

# Next of Kin (2023)



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genre: drama/ short narrative

running time 00:14:59 minutes

Country: USA



## Logline

Stigma remains an ongoing issue for a Filipina former actor living with HIV alongside her gay son who was born positive — but tenderness and resiliency prevail.

## Synopsis

Friends TOMMY, ANDREW, and BRYAN, unwind after a night out. After Andrew initiates a threesome, Bryan is startled and rejects Tommy for his HIV status, which he inherited from his mother before birth. Tommy exits feeling isolated and alone. He then seeks solace in the company of his estranged mother, a Filipina former-actor. Their unexpected early morning reunion offers a moment of reflection on how living with HIV impacted their perception of the world, and the ways HIV stigma itself has manifested in their lives from the 1990s through 2020s. They commence their long journey towards healing.

# Technical Film Specs

**running time** 00:14:59 minutes

**format** digital color

**aspect ratio** 16:9

**language** English

**Closed Captions** English

**filming locations**

Monterey Park, CA | Hollywood, CA | Playa Del Rey, CA

**completed** 2023

**screening history** Outfest Fusion - Chinese 6 Theatres - 3.26.23

**available sound** 5:1 | stereo

**available subtitles** English

**camera** RED - Epic Dragon | Zeiss Super Speed Lenses





## Key Art

\*[Dropbox link](#) to  
downloadable posters



# Film Stills

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downloadable film stills



Above: Marcus Crawford Guy as Andrew, Timothy Guion Smith as Tommy, and Jason Caceres as Bryan in NEXT OF KIN. Cinematographer: Nathaniel Elegino.



Above: Timothy Guion Smith as Tommy in NEXT OF KIN. Cinematographer: Nathaniel Elegino.

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*Above: Marilyn Arbogast as Lola Erlinda in  
NEXT OF KIN. Cinematographer: Nathaniel Elegino.*



*Above: Joan Almedilla as Flores and Timothy Guion Smith as Tommy in NEXT OF KIN.  
Cinematographer: Nathaniel Elegino.*

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## Cast + Crew list

\*bios/ headshots available on [website](#)

### Filmmakers + Crew

Timothy Guion Smith - Director, Writer,  
Executive Producer

Nathaniel Elegino - Cinematography

Ryan Christopher Lee - Editor/ Colorist

Mark Menza - Sound Design

Josie Bellerby - Costume/ Production Design

Producers: Maria Timonina, Naleeka Dennis,  
Emily Katter, Vishal Patel, Jenn Santos

### Cast

Joan Almedilla - Flores

Timothy Guion Smith - Tommy

Lola Erlinda - Marilyn Arbogast

Marcus Crawford Guy - Andrew

Jason Caceres - Bryan

Keanu Gutierrez - Kyle

# Social Handles



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## Trailer

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