING THE GREEN** (a field reporter), **THE LEGENDS OF NETHIAH** (a mentioned school kid), **RESTORATION OF PARADISE** (an elementary school), **OCCUPANTS** (actor Robert Picardo's character), **COLLAR** (a mentioned kid), **THE ASSASSIN'S APPRENTICE** (a street name), and **WISPER** (another field reporter). In **ROUTINE** and **QUARANTINE**, the tradition continues with Bill Victor Arucan's character 'Rob Peterson' (a radio personality in the films).



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## PRODUCTION STILLS

