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THE WAYSHOWER
DIRECTED BY JSU GARCIA, DSS & JOHN-ROGER, DSS
STARRING ERIC ROBERTS, PETER STORMARE, JSU GARCIA, HOWARD LAZAR, NINA BERGMAN,
LEIGH TAYLOR-YOUNG & SALLY KIRKLAND
FEATURE FILM | DRAMA
RUNTIME | 107 MINS

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Movie Synopsis

Running from the mistakes of his past, a troubled young man finds a secret book with ancient powers. It is a tool that can give him the answers he has been seeking. When the book is stolen, a Dark Force is stirred - one that will stop at nothing to reclaim the sacred text. His teacher, a "Wayshower," can help him to find the path to victory, but it is a battle he must win on his own.

Production Highlights

Filmed primarily in the beautiful state of Utah, *The Wayshower* includes major scenes shot on location in Morocco, France, England, Peru and Spain, giving this independent film strikingly high production values for its SAG Ultra Low Budget.

With sound design from Academy Award winner Dane Davis (*The Matrix*), *The Wayshower* pushes the envelope with its dramatic depiction of supernatural phenomena. Its cutting edge sound, based on the metaphysical and abstract nature of many of the movie's elements, complements the story's visual aspects, creating a unique and encompassing viewer experience.

The unique editing style paints an artistic, intelligent and thought-provoking canvas that fully involves the audience throughout the film. Just as *The Limey* and *Memento* created new levels of audience relationship with the story through the use of innovative and non-linear editing, *The Wayshower* similarly presents timeless themes in a brand new way. Steven Soderbergh's influence is evident throughout, as both inspiration and support for taking risks with experimental and non-traditional ideas of editing, story telling and filmmaking.

Like all great films, *The Wayshower* leaves the audience wanting to explore further. Unlike the current crop of Hollywood Chick Flicks, where audiences are all too aware of exactly what they should think and feel at the end of the movie, *The Wayshower* presents audiences not only with questions, but also with a unique experience and journey through which they can fully explore and discover their own answers.

Director's Statement

Jsu Garcia and John-Roger found this project to be not only an amazing experience, but also a way to collaborate at all levels, and help to realize their dreams.

Biographies

John-Roger | Director Writer Executive Producer

A NY Times #1 best selling author with more than 55 books to his credit. The producer of his own national cable TV show, *That Which Is*, he has also appeared on television and radio programs including CNN's Larry King Live, the Roseanne Show, and Politically Incorrect. His influence extends into the educational arena, as he is the Chancellor and founder of the University of Santa Monica (USM), and is the President and Founder of Peace Theological Seminary and College of Philosophy, both offering Masters and Doctors programs.

In 1997, John Roger and Jsu Garcia formed Scott J-R Productions and Gilgamesh Productions, and have since collaborated on seven short films and now two features. John-Roger's first feature film *Spiritual Warriors* (2007) is being independently distributed on DVD by Gilgamesh Productions, and has become a 'cult classic' among spiritual communities around the world and continues to play in independent film screenings sponsored by these like-minded communities.

Jsu Garcia | Director Writer Executive Producer 'Jesus'

Garcia has established himself as a versatile talented actor, with roles including his first starring role in the original *A Nightmare on Elm Street*; his critically acclaimed role as Che in Andy Garcia's *The Lost City*; the sexy salsa dancer that lured Jennifer Anniston and then taught Ben Stiller in *Along Came Polly*, together with co-starring roles in *Collateral Damage* with Arnold Schwarzenegger, *We Were Soldiers* with Mel Gibson, as well as multiple television guest starring roles. Garcia makes his directorial debut with this project, collaborating again with long time friend John-Roger, and also working with mentor and friend Steven Soderberg.

Rick Ojeda | Producer 'Rick'

Ojeda runs Hu-man Element Productions (previously Anatomy Entertainment) and has fifteen years experience producing, directing and managing all aspects of production.

Ojeda also produced *Spiritual Warriors* and has produced over a dozen short films, hundreds of commercials.

David Hinkins | Producer

Nephew of John-Roger. David Hinkins was a giant support and help in getting *The Wayshower* made in Helper, Utah. David Hinkins' Father and Mother: Delile and Elda Hinkins also brought this 'family connection' to this special film.

