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THE ASSASSIN'S APPRENTICE

A SHORT FILM DIRECTED BY RUSS EMANUEL
STARRING TARAH PAIGE, ROBERT PICARDO, MARINA SIRTIS,
RICO E. ANDERSON, LUIS CARAZO, JENNIFER DURST, REKA RENE,
KATHERINE ROBERTS, LARRY BUTLER, AND SASHA TRAVIS



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SYNOPSIS – LONG (200 WORD)

AN ASSASSIN-IN-TRAINING MUST UNDERGO A FINAL TEST, BUT SHE DECIDES TO DO THINGS HER OWN WAY. ALTHOUGH PART OF AN ESTABLISHED ORDER OF ASSASSINS, KAYLEE IS ONE TO DO THINGS HER OWN WAY. SHE DECIDES THAT THE ROUTE SHE IS MEANT TO TAKE IS NOT THE EASY ONE AND THAT LANDS HER IN VERY INTRIGUING IF HILARIOUS SITUATIONS. HER MENTOR PETE IS CHIDED BY HIS HANDLER MIRANDA FOR NOT GUIDING HIS APPRENTICE IN THE PROPER WAY, BUT DEEP INSIDE PETE IS PROUD OF KAYLEE. A STORY ABOUT THE PATH LESS TAKEN.

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STATEMENT FROM THE DIRECTOR – RUSS EMANUEL

IT'S ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO GET BACK INTO THE ACTION GENRE, WHICH I HAVEN'T DONE SINCE "GIRL WITH GUN" OVER TEN YEARS AGO. AND TO WORK ONCE MORE WITH MY PRODUCER HOWARD NASH ALONG WITH WRITER PAUL HICKMAN AND A GREAT CAST SPEARHEADED BY TARAH PAIGE, MARINA SIRTIS, AND ROBERT PICARDO (THIS IS MY SIXTH FILM WITH ROBERT).

LIKE ANY FILM, THIS ONE WAS FRAUGHT WITH CHALLENGES, BUT THE REWARD WAS PHENOMENAL. I GOT TO WORK WITH A GREAT CREW INCLUDING MY DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY RAY KARWEL, EDITOR EMILE HARIS, COMPOSER VASILIS MILESIS, PRODUCTION DESIGNER LAUREN IVY, KEY COSTUMER NINA MINNELLI, KEY MAKEUP ARTIST ALISHA L. BAIJOUNAS, STILL PHOTOGRAPHERS JANEEN BERRYMAN AND JACK ROTH, DRONE OPERATOR STEVE OVERSTREET, AND STUNT SUPERVISOR STEVEN STONE, AMONG MANY OTHERS.

THE SOUND DESIGN WORK BY SEAN FAHIMIAN, WHO HAS WORKED ON MY FILMS SINCE 2005, IS JUST PHENOMENAL. EMPLOYING 5.1 SURROUND SOUND, AND WITH FOLEY DONE BY EMMY-WINNING JUNIPER POST, WE DEFINITELY WANT TO KNOW WHERE THE PROP DRONE IS THAT KAYLEE IS FOLLOWING THROUGHOUT THE FILM. AND WE WORKED WITH A CANARY ISLANDS BASED PRODUCTION GROUP FOR THE SILBO GOMERO LANGUAGE EMPLOYED BY THE DRONE – IT'S AN ACTUAL LANGUAGE WHICH IS SPOKEN USING "WHISTLES".

THAT BEING SAID, SOME CAST AND CREW I HAVE WORKED WITH BEFORE, OTHERS ARE NEW. BUT WE ARE ALL PART OF A FAMILY AND I FOR ONE THOROUGHLY ENJOYED BEING PART OF THIS GROUP. I HOPE YOU ENJOY THIS FILM AS MUCH AS I HAD MAKING IT!

