

When I Wake



PRODUCED AND DIRECTED BY JULIAN THEDFORD,
WRITTEN BY BRIANNA MOTTEY

LOGLINE

After witnessing the death of a friend, a teenage boy experiences the stages of grief through recurring dreams.

SYNOPSIS

After high schooler Amiri Wright loses his best friend, Malachi at the hands of a gunman, he mourns the death of his friend and experiences the stages of grief through dreams that surround the event.

When it is further revealed who committed the murder, Amiri and Malachi's mutual friend, Khalil sets out to get revenge. Battling with his grief Amiri is faced with a question, what's the proper way to deal with loss?

RUN TIME: 39 minutes

CINEMATOGRAPHER: JULIAN THEDFORD



VISION STATEMENT

The film was first conceptualized after the director witnessed a shooting with his little brother, and with the writer, that experience was expanded into a story to highlight the mental health of young Black men coping with death among other injustices in their community.

Funded entirely out of the Director's pockets and captured entirely by a 1 - 3 person crew, the Director also shot and edited the film himself.

Despite doubts and discouraging circumstances, both the director and writer were employed to trust their visions, and the production ultimately became much bigger than them and a testament to their persistence as creatives and storytellers within their communities.





STARRING



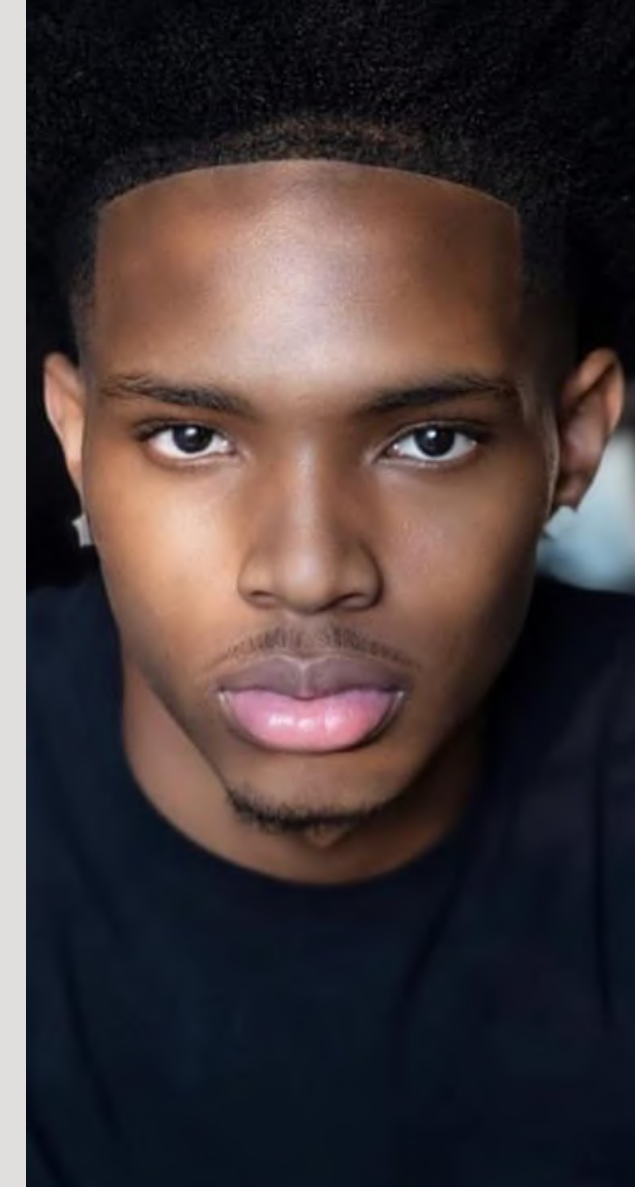
CALEB SMITH



WILLIAM
JEFFERSON
JR.



JALEN
MASON



KENNETH
STOREY





JULIAN THEDFORD

DIRECTOR

Julian Thedford is an Award Winning Director, DP, Producer and Editor, known for his vibrant and poetic approach with a penchant for elements of surrealism. Originally from the Southside of Chicago, his work is committed to uplifting the voices and experiences of his community.



BRIANNA MOTTEY

W R I T E R

Brianna Mottey is an award-winning screenwriter honing their skills in creative development for scripted and unscripted content. With generous experience working in multiple divisions of production, Brianna also gravitates towards visual modes of storytelling as a creative director and photographer with a social, cultural, and spiritual lens.

CREDITS

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STARRING

Caleb J Smith as Amiri
Jalen Mason as Khalil
William Jefferson Jr as Deandre
Kenny Storey as Malachi
Lisa McConnell as India
D'Andre Davis as Jaden
Bluu J King as Jamir
Martin Davis as Preacher/Devil
Mohammad Masoud as Corner Store Clerk
Jay Towns as Joziah
Jalen Manney as Nasir
Aliyah Jackson as Tay
Christopher Williams as Angel
Cash Williams as Angel's Son
Kristen Wielenga as Teacher
John Johnson as Masked gunman

EXTRAS

Jonathan Young
Brianna Mottey
Brooklyn Conley
Julian Thedford
Karizma Blackburn

CREW

Director, DP, Editor, and Producer: Julian Thedford

Writer, Assistant Director, and Executive Assistant: Brianna Mottey

1st AC and Ariel Footage: Christian Cabrera

Gaffer: Brianna Mottey, Julian Thedford, and Brooklyn-Raye Conley

Boom Operator: John Johnson, Brianna Mottey, Christian Cabrera, Julian Thedford, and Eden Ann Anderson

Associated Editors: Kai Hartman and Trey Massie

VFX Artists: Adrien Be, Matias Santiago, and Julian Thedford

Audio Engineer and Sound Scaping: Kristyna Dye

Original Score: KD the Mellow Soul

Executive Producers: Kimberly Thedford, Tony Thedford, and Brett Balmer

Post Production Associate Coordinator: Alana I Smith

FEATURING MUSIC FROM:

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Murda Max

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