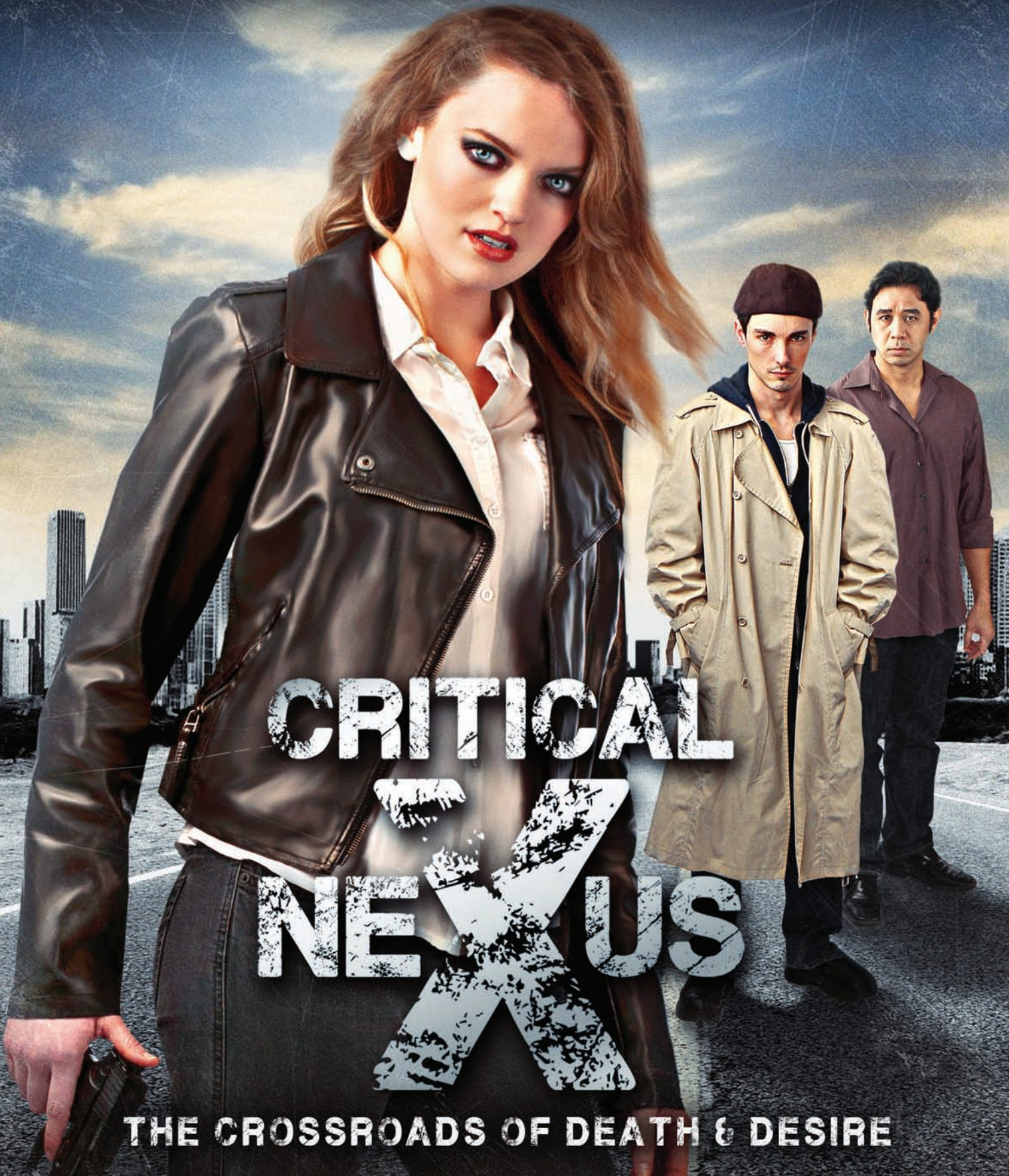


A FILM BY TIRF ALEXIUS



CRITICAL NEXUS

THE CROSSROADS OF DEATH & DESIRE

4 FEATURES FILM CO. IN ASSOCIATION WITH DRIVEN ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS A TIRF ALEXIUS FILM "CRITICAL NEXUS" KARMANN BAJUJO KILEY B. MOORE RON LIPSKI CHAD MEYER WALT SLOAN REMOH ROMEO
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER TIRF ALEXIUS WRITTEN BY TODD HELLER DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY RON REHANA MUSIC BY JON PIERRE EDITED BY STEPHEN COMBS PRODUCTION DESIGNER BETH O'NEILL COSTUME DESIGNER JAN KASCHNER
PRODUCED BY TIRF ALEXIUS, HUGH GRADY, REMOH ROMEO, CHAD MEYER, LANRE SARUMI & TAMPA NEIL DIRECTED BY TIRF ALEXIUS



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CRITICAL NEXUS

a Tirt Alexius Production

A 16-YEAR OLD WEB BLOGGER ON A MISSION TO UNDERSTAND HER SEXUALITY -
A FORMER INTERNET MILLIONAIRE ON A DESPERATE QUEST FOR PERSONAL REDEMPTION -
AND A DANGEROUS SOCIOPATH KILLING FOR LOVE...
ALL ON THE ROAD TO LAS VEGAS.

Starring

KARMANN BAJUYO

KILEY B. MOORE

RON LIPSKI

WALT SLOAN

Director and Executive Producer

TIRF ALEXIUS

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Music by

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CRITICAL NEXUS

