

A SHORT FILM BY GARRY CRYSTAL

BERTIE

A CLASSIC SUBURBAN TALE OF PARENTING, MOURNING & A PUG.

ARTHUR DARVILL JEMIMA ROOPER and ALISON STEADMAN

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY GARETH MUNDEN | EDITED BY GARRY CRYSTAL

MUSIC BY SHERIDAN TONGUE | PRODUCED BY KAREN NEWMAN

WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY GARRY CRYSTAL



SYNOPSIS

Neurotic parents Tom and Lisa have moved to what they believe is their dream home, only to have their idyllic lives shattered by Ann, a widow, and Bertie, her pet pug, who not only wakes them at night but awakens them to the afterlife.

FESTIVALS

- Palm Springs International ShortsFest (**“Best of Fest “additional screening)**
(Oscar & BAFTA qualifying) JUNE 2018
- Flickers’ Rhode Island International Film Festival
(Oscar, BAFTA & Canada Screen qualifying) AUGUST 2018
- California Independent Film Festival *AUGUST 2018*
- Heart of Gold International Short Film Festival (Australia) *OCTOBER 2018*
- Tallgrass Film Festival *OCTOBER 2018*
- SCAD Savannah Film Festival *OCTOBER/ NOVEMBER 2018 (WINNER: Best Lolz Short)*
- Pittsburgh Short Film Festival *NOVEMBER 2018*
- London Short Film Festival. *(BAFTA qualifying) JANUARY 2019*
- Dam Short Film Festival *FEBRUARY 2019*
- NewFilmmakers Los Angeles *FEBRUARY 2019*

MEDIA

WEBSITE www.bertiethelfilm.com
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CAST



TOM - ARTHUR DARVILL

Arthur is a distinguished actor from the UK who is internationally known for playing Rip Hunter in “Legends of Tomorrow”, as well as leading roles in “Doctor Who” and “Broadchurch”. He is also a musician and composer whose work includes songs and music for renowned theatres such as Shakespeare’s Globe in London.



LISA - JEMIMA ROOPER

Jemima is a star of both screen and theatre in both the UK and abroad. Her screen credits include “Kinky Boots” and “The Black Dahlia” and her TV appearances include “Atlantis”, “Hex” and “Lost In Austen”. Her highly applauded stage roles include “One Man, Two Guvnors” with James Corden in both London’s West End and New York’s Broadway and “Blithe Spirit” with Angela Lansbury.



ANN - ALISON STEADMAN

Alison is one of the UK's most loved and iconic actresses. Her legendary career has included roles in films such as Mike Leigh's "Abigail's Party" and "Life is Sweet" and television series such as "Gavin and Stacey", "Pride and Prejudice" with Colin Firth and "The Singing Detective". As well as being a double BAFTA nominee, she has a remarkable theatre career and is the winner of an Olivier Award. Alison was honoured by Queen Elizabeth II with an OBE "Officer of the Order of the British Empire" for services to British Drama.

CREW



WRITER/ DIRECTOR/ EDITOR- GARRY CRYSTAL

Garry is an award-winning writer and director; his first short film, "[The Fox and the Rabbit](#)" has been selected for numerous film festivals, including the BAFTA qualifying Aesthetica Short Film Festival and the prestigious Lone Star Film Festival. It won "Best Short Film" at the British Urban Film Festival. Garry also works as a documentary editor and has edited BAFTA, EMMY, Grierson and RTS winning and nominated films with distinguished personalities such as Danny Boyle, Professor Stephen Hawking and Tracey Emin.



PRODUCER- KAREN NEWMAN

Karen Newman is an award winning producer and is currently producing several projects including "Thirst" an Australia and UK co-production with producer Owen Johnston (Crow Films). The film is to be directed by Tammy Riley-Smith ("Delicious") and is written by Australian Author, Christine Langtree. Karen has produced a number of short films including "Lady M" starring Samantha Bond. Her latest feature film, "Just Charlie", has won many awards including the prestigious Audience Award at the Edinburgh International Film Festival.



DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY- GARETH MUNDEN-

Following an award-winning career as a stills photographer working on advertising campaigns for the likes of Guinness, Waitrose and Hewlett & Packard and shooting stills for the Harry Potter Films and Tim Burton's "Charlie & The Chocolate Factory", Gareth transferred his success and talents to cinematography. He has shot the critically acclaimed and award winning feature films, "Lotus Eaters" and "The Receptionist". Gareth's latest feature, "Highway", shot in New Mexico and with a cast including Josh Hartnett ("Pearl

Habour") Lucy Fry ("Bright") and Eiza Gonzalez ("Baby Driver"), is currently in post production.



COMPOSER- SHERIDAN TONGUE

Sheridan Tongue is a BAFTA-nominated British television and film music composer. He has written and produced music for many television shows including the BBC's "Wonders of the Universe" and "Wonders of the Solar System", "Silent Witness" and "Spooks", the score for which achieved a BAFTA Television Craft nomination for Best Original Television Music; he has also engineered records for artists such as Blur, Beverley Knight and The Verve.

OTHER CAST AND CREW

CAST

Charlie
Schoolchildren

Max Kitchner
Sophie Crystal, Kitty Clyne, Natalie Hirschfield, Toby
Jesner, Georgia Kaye, Abe Newman & Sarah Zimmel.
Millie

CREW

First assistant director

[Rob A Gerrard](#)

First assistant camera	Pete Blakemore
Second camera assistant	Rob Hawkins
Gaffer	Joshua Dempsey
Camera Trainee	Tamara Panchen
Sound Recordist	Joel Carr
Electrician	Bailey Dempsey
Grip	Aubrey Pascoe
Animal Handler	A1 Animals
Production Designer	Kate Sullivan
Make up Designer	Ian Massa-Harris
Special make up effects artist	Theo Salisbury
Still Photographer	Simon Bennett
Exilian FX Studio	Prosthetics Supplier
Production Manager	Chris Paul Walton
Driver	Malcolm Bradburn
Runner	Alana Bain
Runner	Amy Cregor
Runner	Joseph Winer
Runner	Harrison Zimmel-Gallagher
Catering Manager	Howard Kitchner
Catering team	Richard Caplan, Dennis Carr, Dinah Crystal, Tony Crystal, Marian Jones & Max Kramer
Sound Mixer	Simon Wright
Online Editor	Andres del Cano
Assistant Colourist	James Slattery
Colourist	Greg Fisher