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The Girl and the Mask
By Maria Segura



The Girl and the Mask

Origination: Samsung Galaxy S7 edge Phone

Runtime: 16:49

Production: Reno, Nevada, 2017

Genre: Science Fiction, Experimental, Thriller, Drama, Art

Synopsis: "Many rebelled in the streets and against their government. And those who revolted, were tormented, tortured and killed." (The Girl and the Mask), an Experimental Sci-fi Short Film tells the story of our advancing technology, its negative psychological impact on humanity and the collapse of Mankind. To prevent the self-destruction of our human race, the Government creates a new law and a new form of technology that will keep humans under control.



Actors Mario Gandolfo and Amanda White
Filmed at The Hatch in Reno, Nevada.
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DIRECTOR STATEMENT:

I have always had a vision of combining my work into film. While participating in the Assistant Directors Program at the Reno Little Theater, one of the opportunities given was to direct a play which would showcase at the end of the year.

I decided on Directing one of my own works, "The Girl and the Mask."

At first, my plan for this Short Film was to incorporate a half live stage and half film. I was on a deadline and realized this vision would be impossible.

In the end, I decided a Short Film was the way to go but I faced some obstacles. For one, I have never created a Short Film before. I didn't know how to use Camera equipment, edit and let alone how to put it all together so the film would make sense.

I was faced with a dilemma.

Then one night, I looked at my smartphone. That's when I decided I would shoot my Short Film using my smartphone. I uploaded an application for Video and saved all my Photos and Video on Google photos to prevent my phone from crashing. But, I also needed other equipment so I made my own boom mic. I used one of my mops with a plastic handle, drilled some holes and ran the mic cable through the hollow handle. I tested it and it worked!

I was set. I had my Cast, my smartphone, my boom mic, costumes, locations for filming and my Mac Computer for editing.

For music, I incorporated two piano pieces I had composed 6 months before and three short songs I wrote while staying for a Teaching/Artist-in-Residence at Saint Mary's Art Center in Virginia City, NV.

I scheduled an appointment at a local Recording Studio and recorded music for "The Girl and the Mask."

My Short Film was coming to life and one night...I was done. " The Girl and the Mask," An Artistic Sci-Fi Short Film was complete.



The Birth Scene.

St. Mary's Art Center, Virginia City, Nevada
Historical Building in Virginia City. It was built in
1875. It was used to house the sick and the injured
and it is also said to be haunted. St. Mary's is
currently a thriving Art Center.



On set with the Cast just before filming the park scene for "The Girl and the Mask."



“What is this Mom?”
Actress Marley Anderson

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“Many rebelled in the streets and against their government and those who revolted were tormented, tortured and killed.” Filmed at Pyramid Lake, Nevada.

Actress Zakotah Sevon.



We were looking for an empty bottle of hard liquor for the shoot, luckily we came across a nearly empty bottle of Whiskey. I bought the shot and used the empty bottle for filming.

Behind the Scenes with Actor Randy Shum and Kenneth Lester at The Jungle in Downtown Reno, Nevada.



We were looking for a location to shoot the Radio Host in Hiding. I was looking for something dark, hidden and desolate. I found that the basement of St. Mary's Art Center in Virginia City, Nevada, was the perfect place!

Actor Malachi Mansfield.

Behind the Scene photos with some of the Cast Members
for the Experimental Artistic Sci-fi Short Film, "The Girl and the Mask."



CAST



MAYA LEMUS as Older Monica:

Maya Lemus is an undergraduate student at the University of Nevada, Reno studying Research Specialization in Psychology and Entrepreneurship. She began acting in elementary school but never saw it as a hobby and a good escape for herself. Maya is also trained in Cinematography and is recognized as a nationally awarded Editor and Actress. Some of the plays that Maya has been in are The Big Bad Wolf trial, High School Mystery, The Christmas Carol and The Girl in the Mask. For the latter, Maya plays Older Monica and is proud to see that the Sci-fi Short Film is doing well.



MARLEY PAGE ANDERSON as Young Monica:

Marley Page Anderson is an accomplished student, clarinet player, actress, and athlete. She is a member of the Washoe County School District Honor Band and made All State last year. She is competitive in tennis, basketball, cross county, track and volleyball. Marley's first stage appearance was in Richard III at the age of 6 playing little Margaret Plantagenet at Bruka Theatre of the Sierra. She was also featured in Our Town at Reno Little Theatre and A Christmas Carol at Laughing Owl Productions. The Girl and the Mask is Marley's first film debut.



