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Press Kit

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Logline

With his wedding to Carlos approaching, Tony, a young immigrant to the US, invites his conservative older sister to the ceremony — a fateful decision that forces Tony to choose between his family and his happiness.

Synopsis

Tony invites his sister Lena to visit him a few days before his wedding to Carlos without telling her the occasion. On arrival, Lena mistakes Carlos for Tony's roommate and is captivated by his masculinity. Carlos takes them out to a family restaurant, where the preparation for the reception is underway. Lena, who turns out to be homophobic, takes many hints wrong but finally guesses about her brother's wedding. Tony hiding it this whole time upsets Carlos and makes him leave. A sincere exchange between Tony and Lena leads to their farewell. Now, Tony faces an ultimate choice between his chosen and birth families.

Director's bio

Aleksei Borovikov is an award-winning independent filmmaker, journalist, and LGBTQ activist. He began his career working on regional and national television in Russia for over 15 years. In 2016, Aleksei graduated from Moscow Film School. Before coming to the US, Aleksei volunteered for a Moscow-based NGO focused on HIV prevention and helped them raise a grant of \$1 million from the Elton John AIDS Foundation. In 2022, Aleksei graduated from Columbia College Chicago with an MFA in Cinema Directing. His short films, including *One More Please* and *Glances*, have been screened and awarded in over 120 festivals worldwide.

Director's filmography

Glances, 6 min, 2020

Home, 9 min, 2020

One More Please, 5 min, 2019

Jump, 5 min, 2018

Musician, 18 min, 2017

The Last Time, 10 min, 2015

List of credits

Key cast	Anton Paraskiva IG: @paraskiva FB: @anton.paraskiva Evgeniia Tikhonova IG: @evgeniia_tikhonova FB: @evgeniia.tikhonova Felipe Augusto IG: @felipettchy FB: @felipe.augusto.96558 Beatriz Jamaica IG: @beatrizjamaica FB: @beatriz.jamaica
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Director of Photography	Ryan Winnicki IG: @ryanwinnicki FB: @ryan.winnicki
Production Designer	Paloma Carpio Marion
Editors	Kyle Delso, Chris Osburn
Sound Designer	Steve Maslan
Music Composer	Johnny MacMillan

Technical info

17:44, 4K, color, digital, ProRes/H.264/DCP, Stereo mix

Trailer

Youtube: <https://youtu.be/6rt2zTxqjW4>

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Festivals and awards

	Name	Country	City	Date	Award/selection
1	Borrego Springs Film Festival	USA	Borrego Springs, CA	01/15/23	Best Narrative Short Nominee
2	Love Actually International Storyteller Showcase	USA	New York	02/12/23	Official selection
3	PRIDE Queer Film Festival	Australia	Perth	03/08/23	Best Short Film
4	Capital City Film Festival	USA	Lansing, MI	04/08/23	Official selection
5	Reality Bytes Independent Student Film Festival	USA	DeKalb, IL	04/12/23	Audience Favorite Narrative
6	LGBT+ Film Festival Poland	Poland	Warszawa	04/14/23	Official selection
7	Silicon Valley Queer Film Festival	USA	San Jose, CA	05/08/23	Official selection
8	Boomtown Film and Music Festival	USA	Beaumont, TX	05/12/23	Best Student Film
9	Telly Awards	USA	South Bronx, NY	05/23/23	Silver Telly Award Winner in Non-Broadcast – Student category
10	Out & Loud - Pune International Queer Film Festival	India	Pune	05/26/23	Best International Short Film

