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# Soap



**EUGENIA CARUSO RORY FINN**  
**WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY CHRISTOPHER BROWN**



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DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY JUN KEUNG CHEUNG EDITOR DUSAN PETKOVIC  
SOUND DESIGN ARTHUR RATHBONE PULLEN PRODUCTION SOUND MIX ANDREI LESKOVSKI  
COSTUME ELLE-ROSE HUGHES PRODUCED BY VALERIE HANSON CHRISTOPHER BROWN  
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## ***SYNOPSIS***

When Sami breaks into a house, he is disturbed by Sophia, the owner of the property, who seeks revenge by luring the hot criminal into her bathtub. But the pair soon find themselves trapped in the bathroom, a strange world in which no soap is quite what it seems.



## ***DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT***

*Soap* is a sexual fantasy of breaking and entering; its characters are trapped in a farce replete with hot criminals, cheating lovers, melodramatic revelations, and a mysterious pile of raspberry jelly.

But if the film is a guilty pleasure, then it's also a formal experiment. We shot in a confined space, making use of offscreen action and sound, restricting ourselves to close-ups once Sami and Sophia step into the bath. I wanted to move beyond the farcical elements as the pair get to know one another; to capture a tangible sense of their desire, regret and hope.

The bath is a soapy realm of transgression, a place where old is made new, where identities shape and blend. As Sami points out, wiping away his shaving foam, it's just like the cinema.

Christopher Brown, March 2015

## **FESTIVAL SCREENINGS & AWARDS**

Official competition - New Jersey International Film Festival (May 2015)

Winner - honorable mention

Official selection - Vancouver International Film Festival (fall 2015)



### **EUGENIA CARUSO** *Sophia*

Eugenia recently appeared in *Youth*, directed by Paolo Sorrentino, and in Peter Strickland's critically acclaimed film *The Duke of Burgundy*. She also appeared in Strickland's previous feature *Berberian Sound Studio* and his *The Lord Must Be Joking* on BBC4 Radio. Eugenia trained at the East 15 Acting School and is represented by Rosebery Management.

### **RORY FINN** *Sami*

Rory played the lead role in feature film *Fraternity*, a Second World War drama. He has also appeared in *Ginger and Rosa* directed by Sally Potter, and *The Last Legion* starring Colin Firth and Ben Kingsley. In addition to acting, Rory is a trained acrobat and circus performer. He is represented by AKA Talent Agency in the USA, and ABA in the United Kingdom.

## **CHRISTOPHER BROWN** *writer & director*

Chris's short film *Remission* was nominated for the International Iris Prize and the Best of British Award at the 2014 Cardiff Iris Prize Festival. The film was distributed by Peccadillo Pictures on their *Boys on Film* series; the DVD peaked at No.1 on amazon's world cinema charts in the UK. In 2013, Chris's feature script *Knock-Out* won Best Screenplay at the London Independent Film Festival and the Cordelia Award for Best UK Screenplay at the BlueCat competition in LA. Chris is currently developing scripts for several feature projects.

## **JUN KEUNG CHEUNG** *director of photography*

JC's work has screened at over seventy international film festivals, including the BFI London Film Festival and the Edinburgh Film Festival. The latest feature film he shot, *Dead Cat*, has garnered eleven awards including Best Feature Film at the Southampton International Film Festival, and was longlisted for the Outstanding British Debut at BAFTA 2014. He recently completed Additional Photography for *Paddington*, starring Nicole Kidman and Sally Hawkins. JC is represented by Dinedor Management.

## **VALERIE HANSON** *producer*

Val attended the Laban, went on to become an actress, and is now a Licentiate of the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art. To inform her work as a screen actress, she took a course in filmmaking and later worked on a number of award-winning short films including *Wilfred*, which won two Royal Television Society Awards, and *Into the Silent Land*.



## **DUŠAN PETKOVIĆ** *editor*

Dušan is a film editor and post-production coordinator. He studied at the Netherlands Film Academy, and has edited on a number of primetime TV and theatrical release productions in the Netherlands, including *SpangaS*, *Zoop* and *Baantjer*, as well as several award-winning documentaries and commercials. He set up a post-production company in Malawi, and most recently worked on critically acclaimed feature film *War Book* directed by Tom Harper.

## **ARTHUR RATHBONE PULLEN** *sound design*

Arthur is a composer, producer and sound engineer. He has produced numerous studio albums, composed music, and worked in post-production for feature films, short films, and documentaries. He also specializes in field recording, and has a collection of music from Kenya, Uganda and Zambia. Arthur runs Sizzle Studio, a multipurpose recording and production facility in Bournemouth. His forthcoming projects include the feature film *Trajectories*.



## **MUSIC**

The *Soap* soundtrack features *Retro Boy* by audiospill, *Angel's Face* by WE Я 1, and *Frequency* by Glass Diamond. Composer and vocalist Hsin of Glass Diamond has contributed music to a number of films including *Three Times*, directed by Hou Hsiao-Hsien and starring Chang Chen and Shu Qi. The song *Urge* composed by Hsin and Kbn for the film *Reflections* was nominated for Best Original Song at the Golden Horse Film Awards.

## CREDITS

**writer & director**  
Christopher Brown

**Sophia**  
Eugenia Caruso

**Sami**  
Rory Finn

**first man (voice)**  
David Keogh

**second man (voice)**  
Charlie Hamblett

**producers**  
Valerie Hanson  
Christopher Brown

**director of photography**  
Jun Keung Cheung

**editor**  
Dušan Petković

**sound design**  
Arthur Rathbone Pullen

**production sound mix**  
Andrei Leskovski

**costume & make-up**  
Elle-Rose Hughes

**gaffer**  
Sebastian Kudonowski

**dialogue continuity**  
Laura Seymour

**additional dialogue recording**  
Andrew Hill

**photography**  
Piotr Cieplak

**publicity design**  
Zhou Zhou

**assistant director**  
Maxwell Boulton

**production assistants**  
Dhruv Rupapara  
Gabriela Mascarenhas  
Luke Oyovbaire

**location courtesy of**  
Catalyst Housing Group, London  
Thanks to Justine Menozzi

**soundtrack**  
mixed at Sizzle Studio,  
Bournemouth

**Frequency**  
Glass Diamond

**Retro Boy**  
audiospill

**Angel's Face**  
Rémi "WE Я 1" Brossier

## FILM DETAILS

**presented by**  
precieuses

**production country**  
United Kingdom

**completion date**  
March 2015

**running time**  
15 mins 22 secs

**language**  
English

**picture**  
Colour

**aspect ratio**  
16.9

**shooting format**  
Blackmagic  
Apple ProRes 422

**exhibition formats**  
DCP  
Blu-Ray  
DVD (Region 0)  
.mov

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