MARIO GANDOLFO as Father

Mario Gandolfo has been acting since the age of 7 when he starred in a school play. In 2007, after starring in 2 plays in Northwest Connecticut, his home state, Mario decided to get into his SUV and move to LA . Blind without a place to live to pursue his Acting career, he wound up on the SAG side of acting and it would continue for the next 4 years. Mario's love of the Arts never waivers.



AMANDA WHITE as Mother

Amanda White, who plays the role of the mother, has always had a passion for performing. Starting out small with local commercials and promo modeling she began performing with The Whiskey Sirens Burlesque group in 2015. She found excitement and a sense of gratification while on stage and has since set forth to pursue larger roles on stage and in film. The Girl and The Mask was a great learning experience and helped to fuel her passion for performing. Amanda has no formal training and is not currently affiliated with any agency but she is intent and eager to gain more knowledge and experience in the industry. Amanda resides in Reno NV with her fiancé and 2 children Amelia and Edison.



ANGELA ANDERSON as Doctor

Angela Anderson started acting and dancing at a very young age. By age 12 she was a paid performer at the Pollardville Palace Showboat Theater in Northern California and was a member of the International Thespian Society in high school. She moved to Reno, Nevada in 1996 and began acting, stage managing and was the administrative assistant for Bruka Theatre of the Sierra where she met her husband, Dave Anderson. Angela has many credits performing including stage, TV commercials, and videogame voice overs. She took time off to raise their three children and now she and Dave have founded Laughing Owl Productions to continue to teach and share quality theatre with the community.



HOLLY LORGE CLARK as Reporter

Holly has been surrounded by the film industry at a very young age, her family has been in the business for 4 decades – in front of and behind the camera! Holly grew up in Carson City, NV and moved to Hollywood 5 days after high school, quickly being cast in commercials and TV shows. She spent 3 years at The Groundlings theatre perfecting her Improvisation skills and character creation. From there she was part of a 3 woman comedy team called “The Jersey Girls”.

Holly left Hollywood in 2006 and made the move back to the Reno/Carson area with husband and 2 kids in tow, and luckily was able to continue her Acting Career right here in Northern Nevada! She’s grateful for any acting opportunity and character to portray that comes her way!



NEAL SICKLES as Scientist

Neal Sickles is currently a Creative Services Producer for Fox TV in Reno, Nevada. He has over 10 years of experience as an Editor/Producer. Most of Neal's work is behind the scenes. This is his first time Acting in front of the camera for The Girl and the Mask.



MITCH HYETT as MOS 1

Mitch Hyett is a avid outdoorsman, entrepreneur, activist, and animal lover. He grew up in the Pacific Northwest, Nevada, and Hawaii. In addition to playing 'Man on the Street' in The Girl and the Mask, Mitch recently portrayed an incarcerated felon in the 2018 feature film, Mustang.



GIANNA DETOMASO as MOS 3

Gianna DeTomaso is currently a senior in high school. She has been performing since the age of six and has been involved in over 30 theatre productions! She cannot wait to see what the future holds for her and is ready for the experiences and education to brightly come her way!



CHRISTOPHER BLUMEN as The Pastor

Christopher Blumen began performing at the of age 8. Some of his notable performances include Herb in "Godspell," Charlie Davenport in "Annie Get Your Gun," Lewis in "Pippin," Herbie in "Gypsy," and the Cur dog in Shakespeare's "Two Gentlemen of Verona." He just finished up his first year on Reno stages with his third production playing Herr Zeller in the "Sound of Music" at Sierra School of Performing Arts.

Christopher also appeared as Duane in "Cacti Valerie" and as Rod Harper in the sold out run of "Calendar Girls" at the Reno Little Theater. Since filming "The Girl and the Mask," Christopher has jumped into film acting with both feet. Look for him this winter as a prison guard extra in the feature film "Mustang" through Tru Talent Agency.



