

In Other Words

ROVANEYE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

VICTOR POLIZU

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A ROWAN HODGSON FILM • "IN OTHER WORDS" • STARRING VICTOR POLIZU & KATIE LEWIS •
WRITTEN BY ROWAN HODGSON & YIFAN ZHANG • DIRECTED BY ROWAN HODGSON •
CINEMATOGRAPHY BY YIFAN ZHANG • EDITED BY YIFAN ZHANG AND ROWAN HODGSON •
ORIGINAL SCORE BY ZACH MICHEL & ROWAN HODGSON

Logline:

A man who struggles to speak learns that connection can exist beyond words.



Short Synopsis:

Oliver's greatest fear is speaking. Not because he has nothing to say, but because his mind won't let him say it. When he connects with a stranger who listens in all the right ways, silence becomes a new kind of language.



Skills



Early Audience Reactions:

- "Very impressed with the visuals. Consistency in the image, composition, and movements are all great."
- "The idea of him trying so hard to overcome his struggles independently while also being his own biggest obstacle in his relationship with her is incredibly real."
- "My main problem with student films is that they all kinda have this "student film" look to them but your shots are very professional and the lighting is gorgeous"
- "Heartbreaking and real, watching him battle himself while trying to love someone felt incredibly true."
- "You can tell there's so much heart and care in every frame."
- "The lead actor in that is so talented! I could really feel his hesitation and worry. But also in the happy moments, he has a great warmth that really comes through, he made me want the best for him."

Cast:

Oliver: Victor Polizu

Older Oliver: Bill Wood

Elena: Katie Lewis

The Voice: Miles Allen

Key Crew:

Writer(s): Rowan Hodgson & Yifan Zhang

Director: Rowan Hodgson

Director of Photography (DP): Yifan Zhang

Editor(s): Rowan Hodgson & Yifan Zhang

Music: Zach Michel & Rowan Hodgson

Gaffer(s): Rowan Lim, Dario Mendez, & Dorian Walker

Production Assistant(s): Liara-Jade Johnson, Emma Neville, & McKinley Fuller

Director's Statement:

In Other Words began as my high school senior thesis project. I wrote a script, filmed a few scenes, and made a trailer, but due to procrastination and scheduling issues, it was never finished and shelved in 2022-23.

Fast forward to April 2025: my friend and classmate Yifan and I talked about wanting to make a project outside of class—free from the usual film school restrictions. We spent the rest of April and all of May writing the script, storyboarding, and preparing to film over the summer.

We spent time casting and ultimately chose Victor Polizu and Katie Lewis, who brought the story to life with incredible performances. With Yifan's help on visuals, and with an amazing crew, we created *In Other Words*.

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