

JENNIFER JOY ALEX D. LUGO RENATA BRESCIANI NICK PUYA

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OPEN DOOR FILM PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS
WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY JENNIFER JOY "CREATOR(S)" STARRING JENNIFER JOY ALEX D. LUGO RENATA BRESCIANI
NICK PUYA MUNECA FUENTES MUSIC BY MARCUS BANKS COSTUME DESIGNER ANGELINA MOLA EDITOR SAMUEL TAPIA PRODUCTION DESIGNER ANTONIETTA BALADI
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MIMI MIDORI PRODUCED BY KELLIANNE RAE JORDAN DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY KEVIN FUERTE EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS JENNIFER JOY

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A SHORT FILM BY
JENNIFER JOY

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LOGLINE

A writer struggles to choose between her career and her husband's wishes to start a family when the characters of her 1940's noir novel materialize into her life.

SYNOPSIS

Penny, a struggling writer, finds herself at a crossroads in her career. She feels trapped in a cycle of unfulfilled aspirations. Her husband Max yearns to start a family, placing additional pressure on Penny to reconsider her priorities. When the femme fatale and detective characters from Penny's 1940s noir novel materialize in her everyday life, they become tangible companions on her journey of self-discovery. Together, they explore the blurred boundaries between fiction and reality, guiding Penny towards a path that aligns her personal desires with her creative ambitions.



DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

This story concept originated in 2014 and remained dormant on the shelf for several years until I rediscovered it during a period of creative stagnation in my life. At that time, I had been unable to pursue my passion for filmmaking for an extended period. The rediscovery of this script compelled me to embark on its realization, as I believed that any artist could relate to the protagonist's struggle of choosing between their career and personal aspirations.

My intention was to create a film that captured the essence of the beloved noir style that has always resonated with me. I aimed to infuse the visuals with the captivating elements of color, lighting, shadows, and mood typically found in noir films. The moment when the characters seamlessly entered Penny's life, akin to a stage play, symbolized the idea that we have the power to shape our own destinies and craft our own narratives. It underscored the notion that we are both the creators and players in our own lives, uncertain of what the next plot point may hold.

Despite facing numerous obstacles and working with a limited budget, I made the decision to bring this film to life in September of 2022. Over the following two months, a dedicated team and I diligently worked on casting, location scouting, fundraising, and all aspects of pre-production. During this time, I personally endured significant upheaval, having to uproot my entire life and navigate a difficult breakup. However, despite these challenges, we entered the production phase in December, fueled by unwavering determination and passion.

In the days leading up to production, both my trusted Assistant Director as well as my Producer, who both had been a pillar of support, fell ill. Fortunately, they managed to recover and continued to contribute to the project. Regrettably, on the second day of production, I also fell ill. Nonetheless, I persevered in directing, acting, and producing this deeply meaningful endeavor.

Compounding the situation, our lead actress informed us on the first day of production that she had tested positive for COVID. Faced with the impracticality of rescheduling the entire crew, cast, and main filming location, we scrambled to recast swiftly. Despite the challenges, we rallied together as a team, and I am incredibly proud and grateful for what we achieved through sheer determination.

JENNIFER JOY

WRITER / DIRECTOR / PRODUCER

South Florida native of Puerto Rican and Irish decent, Jennifer Joy O'Grady has a passion for storytelling, through film and television, that seeks to give a voice to the voiceless. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Cinema & Television Production. As an actor, director, writer, and producer who has created award winning short films, as well as an eight-part episodic series, *Saudade*, Jennifer is intentional about telling stories that shine a light on social issues and provide a platform for voices that may not not given the spotlight often.

Jennifer is also the founder and CEO of Open Door Film Productions, a visual storytelling company that has conceptualized and produced multiple films, commercials and marketing for companies nationwide. Open Door Film Productions was founded to produce media with cinematic quality and artistic vision, with the foundation of inspiring and challenging themes.



KELLIANNE RAE JORDAN

PRODUCER



Kellianne Rae Jordan is a producer, writer and award-winning actor with a desire to show the "artful" life of people of color in the diaspora through film, theater and events. Kellianne has produced a handful of indie films in South Florida that were accepted into festivals such as the Pan-African Film Festival, including the award-winning short film "The Park". She has also been involved in various theater productions as a producer, actor and writer, with local and national theater organizations. Kellianne has also produced and curated many events for nonprofits, businesses and individuals that connect art with service, community awareness and engagement. She recently received acknowledgement for Best Ensemble for acting in a play reading with National Black Theatre and Best Creative Coach with Black Girls Film Camp for coaching a Black teenage filmmaker through writing, producing and directing a short film.

