

NICK SKARDARASY | PHILIP MAXWELL | QUINN SCILLIAN | ASHLEY PARK

your first high school party
can be murder



THE OPEN HOUSE C

NICK INCHAUSTECUI PRESENTS A SCREEN ARTS & CULTURES 423 PRODUCTION
EDITOR KEVIN BIROU PRODUCTION DESIGNER LAYNE SIMESCU & ANNA BAUMGARTEN DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY JOHN FISHER
SOUND DESIGNER TOM HALPIN MUSIC BY SIMON ALEXANDER-ADAMS EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS JIM BURNSTEIN ROBERT RAYNER
WRITTEN BY A. BRAD SCHWARTZ DIRECTED BY DUSTIN ALPERN

POSTER BY JON VERNET

Premiered At the Traverse City International Film Festival

Synopses

3-Line Synopsis

A murder mystery set in a dark world full of deceit, treachery, and danger: a high school party. When the most popular jock in school is found dead, a shy student must find the killer before the night is out to save the girl of his dreams.

Medium Synopsis

Open House is a murder mystery whodunit set in a dark world full of deceit, treachery, and danger: a high school party. Our wallflower of a protagonist, Luke, gets drawn into a half-baked homicide investigation when his best friend, Jonah - the Sherlock to his Watson - finds that a guest has been murdered upstairs. The only clue points to the girl Luke's loved from afar since middle school, who he knows could not possibly be a killer. Everyone at the party is suspect and no one can be trusted - because this is high school, where everyone is hiding who they really are. Like anyone who has survived adolescent, Luke must learn to separate truth from image and to see past the false fronts his peers have put up.

But he must grow up quickly, in order to find the killer lurking among the guests before the night is out.

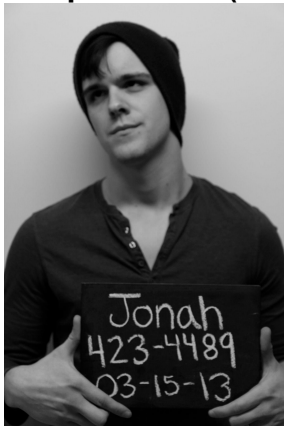
Cast And Crew

Nick Skardarasy (Actor, "Luke")



Nick was named Best Actor at the 2013 Blue Water Film Festival for his lead role in *Downriver*, a short film produced while he studied acting at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He now lives in Los Angeles, and co-wrote and starred in an independent feature, *Please Wait to Be Seated*, that will make the festival rounds later this year.

Philip Maxwell (Actor, "Jonah")



Philip will soon be seen in a major supporting role in *Consideration*, an independent feature directed by V. Prasad. Currently in his final year in the acting program at the University of Michigan, he plans to move to Los Angeles upon graduation.

Quinn Scillian (Actor, “Edie”)



Currently pursuing an acting career in Los Angeles, Quinn has appeared in the independent feature *The Citizen* (2012) and in several short films, including *The V Card* (2012) and *Camp Chapel* (2010) that premiered at the Traverse City Film Festival. She earned a BFA in performance and a minor in film from the University of Michigan.

Ashley Park (Actor, “Stacy”)



Ashley graduated from the University of Michigan’s School of Music, Theatre and Dance with a BFA in Musical Theatre, and is a recipient of the 2013 Willis Patterson Diversity Award. She just joined the cast of *Mamma Mia* on Broadway, and is involved with several other theatrical projects in New York City.

Dustin Alpern (Director)

Born and raised in Los Angeles, and a filmmaker from a very young age, Dustin makes his first run at the festival circuit with *OPEN HOUSE*. He is in his final year at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and is directing another short film, *Bad Girls*, that will premiere at the Traverse City Film Festival this summer.

A. Brad Schwartz (Writer)

Brad co-wrote a recent episode of the award-winning PBS series *American Experience*, and is currently writing a book on Orson Welles's 1938 *War of the Worlds* broadcast for Farrar, Straus & Giroux. A recipient of the Lawrence Kasdan Scholarship in Creative Writing, he studied history and film at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Nick Inchaustegui (Lead Producer)

Nick co-produced *Duvid*, a short film in the Screen Arts department at the University of Michigan, which premiered at the Traverse City Film Festival in 2012. He is from Novi, MI, and currently works as a producer at the Doner Advertising Agency in Southfield, MI.