Synopsis:

WHEN A 16 YEAR OLD GIRL'S VIDEO BLOG IS SEEN BY THE WRONG MAN, EVERYONE'S SORDID PAST COMES INTO FOCUS. KATIE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO KILL THE MAN WHO TRIED TO RAPE HER, AND NOW WHEN GIRLS WHO LOOK LIKE HER ARE BEING BRUTALLY MURDERED, SHE HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO RUN. SHE'S LOOKING FOR ANSWERS ON THE ROAD TO LAS VEGAS, WHICH SHE UNDERSTANDS IS THE CAPITAL OF BOTH MARRIAGE AND SUICIDE. IN HER MIND, SHE EQUATES THAT FACT TO HER OWN FEELING THAT SEX AND DEATH ARE INEXTRICABLY INTERTWINED. NOW SHE WANTS TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF IT ONCE AND FOR ALL.

SHE KNOWS SHE'S NOT ALONE ON THE ROAD, BUT WHO WILL CATCH HER FIRST? WILL IT BE BRENDAN, A DANGEROUSLY UNSTABLE MAN WHO TAKES HER BLOG TOO SERIOUSLY AND FEELS SPURNED? WILL IT BE MARK, AN AIMLESS MILLIONAIRE WHO WANTS TO ATONE FOR ALL THE MONEY HE MADE EXPLOITING YOUNG GIRLS ON HIS PORNOGRAPHIC WEBSITE? OR WILL IT BE HER FATHER, WHO HAS TIES TO MAFIA FIGURES AND A CORRUPT SENATOR? IN THE END, THE ONE WHO CATCHES HER GETS MORE THAN HE BARGAINED FOR, AS SHE SEEKS REVENGE ON THE MEN WHO HAVE ABUSED HER AND THE SOCIETY THAT GAVE HER THE FALSE CHOICE OF VIRGIN OR SLUT.



