

A FILM BY PAULA CAJIAO

SHELL SHOCKED

LET THERE BE LIGHT

EVAN
HALL

ANDREA
SYGLOWSKI

Artistic Ninja Productions presents a film by Paula Cajiao. Written by Paula Cajiao. Starring Evan Hall, Andrea Syglowski. Music by Arian Saleh, MyVerse. Director of Photography by Sashank Sana. Production Design by Junior Paixao. Sound Design by Roni Pillischer. Produced by Piyush Thakur and Karla Sammut. Directed by Paula Cajiao.

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SYNOPSIS

After two years of unsuccessful treatment a combat veteran suffering from "Battle induced stuttering" discovers a controversial drug banned since WW2 that has the possibility to cure him.



CAST



EVAN HALL
as
IAN

Evan is a SAG AWARD nominated actor for Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Comedy Series Orange Is the New Black (2018), he was also nominated in the best actor category at LAIFF January Award.



ANDREA SYGLOWSKI
as
LAURA

Andrea is an award-winning actress. She received the 2015 Independent Reviewers of New England (IRNE Award) Best Actress 2014 Elliot Norton Award. Andrea's selected credits include guest star roles in New Amsterdam, Evil, Blue Bloods, and Elementary.



YESSENIA RIVAS
as
HIP GIRL

Yessenia holds an MFA in acting from Pace University. Her work has received direct tv and amazon prime distribution.



WILEMINA OLIVIA-GARCIA
as
MILLIE

Wilemina is an actress, writer and director. She has appeared in productions at the Public Theater, Atlantic theater company. Wilemina can be seen in the film "ROSA" currently streaming on HBO MAX.



MARLON QUIIJE
AS
DELI GUY

Marlon is a New York City based actor with an MFA from the Actors Studio Drama School. His latest work includes Magic Hour and A Stage of Twilight.

DIRECTORS STATEMENT

by Paula Cajiao

When I was nineteen years old I decided to join the United States Army where I served for four and half years on active duty. At that age, I began training as an Army Nurse in FT Sam Houston, TX. My time there was one I have never forgotten and the inspiration for my film "Shell Shocked". Fifteen years passed until I decided to tell a story that I witnessed there that has stayed with me ever since.

My artistic background first began as an actor. I studied the craft of acting meticulously and learned different approaches to it. I began acting professionally and I loved every part of it but my thirst for creating was bigger than anything I've ever known which eventually led me to become a Writer/Director. My mission as a filmmaker is to create films that shine a light on social issues and to give a voice to those who have been silenced by their circumstances, as I did with my film Rosie, a film that dives into trans rights.

Shooting "Shell Shocked" was one of the greatest artistic experiences I have ever had. We had many adversities but we overcame them all. Like the night when we were filming the scene at the bodega, our camera overheated and shut off. My team attempted to cool it down for quite a while but it wasn't working. The clock was ticking and we were waiting. They were about to ask us to leave the location when the camera turned back on only for a couple of minutes and I was able to get my shot. The one I needed and used in the Final Cut of the film. We were also able to get another camera in the middle of the night. Right then I knew that nothing could stop us. A director is only as good as their team.

Paula Cajiao

WRITER|DIRECTOR|PRODUCER

Paula Cajiao is a filmmaker born and raised in Cali, Colombia. She moved to the United States at the age of sixteen. After graduating high school, Paula joined the US Army serving four and half years of active duty.

Paula's desire for the arts led her to study and become a professional actress until she finally, decided to become a director.

Her latest short film "Shell Shocked" stars Emmy-nominated actor Evan Hall (Orange is the new black) and actress Andrea Syglowski (The Good Wife).

Her two previous short films; "Rosie" and "Señorita" have completed their respective international film festival runs incl. Official Latino Film and Arts Festival, Translations Seattle Trans FF, and La Femme International FF.

Paula also directs commercials.



CREDITS

Written and Directed by Paula Cajiao

Produced by Piyush Thakur, Karla Sammut, Paula Cajiao

Cinematography by Sashank Sana

Edited by Shu Hirayma

Sound Design by Roni Pillischer

Music by Arian Saleh, MyVerse

Production Design by Junior Paixao

Hair and Make Up by Brianna Ashley Chin

1st Assistant Director Piyush Thakur

2nd Assistant Director Aayushi A. Shah

Gaffer Ryan Mulholland

Sound by Sebastian Holst

Grip Eric Grisanti

Script Supervisor Sebastian Cruzado

Production Assistant Michelle Ahearn

Still Photographer Jeven Wagner



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