

# BOY SOLDIER

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a Transplant Pictures film



## **LOGLINE**

A boy, with an active imagination, battles through a war zone in his own home taking on a mission to stop his parent's divorce before it's too late.

### **Cast**

JONAH HWANG

MIKE KERSEY

AIDA LEMBO

and

IDREES DEGAS

### **Directed By**

JACK SWIKER

### **Produced By**

ADAM BRADSHAW

### **Co-Producer**

ED BAUMAN

### **Written By**

MANNY VALDIVIA & LEONARD LANGFORD

### **Director of Photography**

TOMMY OCEANAK

### **Edited By**

CHRIS WILLETT

### **Composer**

DANIEL BERK

### **Production Designer**

MARGAUX WILCOX

### **Costume Designer**

ALLISON AGLER

### **Sound Mixer & Designer**

KADYN MICHAELS

### **Script Supervisor**

MEGAN HOLMQUIST

### **Gaffer**

JAMES JEFFREY

### **Key Grip/1<sup>st</sup> AC**

KYLE THOR

### **Hair & Makeup Artist**

CARMELITA CONTRERAS

### **Set Designer**

JENNY VOGEL

### **Boom Operator**

DANIEL KHAYAT

### **Photographer**

SHAE-MARIE MARTINEZ

### **Craft Service**

CHARLENE SWIKER

## CAST & CREW BIOS



**JONAH HWANG**

Jonah is a second-generation actor following in the footsteps of his mother Jennifer Lien of *Star Trek Voyager*. Born in Upland, California, he began his acting career at the age of ten when his father cast him in an independent film *Outcall* out of convenience. Seeing his natural talent, his father enrolled him in acting classes and soon Jonah found himself in a music video, "Never Off." Following that success, Jonah has worked on the feature film "Actors Anonymous" based on James Franco's novel, short film "Marty: A Wild West Neverland", web series "Playhouse of Cards", and various commercials. He currently has a recurring co-star role on the television show "Shameless".



**AIDA LEMBO**

Aida Lembo is originally from Boston and lived in New York City for years before heading West. She has been in shows such as "Grey's Anatomy" and "Flight of the Conchords". When she's not acting, she's a Line Producer or 2nd Assistant Director for commercials, television and films such as Zoe Lister-Jones' "Band Aid", The Fine Brothers' first feature, "F\*&% The Prom", David Winkler's pilot, "The Picture", and Youtuber, Lisa Schwartz's Web Series, "Party Girl" and "This Isn't Working".



**MIKE KERSEY**

*Boy Soldier* is Mike's third film with Transplant Pictures. Mike has recently appeared in HBO's *True Detective* and ABC's *Revenge*. He studied Film, Theatre, & Television at the University of Notre Dame. His career has spanned television, film, commercials, and live theatre from the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival to Teatro Milagro in Portland, OR. Other credits include: *Grey's Anatomy*, *Dexter*, *NCIS*, *Scrubs*, and *The West Wing*. Mike can also be found coaching his 4 & 6 year old sons' t-ball and soccer teams.



**IDREES DEGAS**

Actor Idrees Degas was born in Chicago. Son of a registered nurse, Idrees graduated from Morehouse College in Atlanta, taking the stage at ETA, Steppenwolf and The Goodman Theatre in Chicago discovering his interest in acting. He moved to Los Angeles in 2008 and landed his first Big Lots commercial. Idrees is proud to join Producer Adam Bradshaw on their 5th collaboration in "Boy Soldier". Others projects include *Student Driver*, *Coop and Sturgeon: Time Cops*, and *We Made a Pact*. Idrees' other film credits include, *Scandal*, *Supergirl*, *American Crime Story* and *Barbershop 11* to name a few. He has recently finished a Crime-Drama and stars in the upcoming movie called "The Adventures of Hammer Jackson" which stars Dennis Hayden of "Die Hard".

## **JACK SWIKER**

Director

Jack Swiker is a filmmaker originally from Philadelphia, PA. He currently lives in Los Angeles and has directed multiple award-winning short films and web series including "Boy Soldier" (Best Film - 48 Hour Film Project Los Angeles 2016), "Student Driver", "D-Day" and "Up All Night with Kurt Magnum". He received his MFA in Film and Digital Media from American University (Washington D.C.) and a B.S. in Film from Rowan University (Glassboro, NJ). When he's not working with *Transplant Pictures*, he's either homebrewing, or hanging out with his dog, Polly and wife, Charlene.

## **ED BAUMAN**

Co-Producer

A native of the Jersey Shore, Edward Bauman has been following his filmmaking dreams since he first saw JAWS on cable television in the mid 90s. As a Producer he has been involved in the making of award winning short films for over ten years. His most recent effort, the short film Boy Soldier, took home "Best Film" at the 48 Hour Film Project: Los Angeles. Ed spends his days working in VFX, with credits including The Wolf of Wall Street, Captain America: The Winter Soldier, and the upcoming Justice League, and his nights lounging with his fiancé and two dogs. He currently resides in Los Angeles.