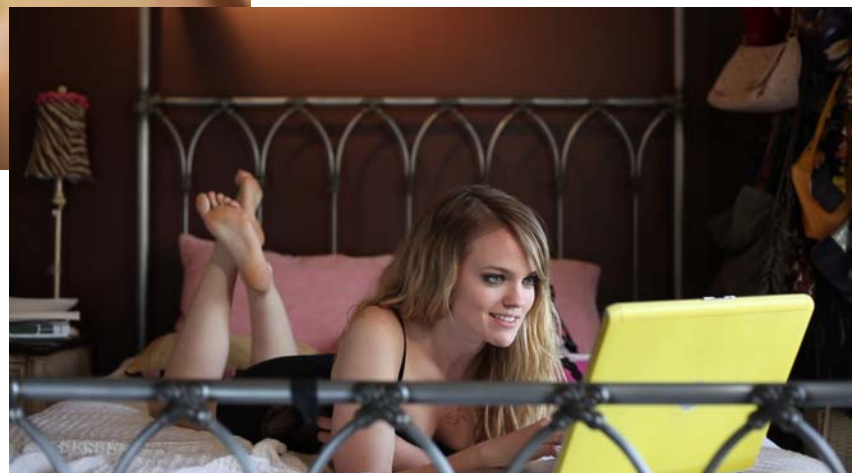
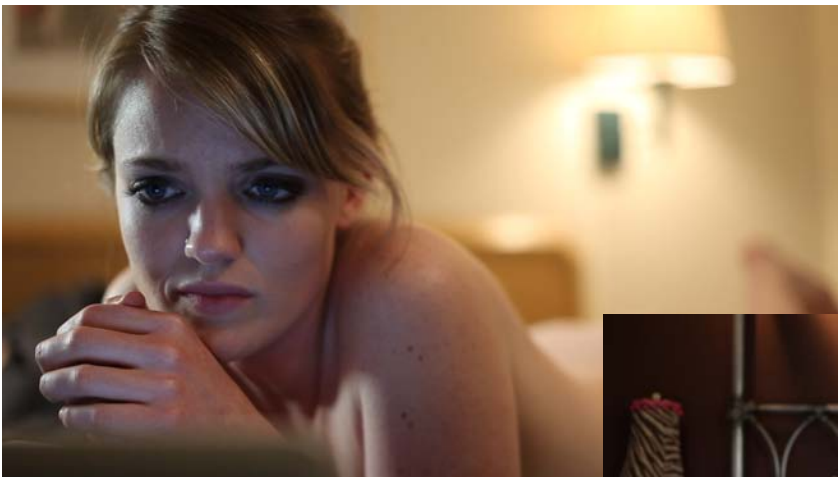


Director's Statement

"LET'S GET BACK TO PERFORMANCE. LET IT BREATHE." THOSE WERE THE FIRST WORDS I UTTERED WHEN WE DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING THIS MOVIE. I WANTED TO MAKE A FILM THAT ALLOWED THE ACTORS TO PLAY AND COMMIT AT A LEVEL THAT'S COMMON TO THEATER. THERE'S NO CLOSE-UP TO SAVE YOU ON STAGE!

AND WHEN NEEDED, ATTACK IT. SPIT IT OUT. JUST DELIVER THE PIZZA, MAN. I'M CERTAINLY A FAN OF QUICK CUTS. I LIKE WHEN SCENES MOVE. BUT, I'M ALSO A DIEHARD FAN OF THE RHYTHMIC MOVEMENT THAT TAKES PLACE IN YOUR CHEST CAVITY WHEN MOMENTS ARE ALLOWED TO BUILD AND BUILD, AND THEN POP-RESULTING IN THE ULTIMATE RELEASE.

AS IN LIFE, WE FIND OURSELVES DEEP IN THOUGHT AT TIMES, AND LAUGHING AT THE NEXT MOMENT. SOMETIMES WE'RE JUST TRYING TO FIGURE IT ALL OUT. CRITICAL NEXUS IS THAT RIDE.



Profiles



Karmann Bajuyo as Mark Miller

KARMANN BAJUYO IS A CHICAGO BASED ACTOR WHOSE WORK INCLUDES INDUSTRIAL FILMS, VOICE-OVER, THEATER, TELEVISION, FILM AND PRINT. KARMANN'S CHICAGO STAGE CREDITS INCLUDE THE KING AND I WITH PORCHLIGHT MUSIC THEATRE AND BAILIWICK CHICAGO'S CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED RUN OF TONY AWARDING WINNING WRITER, JOE DIPIETRO'S F**KING MEN.