-- RUSS EMANUEL

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CREW BIOGRAPHIES



Russ Emanuel
DIRECTOR

ORIGINALLY FROM SAN FRANCISCO, RUSS EMANUEL 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, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND JAPANESE, (AND GAINING MORE PRODUCTION EXPERIENCE AT THE UCLA EXTENSION PROGRAM), HE FOUNDED RUSSEM PRODUCTIONS IN 2002 IN ORDER TO PROMOTE HIS SHORT FILMS INCLUDING HER KNIGHT (2003), THE AWARD-WINNING GIRL WITH GUN (2005), AND THE DOCUMENTARY RESTORATION OF PARADISE (2014). HE ALSO PRODUCED SEVERAL SHORTS INCLUDING MAVET (2004), THE ZOMBIE-FLICK THE DIARY (2004), THE VAMPIRE FILM PERFECT RED (2006), AND CULT 11 (2010) AND THE MEETING (2013) TELEVISION SERIES (WHICH HE ALSO DIRECTED TWO EPISODES EACH). PRESENTLY, OCCUPANTS (2015) AND WISPER (2018) MARK EMANUEL'S FOURTH AND FIFTH FORAYS INTO FEATURE FILMMAKING, AFTER HAVING DIRECTED P.J. (2007), CHASING THE GREEN (2009), AND THE LEGENDS OF NETHIAH (2012).



Paul Hickman
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER / WRITER

PAUL HICKMAN IS A PRODUCER, KNOWN FOR THE ASSASSIN'S APPRENTICE (2017), THE LAST SCOUT (2017), THE RIFT (2017), STALKING LEVAR (2016), OCCUPANTS (2015) GOT MOVIE? (2015), AFTER THE JACK (2014), 1 OF 13 (2012), AND BEHIND YOU (2011). HE ALSO RUNS A TELEVISION SHOW – GOT MOVIE? WHICH HE STARTED IN 2015.

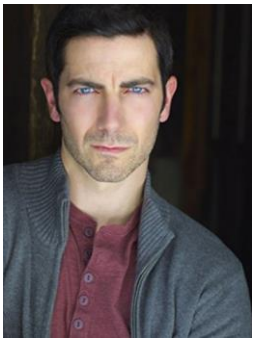


Howard Nash
PRODUCER

AN ACTOR SINCE THE LATE 1970S, HOWARD NASH HAS APPEARED IN NUMEROUS INDEPENDENT FILMS, NOTABLY THE MEETING IN 2004. HOWEVER, HE IS BEST KNOWN AS AN INDEPENDENT FILMMAKER, HAVING CO-PRODUCED THE CULT FILM CHILDREN OF THE NIGHT FOR COLUMBIA TRI-STAR IN 1991. HE ALSO PRODUCED SLEEPLESS NIGHTS (MTI, 2002), WHICH IS AVAILABLE IN MOST VIDEO STORES THROUGHOUT THE US AND CANADA. IN 2005, HE COMPLETED TRACKS (WHERE HE APPEARS IN A CAMEO), WHICH ALSO STARRED JOHN HEARD, ALONG WITH ICE-T. HE ALSO PRODUCED THE TELEVISION SPECIAL FELICIANO, THE LEGEND (FOR PBS) STARRING THE LEGENDARY SINGER, JOSÉ FELICIANO, AND HAS PRODUCED PROMOTIONAL VIDEOS FOR THE BEIJING CIRCUS, CIRQUE DU SOLEIL, AND THE ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF THE ELECTRIC LIGHT ORCHESTRA (ELO II). THE ASSASSIN'S APPRENTICE (2018) MARKS HIS SEVENTH VENTURE WITH DIRECTOR RUSS EMANUEL, THE FIRST SIXTH HAVING BEEN P.J. (2007), CHASING THE GREEN (2009), THE LEGENDS OF NETHIAH (2012), RESTORATION OF PARADISE (2014), OCCUPANTS (2015), AND WISPER (2018).

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CREW BIOGRAPHIES (CONT.)



RYAN T. HUSK
PRODUCER

RYAN T. HUSK WAS BORN AS THIERRY-GILLES RYAN HUSK. HE IS AN ACTOR AND PRODUCER, KNOWN FOR RENEGADES (2017), 5TH PASSENGER (2017), STARRING MARINA SIRTIS OF THE ASSASSIN'S APPRENTICE (2018) AND BLADE OF HONOR (2017).



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 (2018) WHERE HE IS ALSO THE CINEMATOGRAPHER FOR BOTH LATTER FILMS. HIS OTHER DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY CREDITS INCLUDE WHISKEY NEAT (2009) AND HIT LIST (2011) STARRING ACTOR JOEY LAWRENCE.