As a writer, Kellianne was a participant in the WATZS Productions inaugural writer's room in 2021. She was commissioned to write a short play (Double Dutch) for "A Love Like This" by the Art Prevails Project; a theatrical event centered around telling uplifting, multi-faceted stories of love in the Black community. She is also a recipient of the 2022-2023 Phyllis Gebauer Scholarship in Writing and is currently attending the UCLA Writers Extension Program. Her latest film "Just Friends" is making the rounds in film festivals.

CAST



Actress **Jennifer Joy** began her career early in the performing arts through dance and theatre. However, she was always intrigued by telling stories on camera, which led to her passion for working with this medium. Over the last decade, she's gained extensive on-camera experience in multi-award-winning independent short and feature films, web series, TV series, Amazon Prime films, and Television commercials. Her goal is to continue developing and growing in her craft. In any role, she strives to bring the writer's imaginary character to life as truthfully as possible on screen.

Alex Lugo is a second generation actor, musician, and filmmaker from Miami, FL. He was raised in a family of artists and is the son of Daniel Lugo, a prominent Puerto Rican film and television actor. He has trained at the Stella Adler Studio of Acting in NYC and is an alumni of the American Theatre Wing's SpringboardNYC program. Alex is also the founder of Vitruvian Films, a Miami based film production company. He most recently won the platinum award for best actor at the September 2021 Independent Shorts Awards for his portrayal of twin brothers Guy and Dre in the short film he co-wrote/produced titled They Prefer Richards. Aside from his creative pursuits, Alex also graduated with a B.S. in Mathematics from Florida International University and is a full-time Software Engineer. He currently lives in Atlanta, Georgia and is represented by Atlanta Models & Talent (AMT).





Renata Bresciani is a Chilean actress born and raised in Miami, FL. Growing up she attended a prominent magnet school for musical theatre and dance. A professionally trained dancer, she started her career off performing in theatre shows, award shows, performing in network television shows, such as Univision, Telemundo, and touring the world with recording artists. She is an internationally published pinup model published in over 30 magazines. Renata is an artist born with the "Performance Gene". Her creative expression has always led her back to her true passion, TV & Film. Her most recent work include; Lifetime: The Art of Passion, and starring in the feature film Gerri Curls.

Actor **Nick Puya** was born in South Florida with family roots hailing from Naples and Calabria, Italy. The youngest of 3 brothers, he started pursuing his acting career at the age of 19. Starring in Dances With Films Festival Debut, "The Critic" and his upcoming feature film "Wreck Of Echo 10-4"



Muñeca Maria Fuentes, a talented actress hailing from Managua, Nicaragua, has graced the global stage with her captivating performances. She studied acting at the Ruben Dario School of the Arts in Nicaragua and The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale. Her captivating performances have graced global commercials and films, making her a sought-after artist with a bright future.

KEY PRODUCTION CREDITS

Kevin Fuerte is a seasoned cinematographer with a passion for storytelling and capturing breathtaking visuals. With a keen eye for detail and an artistic vision, he has been able to create work on multiple projects with vastly different styles. Kevin's extensive experience spans across various genres, including feature films, documentaries, commercials, and music videos. His technical expertise along with a profound understanding of visual story telling it allows him to collaborate seamlessly with directors and bring their creative visions to life. With an extensive portfolio and relentless dedication to his craft, he continues to push the for great visual storytelling and new horizons.



Mimi Midori, a dynamic force from Miami, Florida fell in love with the art of filmmaking and grew up with a background in television and film production. In the world of filmmaking she seamlessly combines her talents as an Assistant Director & a creative film director. With a rare blend of logistical prowess and creative vision, Mimi brings a unique perspective to every project she undertakes. Orchestrating the complex web of production logistics, ensuring smooth operations on set and using her creative eye to help the director's vision to come to life.



KEY PRODUCTION CREDITS

JENNIFER JOY O'GRADY - **EXECUTIVE PRODUCER**

KELLIANNE RAE JORDAN - **PRODUCER**

KEVIN FUERTE - **CINEMATOGRAPHER**

ANTONIETTA BALADI - **PRODUCTION DESIGN**

MERCIEL PORTER - **PRODUCTION COORDINATOR**

MIMI MIDORI - **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**

LOUIS BERDASCO - **SOUND RECORDIST**

ANDRE BEST - **SOUND RECORDIST**

BRILEY GARGIS - **GAFFER**

ANGELINA MOLA - **COSTUMER**

TAMARA C. MOORE-WHITE - **SCRIPT SUPERVISOR**

SAMUEL TAPIA - **EDITOR**

DEAN ROBAINA - **SOUND DESIGN**

MARCUS BANKS - **MUSIC COMPOSER**





TECHNICAL INFO:

TITLE: CREATOR(S)

GENRE: DRAMA/COMEDY

PRODUCTION YEAR: 2022-2023

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: USA

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

RUN TIME: 24 MINUTES

SCREEN RATIO: 2.35:1

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