

Saudade



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Saudade The Series

Logline

After fatal accident causes memory loss to a spirited dancer, she seeks the missing pieces in her life and the connections to the truth which her family, friends, and a familiar stranger holds.

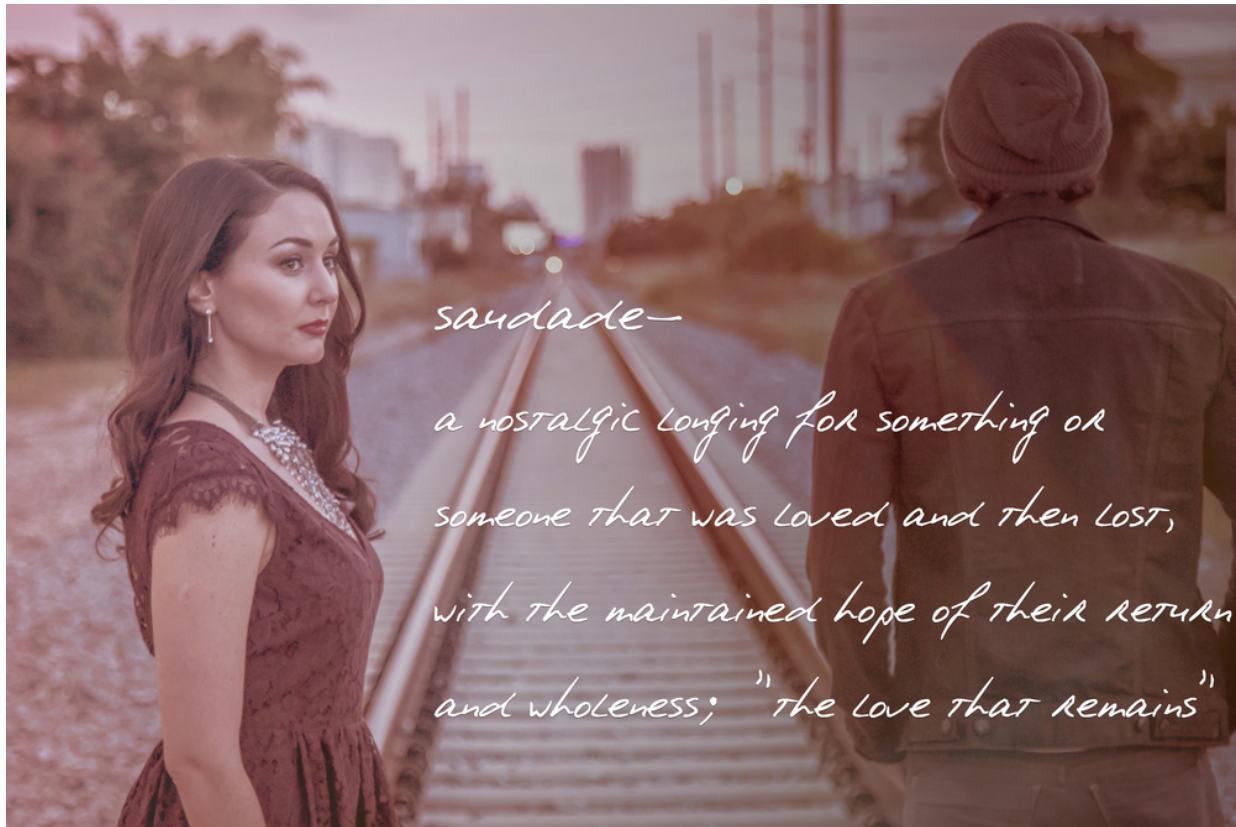
Synopsis

Saudade The Series is a character-driven drama about a fatal accident which generates a ripple effect of incidents upon a family, friends and even distant strangers, where each of their resulting choices of revenge or redemption drastically impacts the lives of one another.

Each episode navigates through each individual's backstory resulting in their current circumstances and further revealing the web of their connections with each other.