Laurie Lerner | Producer

Philanthropist.

Dane Davis | Sound Designer

Responsible for the Academy Award Winning sound design of *The Matrix*, Davis is the innovative and critically acclaimed founder of Danetracks, and has worked on over one hundred feature films, including *8 Mile*, *Boogie Nights*, *Swordfish* and the complete *Matrix Trilogy*.

Reuben Steinberg | DP

This is Steinberg's third feature film, including a Maverick Movie nomination for Best Cinematography for *Deadland*. He has worked on more than a dozen short films and music videos as Cinematographer.

Larry Seymour | Composer

Establishing himself early in his career as the bass guitarist for Billy Idol and Rod Stewart for over ten years, Seymour has since composed and consulted for over twenty feature films, including *Spider-Man 2*.

Matt Rundell | Editor

Rundell has a diverse background including directing, visual effects producing and of course editing, including working with James Gray on *We Own the Night* (Joaquin Phoenix and Eva Mendez).

Eric Roberts | 'Parley Hinkins'

Star 80 first put Eric earning him a second Golden Globe nomination. Roles in *The Pope of Greenwich Village*, *The Coca Cola Kid*, *Nobody's Fool* and *Runaway Train* secured his career as a credible actor and screen celebrity. He recently starred in *The Dark Knight* and *The Expendables*.

Peter Stormare | 'POD'

Most popularly known for his role as the blonde guy from the Cohen Brothers' *Fargo*, this talented and versatile actor is well known for *The Big Lebowski*, *Bjork's Dancer in the Dark* and with Bruce Willis in *Armageddon*.

Sally Kirkland | 'Jeena'

Academy Award nominee, and Golden Globe winner for her stunning performance in *Anna*, Kirkland has graced the screen for over thirty years including in the following Hollywood Hits: *JFK*, *Bruce Almighty*, *Factory Girl*, *EdTV*, *Private Benjamin* and *The Sting*.

Leigh Taylor-Young | 'Erva Hinkins'

Emmy Award Winning Actress, starring in fifteen feature films and numerous television series, including her first film with Peter Sellers: *I Love You, Alice B. Toklas*, then went on to work on *Jagged Edge*, *Looker*, *The Gang that Couldn't Shoot Straight*, *Soylent Green*, and *The Horsemen*.

Howard Lazar | 'J-R Hinkins - Older'

Following a successful career in business, Lazar is now an artist and actor. After graduating from the University of Santa Monica (USM), with a Masters in Spiritual Psychology, Lazar now spends his time as an expressionist painter, and recently made his feature film debut as an actor in *The Wayshower*. Lazar Executive Produced the Cannes Film Festival Winning Documentary *Freedom to Choose*. Howard is also currently working work acting coach Howard Fine, continues to volunteer his time to the USM, and is on the board for The EduCare Foundation.

Nina Bergman | 'Nina'

Model and singer/songwriter with now more than a dozen television and film credits. Bergman has a cult following internationally with fans of her band Dead Rose Beauty, and being recently featured in a reality TV show in her home country; Denmark.

Co-Starring

Evan Hart | Sebastian Barr | Tod Huntington | Sara Malakul Lane | Edward Melchor
Rachel Lara | Dey Young | Eliza Roberts

Main Credits

Written and Directed by | John-Roger, DSS & Jsu Garcia, DSS

Produced by | Rick Ojeda

Producers | Laurie Lerner David Hinkins

Executive Producers | John-Roger, DSS & Jsu Garcia, DSS

Director of Photography | Reuben Steinberg

Editor | Matt Rundell

Sound Design by | Dane Davis

Production Sound Mixer | Dean Andre

Production Designer | Reed Johns

Costume Designer | Kjirstin Youngberg

Music by | Larry Seymour

Casting by | Eliza Roberts | Shielia Erickson, Broadway Film

Digital Intermediate and Special Effects by | Local Hero Post

Online Resources

IMDB | www.imdb.to/thewayshower | www.imdb.to/jsugarcia | www.imdb.to/john-roger

Official Website | www.thewayshowermovie

Trailer | www.bit.ly/twyoutubetrailer | www.bit.ly/swyoutubetrailer

Social Media | www.twitter.com/wayshowermovie | www.facebook.com/thewayshowermovie