

a short film by Marcia Fields & Mike Spear

# MOVING ON

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## read the **SYNOPSIS:**

**MOVING ON**, a short film by Marcia Fields and Mike Spear, is about what happens when you wake up to find you need to move on and move out at exactly the same time.

When Ross (Mike Ivers, 419) is awakened early one morning by a knock at the door, he's shocked to find his girlfriend gone, and two men in his foyer ready to move him out of their shared apartment at the request of his now -- it would seem -- ex-girlfriend Elizabeth. Turns out these guys do this for a living, frequently hired by significant others looking to not be so significant anymore without getting any blood on their hands. As you might imagine, Ross doesn't handle the news particularly well.

His first day on the job, mover Nick (Robin Lord Taylor, the Penguin on Fox's GOTHAM) hasn't quite completed his sensitivity training and isn't what anyone would call delicate in handling Ross's predicament. The anyone in question here is his supervisor -- and cousin -- Mason (Ryan Farrell, INSIDE AMY SCHUMER, JESSICA JONES), who's forced to balance breaking-in his new co-worker and breaking-up with the client according to protocol.

In this modern world where technology too often replaces actual human interaction, the most personal moments in our lives are being delivered by the most impersonal methods. This short film takes a look at what would happen if even breakups were contracted out. And you thought getting dumped by text was embarrassing!

## meet writer/directors **MARCIA FIELDS & MIKE SPEAR:**

During a debate over who was going to do the dishes, **FIELDS & SPEAR**, the husband and wife team behind MOVING ON, started "joking" about how "funny" it would be if this fight led to their breakup, which of course led to a discussion over the cleanest way to facilitate that breakup. In that moment, this film was conceived! By then, they were too busy laughing and taking notes to continue fighting. (Postscript: Mike did the dishes and they're still married.)

The couple met in 2004, while working on the television series ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT and have shared a hatred of onion-related products, a love of Huey Lewis (with or without The News), and a king-sized bed ever since. But it wasn't until 2010 that they began sharing a title page as a writing team. Producing and directing as a team was the only natural progression! Together or apart, Marcia & Mike have been working as writers and producers in both scripted and unscripted television for over a decade. In 2014, after nine months of labor, their first joint production was not, as their parents had hoped, a baby, but this short film. It may be the first one they co-wrote, produced, and directed together, but it's definitely not going to be the last.



**MARCIA FIELDS**



**MIKE SPEAR**

## cast & crew:



### **ROBIN LORD TAYLOR** "NICK"

Before 2014, You might have remembered Robin from the 2006 film "Accepted" or from his many TV appearances, including AMC's "The Walking Dead," NBC's "Law & Order," and CBS's "The Good Wife" and "Person of Interest." But now, you'll definitely recognize him as the scene-stealing Oswald Cobblepot -- otherwise known as The Penguin -- on the hit FOX series "Gotham."



### **RYAN FARRELL** "MASON"

Ryan is a member of the sketch comedy troupe DAMN FAMILY and has appeared on TV in NBC's "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" and "Taxi Brooklyn," FX's "The Americans," Comedy Central's "Inside Amy Schumer," and USA's "Royal Pains." He can also be seen in the upcoming Judd Apatow film "Trainwreck" and on Netflix's "Jessica Jones."



### **MIKE IVERS** "ROSS"

No stranger to the stage, Mike is a founding member of the NYC based theater group Wednesday Repertory Company. He's also been the worldwide face of Gillette and Acura, and appeared in spots for Keurig and Meineke. On the big screen, Mike can be seen in the Spike Lee produced feature "The Girl is in Trouble" and the South African based thriller "419."

**SUPPORTING CAST:** Amelia Martin,  
Cipha Sounds, Matteo Lane

producers  
IAN GELFAND, JENNA ZAK  
line producer  
NICOLE SALAZAR  
prod. coordinator  
MIKE O'GRADY  
director of photography  
BIANCA BUTTI  
first assistant director  
JENNY ROSE STARWALT  
camera operators  
PEDRO FERIA PINO  
FREDRICK ODHIAMBO  
production sound mixer  
SHANE LOVERO  
boom operator  
DAN SULLIVAN  
gaffer



key grip  
ROBERT PEARSON  
hair department  
SHAVAUGHN BYRD  
make-up department  
NATALIE THOMAS  
editor  
DANA SULLIVAN  
supervising sound  
editor/re-recording mixer  
KYLE MANGELS  
composer  
ROBB TORRES  
online/colorist  
KURT NISHIMURA  
promotional art  
GREG RIES  
production assistants

## production stills:



Ross, played by Mike Ivers, wakes up to a rough day.



Ryan Farrell as Mason and Robin Lord Taylor as Nick, on the job.



Nick (Robin Lord Taylor) and Mason (Ryan Farrell) stay on task as Ross (Mike Ivers) dwells.



One more thought from co-director Marcia Fields before action!



Nick (Robin Lord Taylor) and Mason (Ryan Farrell) ready Ross (Mike Ivers) for moving on.



DP Bianca Butti, camera operator Frede Odhiambo, and directors Marcia Fields and Mike spear block the scene with cast.



Mason (Ryan Farrell) drops Ross (Mike Ivers) off at his new home.



Annie (Amelia Martin), Ross, Mason and Nick end this long day with a toast.