



CHEMISTRY

Will their HISTORY get in the way of their CHEMISTRY on camera?

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Directed by: ALLISON SANO

Written by: RYAN CHRISTOPHER LEE & ALLISON SANO

Original Screenplay: RYAN CHRISTOPHER LEE

Director of Photography: CHAD SANO

We wanted to highlight the differences between the "past" versus the "present." We did this with lighting, camera movement and color grading. For example, the past was shot handheld, while the present was shot on tripod. The handheld scenes bring in the audience and make it feel as if they are walking around with the actors and witnessing these events firsthand."

-CHAD SANO, DP

Shot on Blackmagic Ursa Mini Pro G2

with Rokinon Cine DS Lenses

2:1 Ratio

Edited in Premiere Pro

Color Graded in Davinci Resolve

BASIC/ TECHNICAL INFORMATION

LOGLINE

Two actors find themselves reliving their past during a CHEMISTRY read.

SYNOPSIS

Wyatt and Sarah are two actors who've been called to do a CHEMISTRY read for a big movie. When they realize who they'll be auditioning with, tensions rise and the audience discovers these two have HISTORY.

A man and a woman are shown in profile, facing each other in a kitchen. The man is on the left, wearing a white shirt, and the woman is on the right, with blonde hair. The background shows a microwave and a window with blinds.

ABOUT THE FILM

"How much of acting is pretending and how much of it is projecting real-life experiences onto a scene partner?" is the question Ryan Christopher Lee found himself asking during an acting class he was taking back in 2019. A question that would become the inspiration behind the short film "CHEMISTRY."

Ryan had a script and he knew who he could trust with it. He handed it over to Allison and Chad Sano, long time friends and two filmmakers he had been on set with many times. Chad had been the cinematographer and co-star on previous projects like the web-series "Pal Points" and "Vital Venue". Allison had been on set basically handling anything that needed handling. She was the "mom" of the group. The three young filmmakers set out to make CHEMISTRY.

It's the beginning of 2021 and much like the two actors in our film, the team behind the camera had HISTORY. Chad would be the cinematographer, Ryan would be starring in the film and Allison would solo direct a film for the first time. They began casting and immediately after watching her tape, Allison knew she had found her Sara, actress Christina Ricucci.

"Ryan and Christina had instant Chemistry-which is pretty important-since that was always our title."- Allison Sano

Soon the film was cast and the small but mighty crew was put together. A gang of friends who had hearts of gold and a passion for this film. In just 3 days CHEMISTRY was filmed and left in the hands of Chad and Allison.

"We're young, broke, independent artists- we didn't have money but we had talent and heart so we pretty much did as much as we could on our own."- Chad Sano

After an insane year, these young artists looked a lot like Wyatt and Sara- starting over but always coming back to film. CHEMISTRY was finished.

"All in all, it's a love story told through the eyes of passionate artists; two people committed to their craft but struggling individually with their own human tendencies."-Ryan Christopher Lee



ABOUT ALLISON SANO

DIRECTOR

Allison Sano is an actress, writer and filmmaker from Chino, California. She started her career at a young age performing in and directing over 120 theater productions by the age of 20. She had been a movie lover her whole life, spending every Saturday watching films with her family and sneaking out to watch a film every night on her own. After dropping out of college she re-discovered her love of film and went in headfirst. Allison became creative partners with Chad Sano and developed projects which include *FLUX*, *LOVESTRUCK* and *MEYER OF EARTH*. Soon she realized her true passion was directing. *CHEMISTRY* is her solo debut as a director and she is currently working on writing a series called *STUCK*.

CAST



RYAN CHRISTOPHER LEE

as Wyatt Lu

Ryan Christopher Lee is an actor, writer, and filmmaker from Orange County, California. He has been a part of the entertainment industry for 18 years. Now at 23 years old, Lee has developed an impressive acting resume as a member of the Screen Actors Guild and contracted professional with talent agency "Clear Talent Group" and "Susan Osser Talent Management". He has portrayed principle and recurring roles on Nickelodeon's "Danger Force", Netflix's "Never Have I Ever", and will have a role in a major motion picture coming to theaters next year.