Kiley B. Moore as Katie

ORIGINALLY FROM PEORIA, ILLINOIS, KILEY MOORE BEGAN AS A SINGER AND CAUGHT THE ACTING BUG IN HIGH SCHOOL. SHE BEGAN HER COLLEGIATE CAREER STUDYING CLASSICAL VOICE AT BRADLEY UNIVERSITY AND QUICKLY DECIDED A SMALL TOWN SCHOOL WASN'T FOR HER. SHE THEN ATTENDED THE THEATRE CONSERVATORY OF THE CHICAGO COLLEGE OF PERFORMING ARTS AT ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY, OBTAINING HER BFA IN ACTING IN THE SPRING OF '09. KILEY'S FAVORITE ROLES HAVE INCLUDED CAROLYN CASSIDY IN VISIONS OF KEROUAC, AND SONYA IN GODSPELL.



Profiles



Ron Lipski as Brenden

RON LIPSKI IS A CHICAGO ACTOR WHO HAS BEEN FEATURED IN NUMEROUS FILMS IN THE IL & WI AREA, AS WELL AS ON STAGE. HIS CREDITS INCLUDE RED LETTER MEDIA'S FEEDING FRENZY AND THE SOON TO BE RELEASED WEB SERIES DARK AGE. A GRADUATE OF COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO'S FILM PROGRAM, RON HAS ALSO WRITTEN AND DIRECTED HIS OWN SHORT FILMS.

Walt Sloan as Parobek

WALT SLOAN HAS APPEARED IN OVER 20 PLAYS IN THE CHICAGO AREA, AND OVER 40 INDEPENDENT FILMS AND TELEVISION PRODUCTIONS. HIS APPEARANCES INCLUDE 4 AND A HALF TERRORISTS, WINNER OF THE 2008 CHICAGO COMEDY TV PILOT COMPETITION; THE TRUTH ABOUT AVERAGE GUYS, WINNER OF "BEST COMEDY" AND "BEST OF FESTIVAL" AT THE 2009 TRAIL DANCE FILM FESTIVAL; AND BROKEN & BEAUTIFUL, WINNER OF BEST FEATURE AT THE 2012 GLORYREELZ CHRISTIAN FILM COMPETITION. HE APPEARS IN FEATURED ROLES IN A SICILIAN ODYSSEY AND RETURN TO THE HIDING PLACE, WHICH PREMIERED AT THE FESTIVAL DE CANNES, MARCHÉ DU FILM IN 2010 AND 2011, RESPECTIVELY. WALT IS ALSO A SCREENWRITER, HAVING WON BEST SCREENPLAY FOR HIS RELIGIOUS THRILLER THE SALUS IMPERATIVE.



Director/Executive Producer/Producer



Tirt Alexius

TIRT ALEXIUS HAILS FROM THE NORTHWEST SIDE OF CHICAGO AND GRADUATED FROM COLUMBIA COLLEGE OF CHICAGO WITH A B.A IN ACTING. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER STARRING IN COMMERCIALS AND FILMS, BUT EVEN THEN, TIRT WAS DRIVEN TO EXPLORE THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CAMERA. HE WAS GIVEN THAT OPPORTUNITY WHEN HIS FELLOW ALUM, HUGH GRADY, DELIVERED A SCRIPT TO HIS DOORSTEP. WHILE PRODUCING LOST IN THOUGHT, TIRT DISCOVERED HIS KNACK FOR BRINGING PROJECTS TO LIFE. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, HE CO-FOUNDED DRIVEN ENTERTAINMENT, A REFLECTION OF HIS DRIVE TO FULLY IMMERSE HIMSELF IN THE WORLD(S) OF FILM.