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Background Information



The Portuguese word '*saudade*' means the missing or longing for something or someone lost. However, there is the essence of maintained hope for the return of the missing piece and wholeness within this story. Through this series each character's story portrays this notion with their desire to become whole, struggles with unforgiveness or past traumas, and ultimately their drive to reach their ultimate envisioned dreams.

Saudade the Series, a SAG-AFTRA new media project produced by Open Door Film Productions in association with J.A.C.E Films and Media, and Erica Ashley Entertainment. *Saudade* is a drama series full of soul, tragedy, romance, and redemption, created and written by Jennifer Joy O'Grady, and the pilot episode directed by Joey Lamar Ashley. Jennifer and Joey have teamed up to executively produce an ambitious narrative project that will move us into nostalgic places resembling hope, clarity, and redeeming love.

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The Journey



Saudade is an incredible journey which began many years ago with the inception of its characters within Creator Jennifer Joy O'Grady's imagination. After years of developing each character's unique backstory and personalities, their story evolved into how they all fit together. Jennifer was encouraged by fellow filmmaker Joey Lamar Ashley to pursuing bringing these stories onto the screen. Jennifer and Joey decided to executive produce this ambitious passion project. They recruited and gathered a passionate production team. Then they held a casting call which hundreds of South Florida talent attended. Jennifer and Joey found the perfect cast to breathe life into these layered characters who were at the time simply words on a page. All these members worked relentlessly together as a unified unit with the goal in mind and grew to become the "Saudade Family." After months of production and post-production, the pilot episode premiere event took place on October 19th at the Cinema Paradiso and premiered worldwide online the same night.

Creating *Saudade* took a tremendous leap of faith and is certainly a labor of love. The *Saudade Family* would love nothing more than to continue this ride together, creating more episodes and see these character's stories come to fruition on the screen to share with the world. *Saudade The Series* was developed and created with the motive to impact, inspire and encourage audiences through each character's relatable story, honest personal struggle, and journey to find hope when all seems lost. Each character faces their own battle with themes such as; PTSD, grief, addiction, alcoholism, and abuse. This campaign is incredibly important to us because we believe those in the audience can relate to at least one of these characters and help them understand they are not alone in their circumstance or struggle and there is always a way out. We aim to produce honest, gripping and engaging original episodes with cinematic quality and artistic vision, evoking themes of nostalgia, loss, clarity, love, hope and redemption.

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Character Bios

Leo is a talented, soulful, yet troubled musician. When Leo returns back to his hometown, he stirs up forgotten memories and conflict between the characters. He stumbles upon Samuel's secrets, causing the resurfacing of tension between the two, who have yet to deal with the issues of their past. There is always a recurring theme in Leo's life and that's his love for Vivian. The extreme obstacles between Leo and 'Vivi' always appear as well. Leo has to decide if his fellow band member, Mackenzie, is one of those obstacles or an asset on the route to his dreams. Leo must determine what kind of man he is and if he is willing to pay the price to do what is right and possibly lose the most important thing to him.

Vivian is a compassionate, kindhearted, spirited dancer with an expressive soul. She struggles with her repressed memories, which seems to interfere with every area of her life, including her family, romantic relationships, and pursuing her dreams as a dancer. She is an imaginative lover of stories, but there are so many missing pages of her own story. She searches for truth and the answers to the blurred areas in her life.

Samuel finds his identity in protecting the ones he loves. He faces life with closed fists instead of open palms. Becoming the man of the family caused him to always take matters into his own hands. He attempts to fix things his own way, sometimes causing more damage. Despite his rough demeanor, his heart is purely driven by loyalty. He would lay down his life for his younger sister Vivian, his best friend and adopted brother, Desmond, and his girlfriend Summer. Through his journey, he must overcome his greatest obstacle; forgiveness.

Mackenzie is a confident music artist with a magnetic personality, who goes after what she wants with no regrets. Her music career comes first in her life, however, she also believes in living for the moment. Mackenzie appears strong, as she strives to not let anything effect her negatively. People are drawn to her humor, boldness, seemingly care-free personality, and apparent stage-presence. Mackenzie and Leo are the leading duo of the band which they developed together. Their chemistry and unique sound is undeniable. However, when their unresolved pasts resurface, they must make difficult decisions effecting their careers and their relationship.