CHRISTINA RICUCCI

as Sara Tanner

Actress, singer, songwriter and dancer, Christina Ricucci, began her career as a baby, modeling for print ads and commercials, before beginning dancing at age 2. A classically and commercially trained dancer, Christina was cast as a ballerina at age 12, in projects for Disney and again in her first film, "Edita Felix". Acting quickly joined dance as one of her passions, and since that time, Christina has been involved in a number of award-winning short films, indie feature films, soundtracks, theater, television and commercials. She has released her first album, for the film, "Nowhere Near" on Califoreigner Records, and is currently writing and recording an album of original songs, to be released in 2023.

CAST



MORGAN LORRAINE

as Lily Heart

Morgan Lorraine is an actor and LA native excited to have played the role of Lily Hart in Allison Sano's "Chemistry". Morgan has trained for four years at LaValle's Actors' Workshop, as well as studied Political Science at Santa Monica College and UC Davis. They have frequently performed with North Hollywood's Ballview Productions, having been featured in plays such as "The Rage Fairy", "Parliament", and "Max's Nasty House". In their free time, Morgan enjoys tap dancing and spending time with their two cats.



KASIA SZAREK

as Noelle Nash

Kasia moved to Los Angeles at the age of 17 to pursue a career in entertainment. After being booked as one of the stars of the WB's "Downer's Grove" just two months after moving to Los Angeles, Kasia worked in various facets of media, soon realizing that her passion was comedy. She started writing and performing stand-up at 18. Now, she acts, casts, produces, writes and works as a host/personality.

- IMDb Mini Biography By: Sarah O'Neill



ABOUT CHAD SANO

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Chad Sano is actor and filmmaker from Riverside, California. He has been a DP for the past 10 years, but has been in the film industry since he was a kid. He grew up going to auditions to pursue his passion for acting. Over time that passion for acting turned into a passion for film as a whole. He continues to act, DP and get more into Directing. Chad's DP credits include FLUX, DETECTIVE COPP, and MEYER OF EARTH. His acting credits include VIDEO GAME HIGH SCHOOL, DHAR MANN, & CALL OF DUTY. He is currently writing his first feature DETECTIVE COPP-The Movie.

Q: How long did it take to film?

A: We had a total of 3 days to film the entire project.

Q: How long did it take to edit the film?

A: Allison and Chad spent almost a full year editing.

Q: Did this film have funding?

A: Partially, we had a generous donation of \$1,500.00 from the Lee family. Everything thing else was paid for from the pockets of Ryan, Chad and Allison.

"We believed in our film. You do what you gotta do to make it happen."- A.S.

Q: How did you cast?

A: We used the website Actors Access. We had over 1300 submissions for Sara. In fact- Morgan who plays *Lily* auditioned for Sara originally and Allison loved them so much she wrote Lily specifically for Morgan.

Q: What went into the music for the film?

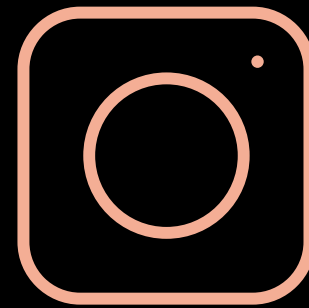
A: Being able to work with our good friend Nathaniel Meeks was an absolute thrill. He captured the heart and tone of the film so perfectly. He really is the next big thing in composing. It was a few sessions of back and forth, sit downs, hours of work for Nate and honestly passion. The music is beautiful.



FAQ's



LINKS



[Ryan Christopher Lee](#)
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CREDITS

CAST

Wyatt Lu	RYAN CHRISTOPHER LEE
Sara Tanner	CHRISTINA RICUCCI
Noelle Nash	KASIA SZAREK
Lily Hart	MORGAN LORRAINE
Evan Tanner	EVAN NOCE
Javier Hernandez	GAVIN ANTONIO DURAN
Abigail Meyer	SARAH ELIZABETH WOOLSEY
Producer	BEN MICHAELS
Actor	MARK HOPPER

Directed by
Director of Photography
Produced by
Music by
Sound Mixer
Original Story
Screenwriter
Edited, Color Graded &
Sound Design by

Production Assistant
BTS Videography

CREW

ALLISON SANO
CHAD SANO
RYAN CHRISTOPHER LEE
NATHANIEL MEEKS
BEN MICHAELS
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