THROUGH DRIVEN ENTERTAINMENT, HIS RECENT WORKS INCLUDE TELEVISION COMMERCIALS, RADIO SHOWS, VARIOUS MULTI-MEDIA PROJECTS AND A DOCUMENTARY. THE DIVERSITY OF HIS PROJECTS IS MIRRORED BY THE DIVERSITY OF HIS EXPERIENCES, BOTH IN CHICAGO AND GLOBALLY. TIRT BRINGS A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE TO CHARACTERS, EITHER IN FRONT OF THE CAMERA OR BEHIND IT. IN ADDITION TO DEVELOPING HIS OWN CRAFT, TIRT WORKS HARD TO FOSTER COMMUNITY AND CULTIVATE RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER FILMMAKERS. RECENT COLLABORATIONS WITH 4 FEATURES FILM COMPANY HAVE RESULTED IN TWO FEATURE-LENGTH FILMS.

Profiles



Chad Meyer Johnny & Producer

CHAD HAS BEEN A STAGE, FILM AND COMMERCIAL ACTOR IN CHICAGO AND THE MIDWEST FOR THE LAST SEVEN YEARS. HE HAS APPEARED IN LOCAL AND REGIONAL COMMERCIALS AND MORE THAN 100 FILMS. FILMS IN WHICH CHAD HAS APPEARED HAVE BEEN SCREENED AT NUMEROUS FILM FESTIVALS BOTH IN THE US AND ABROAD. CHAD WAS NOMINATED FOR BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR IN A SHORT FILM AT THE BRITISH FILM FESTIVAL IN LOS ANGELES IN 2008, AND WAS NOMINATED FOR BEST ACTOR IN A

FEATURE FILM IN 2011 BY THE IOWA MOTION PICTURE ASSOCIATION. CHAD ALSO BEGAN A CAREER BEHIND THE CAMERA IN EARLY 2011 BY TEAMING UP WITH SOME FELLOW FILMMAKERS AND FORMING 4 FEATURES FILM COMPANY. THROUGH 4 FEATURES, CHAD HAS CO-PRODUCED TWO FEATURES FILMS. CHAD RECEIVED HIS BA FROM CORNELL UNIVERSITY, A JD FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA AND AN MBA FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

Tamra Neil Producer & Set Costumer

TAMRA NEIL, A NATIVE OF CHICAGO OBTAINED HER BFA IN FASHION FROM THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY IN CHICAGO. SHE COMPLETED HER DEGREE INTERNING IN LONDON AT ALEXANDER MCQUEEN. AFTER HER RETURN TO CHICAGO, AND BEFORE HER INVOLVEMENT IN THE FILM INDUSTRY, SHE SOLD HER OWN WOMAN'S WEAR & CHILDREN'S WEAR AT LOCAL EVENTS. LAST YEAR TAMRA BROUGHT HER FASHION SKILL SET TO THE FILM INDUSTRY AND BEGUN WORKING WITH 4 FEATURES FILM COMPANY AND HAS SINCE BECOME A PRODUCER AT THE CHICAGO BASED FILM COMPANY, RESULTING IN TWO FEATURE-LENGTH FILMS & TWO TELLY AWARD WINNING COMMERCIALS. HER CREDENTIALS ALSO INCLUDE ADVERTISEMENT, MARKETING, AND PRODUCTION DESIGN.