LAUREN IVY
PRODUCTION DESIGNER

LAUREN IVY IS A PRODUCTION DESIGNER KNOWN FOR COINCIDENTAL ROMANCE (2015), OWEN (2016), CASSIDY RED (2017), THE BEST PEOPLE (2017) AND THE ASSASSIN'S APPRENTICE (2017).



NINA MINNELLI
KEY COSTUMER

NINA IS A COSTUME DESIGNER/MAKER, BORN AND RAISED IN LOS ANGELES. HER FAMILY HAS A LONG HISTORY OF INVOLVEMENT IN THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY STARTING IN THE LATE 19TH CENTURY WITH THE MINNELLI BROTHERS MIGHTY DRAMATIC COMPANY, A TRAVELING THEATRE COMPANY. SHE SHARES THIS FAMILY LINEAGE OF CREATIVITY WITH HER COUSINS; ACTRESS LIZA MINNELLI AND DIRECTOR VINCENTE MINNELLI. GETTING HER START IN LIVE SHOWS AS A PERFORMER, AND COSTUMER, NINA HAS OVER 15 YEARS OF COSTUME EXPERIENCE AND INGENUITY. YOU CAN SEE HER PERFORM, AND COSTUME WORK ON DISPLAY EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT IN A LIVE SHADOWCAST OF THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW AT THE NUART THEATRE IN WEST LA.

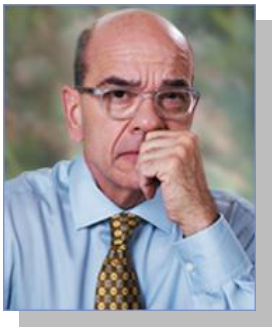
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CAST BIOGRAPHIES



Tarah Paige
"KAYLEE"

TARAH PAIGE WAS BORN ON JULY 8, 1982 IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA, UNITED STATES. SHE IS KNOWN FOR HER WORK ON RISE OF THE PLANET OF THE APES, ALICE IN WONDERLAND, AND TRANSFORMERS: REVENGE OF THE FALLEN. SHE HAS PLAYED MINOR AND SUPPORTING ROLES IN VARIOUS TELEVISION SHOWS AND MOVIES, INCLUDING MALCOLM IN THE MIDDLE, A CINDERELLA STORY, STICK IT, BRING IT ON: ALL OR NOTHING, AND THE SUMMONING. AS A GYMNAST, SHE WON THE BRONZE MEDAL ON THE BALANCE BEAM AT 2001 NATIONALS. ON THE ABC FAMILY CHANNEL SHOW MAKE IT OR BREAK IT (2009–2012) TARAH WORKED AS THE GYMNASTICS COORDINATOR.



Robert Picardo
"PETE"

A GRADUATE OF YALE UNIVERSITY, ROBERT PICARDO MADE HIS BROADWAY DEBUT IN THE COMEDY HIT GEMINI IN 1977 WITH DANNY AIELLO. HE ALSO APPEARED IN BERNARD SLADE'S TRIBUTE, AND THE NORMAL HEART FOR WHICH HE WON A DRAMA-LOGUE AWARD. HE THEN BEGAN HIS LONG AND SUCCESSFUL ASSOCIATION WITH TELEVISION, WHERE IN 1988 HE WAS NOMINATED FOR AN EMMY AWARD FOR HIS ROLE AS MR. CUTLIP ON THE SERIES THE WONDER YEARS. IN 1995, HE WON A STARRING ROLE AS "THE DOCTOR" ON THE STAR TREK: VOYAGER SERIES. HE DIRECTED TWO SHOWS, AND APPEARED IN MORE THAN 170 EPISODES THROUGHOUT THE 1990S. HE ALSO STARRED IN 62 EPISODES OF CHINA BEACH (FOR ABC TELEVISION), AND MORE THAN 30 EPISODES OF THE HIT SERIES, STARGATE ATLANTIS. AND HE HAS WORKED WITH PRODUCER HOWARD NASH AND DIRECTOR RUSS EMANUEL ON 6 FILMS: P.J. (2007), CHASING THE GREEN (2009), THE LEGENDS OF NETHIAH (2012), RESTORATION OF PARADISE (2014), AND NOW OCCUPANTS (2015) AND THE ASSASSIN'S APPRENTICE (2018).