Desmond is one who puts his friends and loved one's needs before his own. He will always have an upbeat smile on his face, even if something is troubling him. Despite being mistreated by his biological family, he finds the love of a family in Samuel, Karen, Vivian, and Summer. The issues stemming from his past resurface causing the trust between those closest to him to be shaken but never broken. Through his journey, Desmond rediscovers faith and his passion for helping others which leads to his freedom.

Camilla is Vivian's best friend and a fellow dancer with dreams far bigger than her humble beginnings. She is a wise young woman who has allowed the challenging circumstances of her life to develop and strengthen her instead of break her. Camilla is a bubbly extrovert with an understanding of the value of every moment.

Summer is a confident woman, who knows what she wants; her version of the 'American Dream.' She's developed her own way of keeping up appearances while surviving in dire circumstances. Samuel's devoted high-school-sweetheart continues to fight for the dream of having a thriving family of her own. Through her journey, she discovers life won't always go according to plan, and often times it turns out far better than she could've designed.

Karen is Samuel and Vivian's mother. She is a humble, strong woman, who relies on her faith in the most difficult circumstances. Despite her past mistakes, she lets her faith guide her. No matter the circumstances, she is always able to make her children laugh and have the right perspective. She took in Desmond and treated him as her own son. She is know for welcoming someone in need into her life, home, or heart.

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Credits

JENNIFER JOY O'GRADY

Creator, Writer, Executive Producer, Season One Director

Owner of Open Door Film Productions

JOEY LAMAR ASHLEY

Executive Producer, Pilot Director

Owner of J.A.C.E. Films & Media

ERICA ASHLEY

Associate Producer

Owner of Erica Ashley Entertainment

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Erica Ashley ... assistant producer

Joey Lamar Ashley ... executive producer

Jennifer Joy O'Grady ... executive producer

Series Cinematography by

Ariel Martinez

Fernando Gomez

CJ Santiago

Jhonson Simeon

Series Film Editing by

Ryan Chavez

CJ Santiago

Series Casting By

Joey Lamar Ashley

Jennifer Joy O'Grady

Series Production Design by

Christopher Smith

Series Art Direction by

Christopher Smith

Series Makeup Department

Anissa Moore ... hair stylist / makeup artist: key makeup artist

Series Production Management

Andrea Castillo ... unit production manager

Series Second Unit Director or Assistant Director

Caitlyn Howe ... assistant director

Series Art Department

Daniela Garces ... set dresser

Christopher Smith ... props

Series Sound Department

David De Souza ... boom operator

Fernando Gomez ... boom operator / sound recordist

Michael Mumford Jr. ... boom operator

Jhonson Simeon ... boom operator

Christopher Smith ... boom operator

Series Camera and Electrical Department

David De Souza ... assistant camera / grip

Fernando Gomez ... camera operator / grip

Ariel Martinez ... camera operator / gaffer

CJ Santiago ... camera operator

Jhonson Simeon ... camera operator / gaffer

Christopher Smith ... still photographer

Series Casting Department

Erica Ashley ... casting coordinator / extras casting

Series Costume and Wardrobe Department

Katonya Richmond ... costume supervisor / wardrobe supervisor

Series Music Department

Jessica Muniz-Collado ... music composer

Series Location Management

Jennifer Joy O'Grady ... location manager

Erica Ashley ... location manager

Joey Lamar Ashley ... location manager

Series Post Production

Jennifer Joy O'Grady ... post producer

Ariel Martinez ... colorist

CJ Santiago ... sound editor

Fernando Gomez ... co-sound Editor

CJ Santiago ... post mixing engineer

Series Other Crew

Ryan Chavez ... continuity / script supervisor

Nicky Rhea De Souza ... production assistant

Daniel Diaz ... production assistant

Daniela Garces ... production assistant

Bryan Mena-Motoa ... production assistant

Michael Mumford Jr. ... production assistant

Marquista Shipman ... choreographer

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