Profiles



Hugh Grady Producer

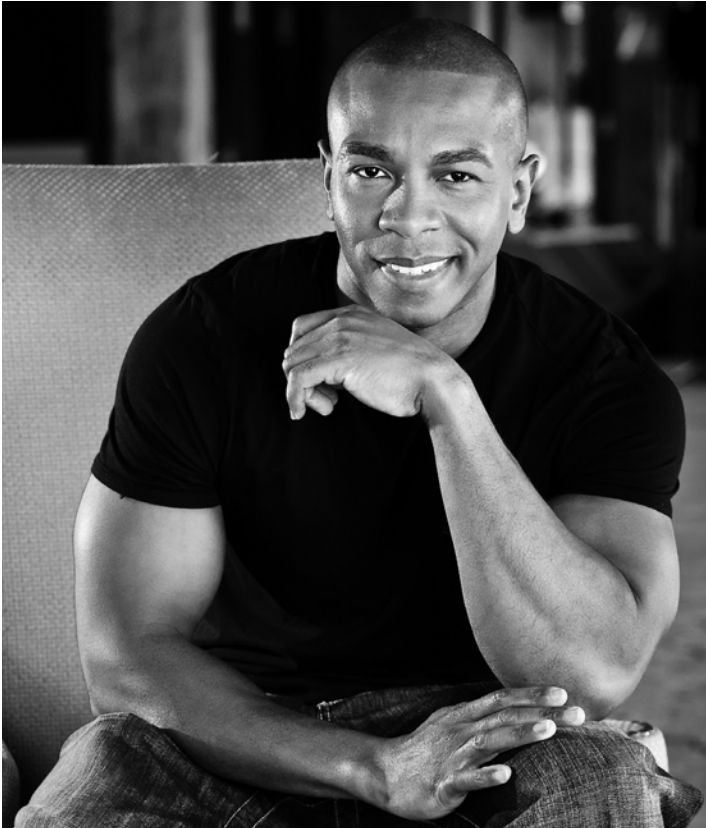
HUGH GRADY IS AN AMERICAN ACTOR AND FILMMAKER. ORIGINALLY FROM DETROIT, MI, WHERE HE GOT HIS START IN THE ARTS AT NATAKI TALIBAH SCHOOLHOUSE. HE LATER MOVED TO CHICAGO, IL TO ATTEND COLUMBIA COLLEGE, WHERE HE STUDIED THEATER. AFTER GRADUATING IN 2002, HE WORKED AROUND CHICAGO IN THEATRE AND ON INDEPENDENT FILMS. IN 2006 HUGH TEAMED UP WITH HIS FORMER CLASSMATE, TIRF ALEXIUS, TO START DRIVEN ENTERTAINMENT. TOGETHER THEY PRODUCED COMMERCIALS AND FILMS, SUCH AS "CERRRRMACK" AND "BREATHING ROOM".

BREATHING ROOM WAS AN OFFICIAL SELECTION AT THE SAN DIEGO BLACK FILM FESTIVAL AND THE CHICAGO BLACK HARVEST FILM FESTIVAL. DRIVEN ENTERTAINMENT TRAVELED TO PORT AU PRINCE, HAITI, 3 MONTHS AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE, TO FILM THE DOCUMENTARY LAKAY.

IN 2011, HUGH GRADY AND PRODUCING PARTNER TIRF ALEXIUS, TEAMED UP WITH OTHER FILMMAKERS TO START SISTER COMPANY FOUR FEATURES FILM CO. THEY PRODUCED FILMS "CRITICAL NEXUS" AND "THE BASTARD SON OF A THOUSAND FATHERS", IN WHICH HUGH GRADY STARS. HE CAN BE SEEN IN MOVIES SUCH AS "SOUTH LOOP" BY PARKSIDE FILMS, AND HIS VOICE CAN BE HEARD ON "ABETOWN" A RADIO DRAMA AT ABENDOWMENT.ORG. HUGH GRADY HAS SEVERAL PROJECTS IN THE WORKS. HE WILL BE MAKING HIS DIRECTORIAL DEBUT WITH A DOCUMENTARY BASED ON CHICAGO HIP HOP CULTURE.