Marina Sirtis
"MIRANDA"

MARINA SIRTIS WAS BORN IN LONDON, ENGLAND, TO GREEK PARENTS, DESPINA (YIANNIRI), A TAILOR'S ASSISTANT, AND JOHN SIRTIS. IN 1986, SHE GOT THE PART OF COUNSELOR DEANNA TROI IN STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION (1987). AFTER THE SERIES ENDED, SHE REPRISED HER ROLE FOR A STRING OF SUCCESSFUL STAR TREK FILMS: STAR TREK: GENERATIONS (1994), STAR TREK: FIRST CONTACT (1996), STAR TREK: INSURRECTION (1998), AND STAR TREK: NEMESIS (2002). IN 1992, SIRTIS MARRIED MICHAEL LAMPER, A ROCK GUITARIST. SHE OCCASIONALLY ATTENDS STAR TREK CONVENTIONS SO THAT HER LOVING FANS CAN MEET HER, AND SHE CAN MEET THE FANS.



Rico E. Anderson
"BLANCO"

RICO E. ANDERSON WAS BORN IN SEASIDE/MONTEREY, CA AND RAISED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF CHICAGO AS WELL AS THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA. RICO'S BREAKTHROUGH ROLE WAS IN SCI FI WHEN RICO WAS TAPPED TO STAR IN THE TV PILOT, STAR TREK: RENEGADES (2017), DIRECTED BY TIM RUSS (TUVOK IN STAR TREK: VOYAGER) AND STARRING WALTER KOENIG (STAR TREK, BABYLON 5), SEAN YOUNG (BLADE RUNNER) AND EDWARD FURLONG (JOHN CONNOR IN THE TERMINATOR).

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CREW LIST

RUSS EMANUEL	DIRECTOR
HOWARD NASH	PRODUCER
RYAN T. HUSK	PRODUCER
PAUL HICKMAN	WRITER / EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
BELLEAMIE MCMILLAN	EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
GERALD H. O'CONNELL	EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
VASILIS MILESIS	COMPOSER
EMILE HARIS	EDITOR
SEAN FAHIMIAN	SOUND DESIGNER
TOMMY KRAFT	VISUAL EFFECTS
RAY KARWEL	DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY
LAUREN IVY	PRODUCTION DESIGNER
NINA MINNELLI	KEY COSTUMER
ALISHA L. BAIJOUNAS	KEY MAKEUP ARTIST
NATHAN SNYDER	FIRST ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
ALEXANDRIA SANDERS	SCRIPT SUPERVISOR
JANEEN BERRYMAN	STILL PHOTOGRAPHER
JACK ROTH	STILL PHOTOGRAPHER
ERIC D. BROWN	BTS VIDEO
SERGIO CREGO	KEY GAFFER
JASON CASTLE	FIRST ASSISTANT CAMERA
STEVE OVERSTREET	DRONE OPERATOR
KEVIN BENSON	PROP DRONE OPERATOR
TARAH PAIGE	STUNT COORDINATOR
STEVEN STONE	STUNT COORDINATOR

CAST LIST

TARAH PAIGE	KAYLEE
ROBERT PICARDO	PETE
MARINA SIRTIS	MIRANDA
RICO E. ANDERSON	BLANCO
LUIS E. CARAZO	ANDRES
JENNIFER DURST	JESSICA
REKA RENE	DAWN
KATHERINE ROBERTS	TIFFANY
G. LARRY BUTLER	HOMELESS MAN
SASHA TRAVIS	LOUNGE SINGER
DAN D.W. MCCANN	BLANCO'S BODYGUARD
DAN MANSON	BARTENDER
ED MOWER	BAR PATRON
MALISSA LONGO	BAR PATRON
PHYLLIS RAMIE GROVES	BAR PATRON
ALLISON BENNETTS	BAR PATRON, COFFEE DRINKER
MARIE IPILUNI	BOOKWORM, MULTIPLE VOICES