## **LEON LANGFORD**

Writer

Leon Langford is a professional screenwriter originally from Virginia. Leon has honed his skills as an award-winning screenwriter and has worked with Team Transplant to cultivate his passion for rich, impactful storytelling. He has an MFA in Screenwriting and English Literature, a B.A. in English, and a certificate from Oxford. He has always had a love of movies, as well as writing. After originally starting out as a novelist, he has since narrowed his focus to screenwriting. He currently has a few projects in development and has placed in a number of screenwriting contests.

## **ADAM BRADSHAW**

Producer

Born and raised in Kalamazoo, Michigan, Adam Bradshaw has always been a storyteller. As Producer, he has developed and produced award-winning web series, short films, commercials and music videos including, "Boy Soldier" (48 Hour Film Festival "Best Film"), "Other Side" (IFS Film Festival "Best Short Film"), "Face to Face", "The Broken Gun" (College Broadcasters Inc. "Best Web Series"), "Up All Night with Kurt Magnum" and "King Bachelor's Pad" ("Best New Media Series" - Burbank International Film Festival). Alumnus of Rowan University (B.A. Radio, TV, Film) and currently lives in Los Angeles.

## **TOMMY OCEANAK**

Director of Photography

Tommy Oceanak started his career in Philadelphia, PA before making the move out west to Los Angeles. He has shot dozens of commercials, music videos and short films including "K, Great Thanks" a TV pilot for Executive Producer Dany Garcia, "Boy Soldier" (48 Hour Film Festival "Best Film"), "Other Side" (IFS Film Festival "Best Short Film") and "Bastard" a short film making its way around the award circuit now. His passion for filmmaking and love of movies motivates him everyday. He is an alumnus of the Cinematography graduate program at Chapman University's Dodge College of Film.

## **MANNY VALDIVIA**

Writer

Manny Valdivia is a film and television writer. A native Angeleno, Manny was born and raised in Boyle Heights, Los Angeles. He graduated from California State University, Fullerton with a B.A. in English and continued his education at the UCLA Writing Program. He has worked in several facets of the industry, working on productions like "In Treatment," and "Glee." He has also worked in developing many projects currently in production or already released, often in charge of finding literary material for producers and developing that material for the screen. Most recently, his pilot was a finalist in the ATX Television Festival "The Pitch" competition.

## **CHRIS WILLETT**

Editor

Portland, OR native, Christopher Willett is a film editor whose past clients include Marvel, Disney, Warner, Fox Sports and Universal Studios, Legendary Digital Networks and online channels Funny or Die, Nerdist and Geek & Sundry. His independent film credits include the 2010 short film *The Attic*, which he wrote, directed and edited (Ray Bradbury Theatre Film Festival; Northwest Film Festival; Best Director, NW Short Film Festival) and 2016 short film *Boy Soldier*, which he edited (Best Picture, 48 Hour Film Project). He has a B.S. in Mathematics (cum laude) from Santa Clara University and a B.A. in Film (high honors) from Art Institute of Portland. He currently lives in Los Angeles.

## **DANIEL BERK**

Composer

While attending Musicians Institute in Hollywood for music business, artist development, production, and composition, Daniel realized his ultimate dream of becoming a film composer. Soon after, he honed in on his skills and started to compose for various short films, indie films, and student films. In the years following, Daniel trained under veteran film composer Andrew Gross. Since then, he has earned more than 75 credits working on indie films, feature films, short films, television shows, movie trailers, commercials, web series, apps, and jingles. Daniel currently works out of his home studio in Los Angeles, California.



## FILM FESTIVALS

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### **48 Hour Film Project: Los Angeles 2016** - **Worldwide Premiere**

Best Film  
Best Writing  
Audience Award

*Nominated for Best Actor (Jonah Hwang), Best Directing, Best Production Design, Best Sound Design, Best Use of Genre*

### **Burbank International Film Festival 2016 (Burbank, California)**

### **Covellite International Film Festival 2016 (Butte, Montana)** - **Montana Premiere**

### **Lone Star Film Festival 2016 (Fort Worth, Texas)** - **Texas Premiere**

### **Borrego Springs Film Festival 2017 (Borrego Springs, CA)**

### **48 Hour Film Project Filmopalooza Intl. Film Festival 2017 (Seattle, Washington)** - **Washington Premiere**

Best Sound Design  
Best Film - Los Angeles

### **RTF Media Festival (Rowan University - Glassboro, NJ)** - **New Jersey Premiere**

Best Alumnus Film

### **Garden State Film Festival 2017 (Atlantic City, NJ)**



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