11	KASHISH Mumbai International Queer Film Festival	India	Mumbai	06/08/23	Best Student Short Nominee
12	Interrobang Film Festival	USA	Des Moines, IA	06/25/23	Best Student Film Nominee
13	Lumière International Film Festival & Awards	USA	Los Angeles, CA	07/15/23	Official selection
14	FilmPride - Brighton & Hove Pride LGBTQIA+ Film Festival	UK	Brighton	08/06/23	Official selection
15	OutSouth Queer Film Festival	USA	Durham, NC	08/11/23	Official selection
16	aGLIFF / Prism Film Festival	USA	Austin, TX	08/26/23	Official selection
17	Mosaic World Film Festival	USA	Rockford, IL	09/16/23	Official selection
18	SOHO International Film Festival	USA	New York, NY	09/17/23	Best US Showcase Short Film Nominee
19	Gay Binge Film Festival	USA	Los Angeles, CA	09/18/23	Best of Fest Award
20	Chicago South Asian Film Festival	USA	Chicago, IL	09/21/23	Official selection
21	Burbank International Film Festival	USA	Burbank, CA	09/22/23	Best LGBTQ Short Film Nominee
22	QFest New Jersey LGBTQ Film and Digital Media Festival	USA	Asbury Park, NJ	09/22/23	Official selection
23	OUT at the Movies International Film Festival	USA	Winston-Salem, NC	10/01/23	Official selection
24	CINEMA DIVERSE: The Palm Springs LGBTQ+ Film Festival	USA	Palm Springs, CA	10/01/23	Official selection
25	San Antonio QFest – LGBT International Film Festival	USA	San Antonio, TX	10/06/23	Matthew Shepard Memorial Award: Best Student Film Official Nominee
26	Reel Q: Pittsburgh LGBTQ+ Film Festival	USA	Pittsburgh, PA	10/06/23	Official selection
27	Sioux City International Shorts Film Festival	USA	Sioux City, IA	10/07/23	Official selection
28	OutReels Cincinnati	USA	Cincinnati, OH	10/22/23	Official selection
29	Centre Film Festival	USA	Philipsburg, PA	10/30/23	Best Student Film, US
30	The Lake County Film Festival	USA	Grayslake, IL	11/04/23	Official selection
31	Isabela International Film Festival	USA	Isabela, Puerto Rico	11/10/23	Official selection
32	International Queer Film Festival Playa del Carmen	Mexico	Playa del Carmen	11/16/23	Best Foreign Supporting Actress; Best Foreign Supporting Actor Nominee
33	Diogenes Tbilisi International Short Film Internet Festival	Georgia	Tbilisi	11/20/23	Official selection
34	ENKARZINE	Spain	Zalla	11/24/23	Official selection

35	West Bengal Short Film Festival	India	Kolkata	11/26/23	Official selection
36	Omovies Film Festival	Italy	Naples	12/15/23	Official selection
37	Gilbert Baker Film Festival	USA	Parsons, KS	12/15/23	Official selection
38	Changing Face International Film Festival	Australia	Sydney	12/21/23	Best Student Film of the Month (April); Best Actor in a Student Film Nominee; Best Original Score Nominee
39	Pride Film Fest	USA	Chicago, IL	1/17/24	Best of Fest
40	Canadian Cinematography Awards	Canada	Toronto	05/2023	Best Student Film
41	LGBTQ Unbordered International Film Festival	USA	Rehoboth Beach, DE	06/2023	Excellence Award in Student category
42	European Cinematography Awards	Netherlands	Amsterdam	06/2023	Best Student Director
43	New York Cinematography AWARDS (NYCA)	USA	New York, NY	06/2023	Best LGBTQ+ Film
44	Independent Shorts Awards	USA	Los Angeles, CA	12/2023	Best LGBTQ Short; Best Student Male Director; Best Ensemble Cast; Best Original Story
45	Los Angeles Cinematography Awards	USA	Los Angeles, CA	05/2023	Best Short Film Cinematography Nominee
46	Cine Pobre	Mexico	La Paz	04/2023	Honorable Mention
47	Blackbird Film Festival	USA	Cortland, NY	04/2023	Honorable Mention
48	Reel Out Charlotte Film Festival	USA	Charlotte, NC	05/2023	Honorable Mention
49	Hollywood New Directors	USA	Los Angeles, CA	06/2023	Honorable Mention
50	Near Nazareth Festival	Israel	Afula	06/2023	Honorable Mention
51	Huntington Beach Cultural Cinema Showcase	USA	Huntington Beach	08/2023	Honorable Mention

Film stills ([link for download](#))

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