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SCREENINGS AND AWARDS

1. IFS FILM FESTIVAL – MAY 10, 2018 – *"BEST SHORT THRILLER" WINNER, "AUDIENCE CHOICE: SHORT FILM" NOMINATION*
2. SUPER GEEK FILM FESTIVAL (FLORIDA SUPERCON) – JULY 14-15, 2018
3. ROME PRISMA INDEPENDENT FILM AWARDS – JULY 21, 2018
4. SICILY INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – JULY 26, 2018 – *"BEST ACTION" WINNER*
5. SUPER GEEK FILM FESTIVAL (RALEIGH SUPERCON) – JULY 28, 2018
6. DIRECT MONTHLY ONLINE FILM FESTIVAL – AUGUST 1, 2018 – *"BEST D.O.P. (RAY KARWEL) OF THE MONTH: AUGUST" WINNER*
7. GEN CON FILM FESTIVAL – AUGUST 3, 2018
8. OUT OF THE CAN FILM FESTIVAL – AUGUST 4-5, 2018 – *"BEST WAR/ACTION" FINALIST*
9. GOLDEN STATE FILM FESTIVAL – AUGUST 10, 2018 – *"BEST FIGHT CHOREOGRAPHY" WINNER*
10. LAKE VIEW INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – AUGUST 11, 2018 – *"BEST HORROR/THRILLER FILM OF THE MONTH" WINNER*
11. INDEPENDENT SHORTS AWARDS – AUGUST 12, 2018 – *"SILVER AWARD: BEST THRILLER SHORT, BEST VISUAL FX (TOMMY KRAFT)" WINNER*
12. SHORT CINE FEST – AUGUST 22, 2018 – *"BEST ACTION/ADVENTURE FILM" WINNER*
13. ACTION ON FILM INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – AUGUST 23, 2018 – *"BEST STUNTS – SHORTS" NOMINATION*
14. HOLLYWOOD DREAMZ INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – AUGUST 23, 2018 – *"FEMALE ACTION PERFORMER OF THE YEAR (TARAH PAIGE)" NOMINATION*
15. MINDFIELD FILM FESTIVAL – ALBUQUERQUE – AUGUST 25-26, 108 – *"BEST SHORT FILM: GOLD AWARD" WINNER*
16. BERLIN FLASH FILM FESTIVAL – AUGUST 31, 2018 – *"HONORABLE MENTION"*
17. MEDITERRANEAN FILM FESTIVAL (MEDFF) – AUGUST 31, 2018
18. CKF INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – AUGUST 31, 2018
19. ONIROS FILM AWARDS - SEPTEMBER 9, 2018 – *"BEST ACTION FILM, BEST STUNTWOMAN" WINNER*
20. SILVER STATE FILM FESTIVAL – SEPTEMBER 9, 2018 – *"BEST EDITING" WINNER*
21. CUT TO THE CHASE FILM FESTIVAL – SEPTEMBER 14-15, 2018
22. GENRE CELEBRATION FESTIVAL – SEPTEMBER 15, 2018 – *"BEST ACTION SHORT" NOMINATION*
23. LUCKY STRIKE FILMS FESTIVAL – SEPTEMBER 21-22, 2018 – *"BEST ACTION SHORT" WINNER*
24. RENDEZVOUS FILM FESTIVAL – SEPTEMBER 22, 2018
25. PEAK CITY INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – SEPTEMBER 22, 2018 – *"FINALIST"*
26. MOSTRA LIVRE DE CINEMA – SEPTEMBER 22, 2018
27. FIVE WIVES INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – SEPTEMBER 22, 2018
28. 3RD INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL PUNE INDIA 2018 – SEPTEMBER 27 TO NOVEMBER 7, 2018
29. EUROPA FILM FESTIVAL – SEPTEMBER 29-30, 2018
30. GREAT LAKES INTERNATIONAL SHORTS FESTIVAL – OCTOBER 4-13, 2018
31. BLASTOFF - SCREENPLAY, THEME-MUSIC AND FILM FESTIVAL – OCTOBER 6, 2018
32. LOS ANGELES CINEMA FESTIVAL OF HOLLYWOOD – OCTOBER 6-7, 2018 – *"FALL 2018 AWARD OF MERIT" WINNER*
33. GLENDALE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – OCTOBER 7, 2018
34. FIRSTGLANCE FILM FESTIVAL FALL 2018 SHORT ONLINE CONTEST – OCTOBER 12 TO NOVEMBER 12, 2018
35. CALDAS FILM FESTIVAL – OCTOBER 18, 2018
36. MARINA DEL REY FILM FESTIVAL – OCTOBER 20, 2018 – *"BEST SUSPENSE SHORT" WINNER*
37. INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL – OCTOBER 26, 2018 – *"BEST SHORT FILM" NOMINATION*
