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### LOGLINE

As a boxer wrestles with the decision to transition at the potential cost of their marriage, they form a bond with another boxer on a similar journey of self evolution.





### SYNOPSIS

 While struggling with dysphoria, a transmasculine boxer, Remy, wrestles with the decision to transition at the potential cost of their marriage.
When a shy trans boxer, Joey, returns to the gym post-transition, he avoids interactions for fear of being judged by his former boxing community.
When Remy invites Joey to train with them, the two find solace and camaraderie while facing challenges they each have been avoiding.



### DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

PACE is a story close to my heart. Through an intimate lens, I wanted to explore the question: do we choose a new path if it comes at a high cost?

As someone who transitioned in a marriage, I felt isolated in my experience. It's more common to hear about the aftermath of a challenging decision than the turbulent process of going through it. As a storyteller I wanted to delve into a perspective I needed at that time – what it's like to navigate a life altering choice when you don't have all the answers yet.

Though our lead characters are queer, what they face is a deeply universal experience – the risk of losing something important should they embrace a personal change.

With PACE, I hope to elevate the notion that we don't have to have all the answers yet – there is no finish line in being valid in who we are.

#### WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY BECK WILLIAMS

Back is an award winning actor, writer, and director possionate about telling universal stories through a marginalized lens. Their work has screened in festivals internationally, including the American Pavilian at Cannes, Claveland International Film Festival, Dances with Films, Out on Film, and New York Cinefest – where they won Best Actor.

Beck was a second-rounder for the Sundance Episodic Writing Lab and a semifinalist in the Women in Film x Black List Episodic Lab. Their original pilot, HOLDER, was an Official Selection for the markeplace at ITVFest (now Catalyst).

Beck has performed in both regional and international theater, with television credits including PARADISE (HULU), UNPRISONED (Hulu), and KENAN (NBC).

Outside of their creative endeavors, they volunteer in healthcare advocacy and access for the trans community.



### **CAST AND CREW**

WRTER/DIRECTOR Beck Williams

#### CAST

Beck Williams, Bex Taylor-Klaus, Kelly Lou Dennis

#### PRODUCERS

Shannon Elizabeth Clark, Aaron Krimetz, Kelly Lou Dennis, Beck Williams, Sarah Evans

#### DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Leo Behrens

#### EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS

Bex Taylor-Klaus, David Florin, Nas Albizuris, Autumn Ivy

#### ASSOCIATE PRODUCERS

Rainn Wilson, Bernadett Belinda York, Mark Taylor and Taylor Family Collective

#### PRODUCTION DESIGNER

Ray Taylor

EDITOR Joe Siebert

SOUND DESIGNER Kai Scheer

COLORIST Walter Volpatto

COMPOSER Taylor Page

## PRESS



#### DEADLINE

"writer-director Beck Williams... aims to push the needle in Hollywood for a more nuanced representation of the trans experience onscreen."



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#### AUTOSTRADDLE

"Williams and Taylor-Klaus' chemistry together belies a true brotherhood. Pace is a knock-out."

#### \*Full List of Press at pacethefilm.com



#### THE AMERICAN PAVILION

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#### The American Pavilion Announces 2025 Emerging Filmmaker Showcase at Cannes

The Showcase, presented by Gold House, features 25 films in the official selection. Rainn Wilson and Jason Reitman are among the top talent supporting these on-the-cusp filmmakers.

**BY CHRISTIAN BLAUVELT** 

#### INDIEWIRE

"We're proud to return and celebrate the incredible talent shaping the future of film."

## SCREENINGS

AmPav Cannes Film Festival – Emerging Filmmakers Showcase Cleveland International Film Festival (Oscar Qualifying) New York CineFest – Winner – Best Actor | Nominated – Best Director Dances with Films NY Out on Film (Oscar Qualifyina) NewFilmmakers Los Angeles Image + Nation Festival Film Film Invasion Los Angeles Seattle Queer and Trans Festival OutSouth Queer Film Festival LA Indie Film Fest Connecticut LGBTQ Film Festival LA Queer Film Fest New York New Waves Showcase Hollywood Reel Independent Film Festival New York Indie Awards – Semifinalist Shore Scripts Short Film Fund - Finalist



### **STILLS**



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## **KEY FACTS**

Runtime	Genre	Shot on	Lenses
15 min	Narrative, Drama	ARRI Alexa Mini	Zeiss Super Speeds mk II
Audio format	Aspect ratio	Exhibition format	Production year
5.1 Surround Sound	1.85:1	DCP	2024
Country	Shooting Location	Languages	
<b>USA</b>	Los Angeles	English	

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