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VANISHED AT THE FINISH

*the true story of the runner who
disappeared from the world's biggest marathon*



Vanished at the Finish

(Documentary short, 2019 // USA & Italy)

Running Time:	17 Minutes
Director:	Jason Cooper
Producer:	Jason Cooper
Exec. Producer:	Brandon Kleinman
Production Co.:	King Toledo Entertainment
Editors:	Joe Burke Jason Cooper Monica F.P. Williams
Camera:	Jason Cooper Amos Kahana
Composer:	Guido Consoli
Narrator:	Theo Rossi



LOGLINE

"Vanished at the Finish" is the remarkable true story of Gianclaudio Marengo, a mentally-challenged, recovering drug addict from Italy who mysteriously disappeared after completing the 2015 New York City Marathon.

SYNOPSIS

In 2015, Gianclaudio Marengo, a recovering drug addict from Italy, mysteriously vanished at the finish line of the New York City Marathon. His disappearance made the news all over the world, but the real story of how he got to New York and what happened after is stranger than fiction.

Vanished at the Finish recounts Gianclaudio's odyssey in New York, and his life of drug addiction and recovery that got him there. The result is a film that sheds light on the long road to drug recovery and the power of friendship, running and perseverance.

The film is narrated by "Sons of Anarchy" and "Luke Cage" star Theo Rossi.

OUR STORY

When director/producer Jason Cooper first read about the “Missing Marathoner” in a newspaper article, he knew it was a story worth exploring. Not long after, he and a small crew traveled to Italy to meet Gianclaudio and to hear his remarkable story firsthand.

Central to Gianclaudio’s journey is the community at San Patrignano. This renowned drug rehabilitation center became a key focus of the film as well.

Like most passion projects, Jason worked on the film slowly over the course of the next two years, which included two trips to the New York City Marathon to film the race.

Now completed, “Vanished at the Finish” is in the midst of a festival run and will be released online in the coming months.





Gianclaudio Marengo

Gianclaudio is the “missing marathoner” - the man who vanished after completing the 2015 New York City Marathon. His story is one not only about this infamous event, but of addiction, recovery and finding purpose in life.



Dr. Antonio Boschini

Dr. Boschini, a recovering addict himself, works at San Patrignano in the medical facility. He's also the leader of the community's running group which organizes annual trips to world class marathons. He became a mentor and friend to Gianclaudio, and was the reason GC went to New York to run the marathon in the first place.



The San Patrignano Community

San Patrignano is a rehabilitation commune nestled in the hills of Italy. It's remarkable for many reasons, but none more so than its effectiveness. Over 70% recovering addicts who go through the program stay off drugs - a figure far higher than most rehabs. It's also completely free to attend.

DIRECTOR, Jason Cooper

Jason Cooper is a producer and director based in Los Angeles, California. He's originally from Toledo, Ohio and a graduate of the University of Michigan.

He began his career as an in-house producer at NBC Universal, where he was part of the small team that pioneered that organization's push into original, brand-supported premium digital content. In 2011, Jason founded King Toledo Entertainment to expand his passion for non-fiction storytelling and to innovate in the branded content space. In that time, he's produced and directed hundreds of short form documentaries, branded series and commercials, often in partnership with leading organizations like Intel, GE, Cadillac, Mashable, Time Inc., The Atlantic, Amgen and more. He also produced and co-directed a documentary feature called "Kickstarted," which premiered at the Big Sky Documentary Film Festival and was later sold to Red Bull for international distribution. In addition to "Vanished at the Finish," Jason has a number of other short documentaries in production.