38. BENGALS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – OCTOBER 28, 2018
39. NEW YORK CITY INTERNATIONAL FILMS INFEST FESTIVAL – OCTOBER 29-31, 2018 – *"SEMI-FINALIST"*
40. KILL JIM FILM FESTIVAL – NOVEMBER 1, 2018
41. GRAND RAPIDS COMIC-CON FILM FESTIVAL – NOVEMBER 9-10, 2018
42. CREATION INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – NOVEMBER 12, 2018 – *"BEST DIRECTOR, ACTION THRILLER SHORT" WINNER*
43. REEL EAST TEXAS FILM FESTIVAL – NOVEMBER 15, 2018
44. MOONWHITE FILMS INTERNATIONAL FILM FEST – NOVEMBER 24, 2018 – *"BEST FILM, BEST ACTRESS (TARAH PAIGE)" WINNER, "BEST DIRECTOR, BEST CINEMATOGRAPHER, BEST EDITOR" NOMINATIONS*
45. MEDITERRANEAN FILM FESTIVAL CANNES – NOVEMBER 25-30, 2018
46. GLOBAL FILM FESTIVAL AWARDS – NOVEMBER 30, 2018 – *"BEST SCI-FI SHORT FILM, HONORABLE MENTION: ORIGINAL SCORE" WINNER*
47. INTERNATIONAL SHORTS FILM FESTIVAL – DECEMBER 3-7, 2018
48. CULVER CITY FILM FESTIVAL – DECEMBER 5, 2018 – *"BEST ACTION SHORT" WINNER*
49. 6 ON NEBRASKA – DECEMBER 7, 2018 – *"BEST THRILLER" WINNER*
50. SILICON VALLEY INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – DECEMBER 15, 2018
51. INDIE BEST FILMS FESTIVAL – DECEMBER 14-15, 2018 – *"BEST THRILLER" WINNER*
52. MOVING PICTURES FESTIVAL – DECEMBER 15, 2018
53. CINEMA WORLD FEST AWARDS – DECEMBER 15, 2018 – *"AWARD OF MERIT: ACTION SHORT" WINNER*
54. ORION INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – DECEMBER 15, 2018 – *"SEMI-FINALIST"*
55. MODEL N MOVIE INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL – DECEMBER 21, 2018 – *"QUARTER-FINALIST"*
56. SOUTHERN STATES INDIE FANFILMFEST – JANUARY 1-4, 2019 – *"BEST ENGLISH LANGUAGE SHORT, BEST LEAD ACTRESS IN AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE SHORT (TARAH PAIGE), BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY IN AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE SHORT" NOMINATIONS*
57. CHAMBAL INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – JANUARY 12, 2019
58. CHANDLER INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – JANUARY 18, 2019 – *"BEST ACTION/ADVENTURE FILM" WINNER*
59. HYPERWAVE FILM AWARDS – JANUARY 20, 2019
60. INDIE SHORT FEST (ISF-LA) – JANUARY 25, 2019 – *"BEST ACTION SHORT" WINNER*
61. WEST COAST INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – JANUARY 27-31, 2019 – *"CHAPLIN GOLD FILM AWARD: BEST SHORT FILM – ACTION" WINNER*
62. SOUTHERN OASIS FILM FESTIVAL – FEBRUARY 9, 2019
63. FARPOINT CONVENTION – FEBRUARY 9, 2019
64. UNDERGROUND FILMFEST – FEBRUARY 15-16, 2019
65. MYSTICON INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL - FEBRUARY 22-24, 2019 – *"FINALIST"*
66. FINDECOIN - INDEPENDENT INTERNATIONAL SHORT & FEATURE FILM FESTIVAL – FEBRUARY 25-27, 2019
67. MAVERICK MOVIE AWARDS – MARCH 1, 2019 – *"BEST SPECIAL FX" NOMINATION*
68. IDYLLWILD INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF CINEMA – MARCH 7, 2019 – *'MARSHALL HAWKINS BEST ORIGINAL SCORE SHORT' WINNER, 'BEST ENSEMBLE CAST SHORT FILM, BEST SCREENPLAY SHORT FILM, BEST SHORT FILM, BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS SHORT FILM (MARINA SIRTIS), JUAN RUIZ ANCHIA AWARD BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY SHORT FILM, BEST DIRECTOR SHORT FILM' NOMINATIONS*
