

LIFTED ROCK PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS
A FILM WRITTEN BY SILVANA GARGIONE
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STARRING SILVANA GARGIONE CINEMATOGRAPHER ARIN MEYER
EDITOR ARDEN GRIER MUSIC BY SUMMER RUDAS CREATED BY
SILVANA GARGIONE 2019



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Tagline: Connecting Is Hard.

Logline: A mom who is overworked and underappreciated, Jackie Hensen does her best to “lean in” without falling out.

Synopsis: Jackie Hensen is a mom whose intentions are good and outcomes are just mostly ok. Voted Lawrence High School’s Most Scrappy 2003: Jackie has never been afraid to dish it out. But -what about when she’s dished it *all* the way out? It’s sometimes hard to ask for help. Ok...no...ALWAYS.

In our current climate of technology overwhelm, self-worth issues fueled by social media comparisons, and increasingly disconnected human interactions, Pushing Buttons is a candid and familiar reminder that we're all just pushing a boulder uphill...even if that boulder is shaped like a bakesale.

Comedic in genre and relatable in delivery, Pushing Buttons gives audiences a quick cocktail of schadenfreude voyeurism and empathetic relatability.





Silvana Gargione: Writer, Producer, Actor

Pushing Buttons is Silvana's screenwriting and producing debut. A New Jersey native and Meisner trained actor, she is a graduate of Emerson College. Film credits include *Easy For Some*, *My Daughter is 14*, and *Addicted to Love*. Comedy audiences have seen her in LA at Second City Hollywood, iO West, and Westside Comedy Theater, as well as in comedy festivals across the US and Canada. Silvana proudly hired an almost all-female cast and crew for this production, and wholeheartedly will choose collaboration over competition every time. Her religious beliefs are Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band.



Summer Rudas: Director, Music

Summer Rudas is an Irish/Colombian director/actress/musician wahine from Maui, Hawaii. The eclectic lens of her upbringing allows for great specificity as a storyteller. In *Pushing Buttons*, you can see her work as a director and hear her work as a musician in the soundtrack song "No Name Smith". She is currently recording an original a capella parody album written from the perspective of the anxiety induced American millennial. She strives to be an "actor's director" and a "director's actor." AKA a team player. "Best idea wins!"



Arin Meyer: Director of Photography

Arin Meyer is a director of photography from the east coast, who now resides in Los Angeles. She received her BFA from Dodge College of Film and Media Arts, where her thesis film was recognized by The Academy of Motion Picture Arts in its student competition. Arin shoots everything- music videos, commercials, documentaries, narrative films; as long as she has a camera in her hands she's there! She is especially interested in how lighting can influence a story, and is most passionate about shooting narratives that celebrate women and other marginalized groups. You can view her work at arinmeyer.com.



Arden Dunlop: Editor

Arden is a director and an editor, and co-founder of Light Layer Productions. Her favorite movie is Die Hard. When she was 6 years old her dad showed her movies like Pulp Fiction, The Terminator, and Casino – and would say "Don't tell mom". Some people call that wrong, but she calls it educational; which is good because she didn't go to college. Arden was thrilled to join the team for Pushing Buttons for many reasons, but mainly because she didn't have to edit around any men cutting the women off in the middle of their line.

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Cast

Silvana Gargione - Jackie Hensen

Sina Araghi - Man on the Street

Stephanie Kelley - Phone Voice

Tiffany Commons - Sarah Stromen (VM)

Crew

Executive Producer - Silvana Gargione

Producer - Summer Rudas

Director - Summer Rudas

Writer - Silvana Gargione

DP - Arin Meyer

Editor - Arden Grier Dunlop

Production Manager - Stephanie Kelley

2nd AD - Darby McCullough

Audio - Peter Trepke

Grip - Sina Araghi

Onset Stills - Alyssa Tembrina

Special Thanks

Marc Winneck

Omid Abtahi

Sabrina Bolin

Myles Abtahi

Rudi Behdad



SPECS

Runtime: 4 mins 12 sec

Ratio: 16:9

Shot on a RED Scarlet Dragon in Full Color

Song: "No Name Smith"
by Summer Rudas

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