BARBARA BIONDO as Grandmother

Barbara Biondo's love of theater and audiences goes back to my early childhood. I don't remember when I felt the first "tug" towards acting. Recent plays include: Young Frankenstein, Walk Two Moons, The Miracle Worker, Wild Oats, Circle Mirror Transformation, Orpheus Descending, Talking With and The Bear-Chekov. I am thrilled to have been given the opportunity to be part of the cast for The Girl and the Mask.



EMMA WAYMAN as Granddaughter

Emma Wayman began theater classes at the of 6 years old. The Girl and the Mask was her first time in front of the Camera. Emma enjoys the outdoors, singing, dancing and Art.



ILYANA HOBSON as Jealous Woman

Ilyana Hobson is an 18 year old actress from Reno, Nevada. Her passion is performing and she can often be found onstage, but has a newly developed love for film.



RANDY SHUM as Drunk Husband

Randy Shum has been on and off the stage for the most part of this life. He was recently featured onstage at the Reno Little Theater for the Sci-Fi Theater Production of "Lights Out" and most recently in front of the camera for "The Girl and the Mask." He says he owes everything to Lisa, his best acting coach and friend.



JAMIE KALTENBACH as Wife of Drunk

Jamie is a part-time Model and Actor. She has walked the runway in various designer fashion shows and has been featured in Commercial and Print work. Jamie loves to push herself every day to become better at the things she loves and to strive on experiencing things that are out of her comfort zone. But, the most important thing for her, is to continue to be a good role model for her two boys.



AMELIA WEISS as Daughter of Drunk

Amelia Weiss lives in Reno, NV with Mom, Dad and little brother. From a young age, Amelia has possessed a passion for performing arts. She enjoys singing, dancing and being the center of attention. The Girl and the Mask was Amelia's first experience acting and she looks forward to her next chance to showcase her talents.



KENNETH LESTER as Bartender

Kenneth Lester is beginning his acting career in Los Angeles while writing in his spare time. He's, I don't know, tall-ish with chest hair. Decent enough guy, he showed up on time though and that's really what got him this role.



TAMARA CASTILLO as President

A professional actress and dancer, Tamara Castillo has been commissioned and critiqued both nationally and internationally. As a performer of stage, film, and commercial work, she has collaborated with many acclaimed directors and choreographers including those from Juilliard, the Alvin Ailey Company, and The Actors from the London Stage.



MALACHI MANSFIELD as Radio Host

Malachi served honorably in the Navy for 8 years. After his service he began to pursue personal goals of creativity and inspiration. He is a novelist, video producer and photographer. He finds balance in meditation and the outdoors.



ZAKOTAH SEVON as Narrator

Zakotah Sevon has been acting and performing almost since birth. Her mother who was also an actress took her along to all of the performances and theatrical projects she was involved in, so Zakotah was raised on the stage. Most notably in her career so far, she has been nominated and won a Forte Award for best actress in a musical role for a role she played in the musical Mary Poppins. Currently she is pursuing a BFA in both theatre and dance at the University of Nevada in Reno. Zakotah hopes to have a long career in the performing arts whether on the stage or off.



*“A sci-fi, d.i.y. tour de force, Maria Segura's *The Girl and the Mask* packs a wallop on multiple fronts. Plot development, technical acumen in sound design and editing propel this original work, creating a resonant viewing experience. The fact that the short was shot entirely on a single cell phone, makes Segura a filmmaker to keep your eye on.”*

- Oliver X, Reno Tahoe Tonight

“The film is provocative and a bit enigmatic. Maria has created a film that I have watched more than once and each time I am drawn to the deeper meaning.”

- Dana Nollsh, Reno Art News

*“Maria Segura’s vision for this piece was unique, with the delivering of moments that took me to disturbing and intriguing places. Loved how she was able to experiment and turn her limited resources into this eerie film. Most would crumble against the odds, but not Maria and not *'The Girl in the Mask.'* “*

- Eddie Vigil, EV Pictures

“Wow! I hope there is a second part. The story was compelling. It drew me in and then left me hanging. Pretty amazing that it was shot on one smart phone.”

- Jim Krajewski, Reno Gazette Journal

“The Girl and the Mask is an exemplary display of Maria Segura's resourcefulness as a creative mind. She has managed to engage audiences and deliver her concept through multiple mediums and channels. The film takes the audience on a thrilling journey through a dystopian world. The fact that she created this world using only a cell phone is a marvelous feat.”

- Lyric Andy, Reno Little Theater

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