69. COAL COAST FILM FESTIVAL – MARCH 9, 2019
70. CORE FEATURED CREATORS – MARCH 18, 2019
71. NEW ERA FILM FESTIVAL – MARCH 30-31, 2019
72. MILKBUSCH INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL – MARCH 31, 2019
73. UTAH FILM FESTIVAL AND AWARDS – APRIL 5-6, 2019 – *"SEMI-FINALIST"*
74. SANDS FILM FESTIVAL – APRIL 13-14, 2019 – *"SEMI-FINALIST"*
75. MILLEDGEVILLE-EATONTON FILM FESTIVAL – APRIL 24, 2019
76. BARE BONES INTERNATIONAL FILM & MUSIC FESTIVAL – APRIL 26, 2019 – *'SHORT ACTION ADVENTURE' NOMINATION, 'NED HOCKMAN'S BEST BARE BONES DIRECTOR AWARD, ENSEMBLE CAST IN A SHORT FILM (MARINA SIRTIS, ROBERT PICARDO, REKA RENE, TARAH PAIGE, LUIS CARAZO)' WINNER*
77. SUNSCREEN FILM FESTIVAL – APRIL 28, 2019
78. "HANG ON TO YOUR SHORTS!" FILM FESTIVAL – MAY 5, 2019
79. VEGAS MOVIE AWARDS – MAY 16, 2019 – *"AWARD OF PRESTIGE: BEST ACTION" WINNER*
80. CALCASIEU PARISH SHORT FILM FESTIVAL – MAY 18, 2019
81. LONDON INTERNATIONAL MOTION PICTURE AWARDS (L.I.M.P.A) – MAY 22-26, 2019
82. CENTRAL STATES INDIE FANFILMFEST – MAY 28-31, 2019 – *"FINALIST"*
83. TOP INDIE FILM AWARDS – MAY 31, 2019 – *"BEST EDITING, BEST SOUND" WINNER, "BEST SHORT, BEST DIRECTOR, BEST ACTOR (ROBERT PICARDO), BEST FX, BEST WRITING, BEST MUSIC, BEST ACTION" NOMINATIONS*
84. ORIGINS FILM FESTIVAL – JUNE 14, 2019
85. ALASKA INTERNATIONAL FILM AWARDS – JUNE 14, 2019 – *"BEST ACTION FILM" WINNER*
86. NORTHEAST MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL – JUNE 15, 2019
87. HOLLYWOOD FILM COMPETITION – JUNE 22, 2019 – *"BRONZE AWARD: BEST SHORT FILM, DIAMOND AWARD: BEST VISUAL FX" WINNER*
88. INDIEX FILM FESTIVAL – JUNE 23, 2019 – *"BEST ACTION/ADVENTURE SHORT" WINNER, "BEST VISUAL FX" NOMINATIONS*
89. HOLLYWOOD BLOOD HORROR FESTIVAL – JULY 1, 2019 – *"BEST VFX" WINNER*
90. REELHEART INTERNATIONAL FILM AND SCREENPLAY FESTIVAL – JULY 1, 2019 – *"BEST SHORT FILM (NARRATIVE) – 3RD PLACE" WINNER, "BEST ACTION SHORT FILM" NOMINATION*
91. OLYMPUS FILM FESTIVAL – JULY 10, 2019 – *"BEST SCI-FI SHORT, BEST STUNT (KYLE DEREK, TARAH PAIGE, STEVEN STONE, BRYAN FORREST)" WINNER*
92. SAN FRANCISCO FROZEN FILM FESTIVAL – JULY 20, 2019
93. HORROR BOWL MOVIE AWARDS – JULY 22, 2019 – *"JUDGE'S SPECIAL MENTION" WINNER*
94. ART IS ALIVE FILM FESTIVAL – AUGUST 1, 2019 – *"BEST THRILLER/SCI-FI" NOMINATION*
95. ROCK HORROR IN RIO FILM FESTIVAL – AUGUST 14-18, 2019
96. VINTAGE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – AUGUST 17-18, 2019
97. BRAZIL INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – AUGUST 23-25, 2019
98. 307 FILM FESTIVAL – AUGUST 24, 2019
99. VOB FILM FESTIVAL – AUGUST 25, 2019
100. YELLOW FEVER INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL – AUGUST 30 TO SEPTEMBER 1, 2019
101. SUNRISE FILM FESTIVAL – SEPTEMBER 5, 2019
102. SHORTZ! FILM FESTIVAL – SEPTEMBER 7, 2019
103. LAS VEGAS GLOBAL FILM CONVENTION – SEPTEMBER 24-28, 2019 – *"SEMI-FINALIST"*
104. THE EUROPEAN INDEPENDENT FILM AWARD – OCTOBER 31, 2019 – *"SILVER AWARD: BEST SHORT FILM, DIAMOND AWARD: BEST VISUAL FX" WINNER*
105. STEAM HOUSE ENTERTAINMENT INDEPENDENT FILM AWARDS – DECEMBER 8-10, 2019
106. BEACH CITIES INSPIRATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – APRIL 23-26, 2020 – *"INSPIRATIONAL RECOGNITION"*