Profiles



Remoh Romeo Elvin & Producer

REMOH ROMEO WAS AN ASPIRING OLYMPIC GYMNAST, WHEN HIS ACROBATIC SKILLS LANDED HIM THE ROLE OF A SAILOR IN THE THEATRICAL PRODUCTION, HMS PINAFORE. HE FELL IN LOVE WITH ACTING AND WENT ON TO TRAIN AT COLUMBIA COLLEGE OF CHICAGO. HE BRINGS TO ANY PRODUCTION REAL LIFE EXPERIENCES, WITH 9 YEARS AS A POLICE OFFICER, WEAPONS HANDLING, AND RAPID RESPONSE TRAINING. REMOH IS A FOUNDING MEMBER, ALONG WITH HIS BROTHER TIRF ALEXIUS, OF THE FABULOUS FRENCH BOYS, AN R&B/ HIP-HOP GROUP THAT WAS BASED IN CHICAGO. FFB RELEASED SEVERAL SINGLES AND EPS. HE IS ALSO A FOUNDER OF DRIVEN ENTERTAINMENT AND 4 FEATURES FILM CO., AND HAS STARRED IN SEVERAL TELEVISION COMMERCIALS AND FILMS PRODUCED BY DRIVEN AND 4 FEATURES.

Lanre Sarumi Producer

LANRE IS THE CONSUMMATE FILMMAKER. DIRECTOR, WRITER, ANIMATOR, PRODUCER, EDITOR, ACTOR (IN THAT ORDER!). HE LOVES ALL ASPECTS OF FILMMAKING.



CRITICAL NEXUS

Full Cast

KARMANN BAJUYO AS MARK
RON LIPSKI AS BENDAN
CHAD MEYER AS JOHNNY
REMOH ROMEO AS ELVIN
MICHELLE WEBBER AS AMANDA
MATT LABOTKA AS BARTENDER
GIGI BODIE AS CHILD
YUSEF WILLIAMS AS DERRICK
JILL HEIBERGER AS DRUNK WOMAN
MONIQUE A. BANKS AS GIRL 1
JEFF HELGESON AS GOLDBARTH
BRUNO ROBERT AS HITMAN
MACKENZIE EDMOND AS JOCK 1
JENNIFER SALL AS KEVIN'S MOM
REBECCA HERMES AS LISA
DANNY GLENN AS RAYMOND
PRESTON TATE JR. AS TEEN BOY 1
TJAX MALEKI AS HIMSELF
JAN KASCHNER AS WISHERS CLUB WAITRESS
TAMRA NEIL AS YOUNG WOMAN
KATHLEEN LAWLOR AS MIDDLE-AGED WOMAN
KEVIN LINGLE AS MR. JARDINE
HUGH GRADY AS CORRUPT COP 2
TODD HELDT AS PORN CUSTOMER

KILEY B. MOORE AS KATIE
WALT SLOAN AS PAROBK
KEVIN CRAIG WESLEY AS BRAD
JULIAN SERGI AS KEVIN
KATIE CHEELY AS BARISTA
BRIAN RODRIGUEZ AS BARTENDER 2
KAI ROBERTSON AS CLASS DESK CLERK
REGINA DANIELS AS DESK CLEARK 2
JEFF CELESTE AS EMT 1
LOLA REECH AS GIRL 2
TEOHAU VILLALOBOS AS HIGH SCHOOL MARK
BETH ONEILL AS JENNY B.
DAVID KUSHNIR AS JOCK 2
MELANIE McNULTY AS LAURA
MARCO GARCIA AS MERRIMAC
ALEXXA STIEFEL AS SARAH
GRANT KASKE AS TEEN BOY 2
ANTONIO COKE AS WEIGHTLIFTING MAN
KEARA MAIVE AS YOUNG KATIE
ANGELICA ACEBEDO-FRINT AS SHOP OWNER
JEAN BENOIT AS MOTEL CLERK 2
TIRF ALEXIUS AS CORRUPT COP 1
DANIEL TEGLER AS PERVERT COP
CHARLIE GADD AS PORN STORE CLERK



Crew

Full Crew

Director & Executive Producer TIRF ALEXIUS
Producer TIRF ALEXIUS

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CHAD MEYER
REMOH ROMEO
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