THE ASSASSIN'S APPRENTICE

PRODUCTION NOTES/ANECDOTES

"PETERSON"

IN THE FILM "THE ASSASSIN'S APPRENTICE", DIRECTOR RUSS EMANUEL PLACED REFERENCES FROM HIS PREVIOUS FILMS INCLUDING "GIRL WITH GUN", "P.J.", "CHASING THE GREEN", "THE LEGENDS OF NETHIAH", "RESTORATION OF PARADISE", AND "OCCUPANTS". THE MOST OBVIOUS REFERENCE WAS 'PETERSON AVENUE' WHICH CAN BE SEEN IN THE VISUALS WHEN KAYLEE LOOKS UP THE MAP ON HER GLASSES. HE HAS USED THE 'PETERSON' NAME IN EVERY ONE OF THESE AFOREMENTIONED FILMS.

"TRILOGY"

THE REASON THAT ROBERT PICARDO AND MARINA SIRTIS SIGNED ON TO THIS SHORT FILM WAS THAT IT'S A PRECURSOR TO A PLANNED AND ALREADY WRITTEN MOVIE TRILOGY. THIS 'SIZZLE REEL' SETS UP THE FIRST FILM IN WHICH THE CHARACTERS IN THE FIRST OF THE MOVIE SCRIPTS ARE 15 YEARS OLDER THAN SEEN IN THIS SHORT FILM.

"DRONE ON DRONE"

IN THE FILM, WE HAD BOTH AN ONSCREEN PROP DRONE AND A REAL DRONE WHICH WE HAD IN THE AIR AT THE SAME TIME. THE REAL DRONE WOULD SHOOT OUR CHARACTER KAYLEE AS SHE CHASED THE ONSCREEN PROP DRONE. THE LOGISTICS GOING INTO MAKING THIS HAPPEN WERE VERY COMPLICATED BUT IN THE END INCREDIBLY REWARDING. THAT SAID, WE HAD TO DO MULTIPLE TAKES TO MAKE SURE WE GOT EACH OF THESE SHOTS EXACTLY AS WE WANTED THEM.

"SILBO GOMERO"

THE ONSCREEN PROP DRONE SEEN IN THE FILM HAS A PERSONALITY OF ITS OWN. AND IN THIS CASE, WE DECIDED TO GIVE IT ITS OWN 'LANGUAGE' BY TAKING THE WHISTLED REGISTER OF SPANISH USED BY THE INHABITANTS OF LA GOMERA IN THE CANARY ISLANDS TO COMMUNICATE ACROSS THE DEEP RAVINES AND NARROW VALLEYS THAT RADIATE THROUGH THAT ISLAND. SO WHAT THE ONSCREEN PROP DRONE IS SAYING IS AN ACTUAL LANGUAGE!

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