



a film by eboni adams

grace



Who will take care of your parents as they age? Will it be you?



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[Narrative Short]

Running Time:

16m 37s

Directed, written, produced by:

Eboni Adams

Edited by:

A.P Junior

Cinematographer:

Anthony Perrella Jr

Composer:

A.P. Junior



LOGLINE

Who will take care of your parents as they age? A woman struggles to accept the responsibility for taking care of her elderly father suffering from dementia.

SYNOPSIS

Grace, a single, 30-something, ESL teacher is forced to return home after her mother's passing. She returns home to a frustrated sister who has bared the responsibility of taking care of their parents for years. Now that Grace has returned home her younger sister who has a family of her own has decided to hand over the duties. On this particular day, we go on a journey with Grace as she struggles with taking care of her father who suffers from early onset dementia or missing out on a job opportunity that could rekindle her love of teaching. Although she's been a teacher for many years Grace becomes a student when she taught a valuable lesson from an unlikely person.

DIRECTOR, Eboni Adams

Originally from Austin, Texas Eboni is passionate about all things creative. After receiving a B.F.A in dance from Sam Houston State University she pursued her dance career. Eboni has had success as a professional dancer in both the concert and commercial world. From Cirque du Soleil to the L.A. Opera she has worked with many greats in the industry. The highlight of her career was dancing in Celine Dion's, "A New Day...", at Caesars Palace Las Vegas.

Eboni has turned her focus to storytelling as an actor and filmmaker. She wrote, directed, produced and stars in her very first short film titled, Grace. Eboni recently received industry recognition as her short film Grace, was an official selection at the 26th Pan African Film Festival, where it made its world premiere.

As Eboni continues to explore her voice as a woman in the film industry she hopes to tell stories that inspire. She's currently gearing up for 3 upcoming film festivals where Grace is an official selection.



Director Statement

I was inspired to write Grace after witnessing my mother do her best to care for my 93 year old grandmother as she started showing signs of dementia. Fortunately, both of my parents are in excellent health. However, I started to wonder if one day they would need assistance would I be ready to give up my career and take care of them.

I am the oldest of three. I'm the only one with no kids. So the next question that has come up for me is whether or not I'd automatically be the designated caretaker of my aging parents simply because I haven't started a family of my own.

In writing Grace my approach was to tell the story from the point of view of Grace, a single woman, focused on her career struggling to accept the responsibility of taking care of her elderly father. The film explores the sibling as well as the parent-child relationship. It also touches on the curiosity that society has with women of a certain age not being married with kids.

I'd like for the audience to not only connect to each character but also feel inspired to ask themselves this question, "Who will take care of my parents as the age?". I believe this one question will lead to a conversation worth having. Ultimately my goal as a filmmaker is to take the audience on a journey that leaves them with a new perspective and a sense of hope. Simply put sometimes we encounter obstacles and disgraceful moments that lead us to grace.





Ebony Adams as *Grace*

Ebony plays Grace a single, woman who is focused on her career as a teacher and isn't quite ready to accept the full responsibility of being her father's caretaker.



Allen Guidry as *Virgil*

Allen plays Virgil, father to Grace and Angela. His occasional delirious behavior due to early onset dementia poses as a challenge as Grace tries her best to care for him.



Mark Anthony as *Officer Williams*

Mark plays Officer Williams an empathetic police officer . He's not only a model police officer who protects and serves his community he's also wise beyond his years.

CINEMATOGRAPHER, Anthony Perrella Jr

Anthony has close to 30 years of experience telling stories through Film, Theatre, Opera, Poetry and Music. He has a BFA and MFA in Theatre. *Grace* marks Perrella Jr's festival debut. Upcoming projects include two feature films with Director Mark Newton and a web-series with motivational speaker Alex Weber.



1st ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, Peter Horvath

Peter is originally from Hungary where he worked as an Assistant Director for a Tv series called, Fable Chain. In the spring he'll graduate with a BFA in Film production from California State University Northridge. Peter plans to pursue an MFA in Business with a focus on the producing side of the Tv/ Film industry.



SCRIPT CONSULTANT, Larry Gold

Larry is a Brooklyn native currently living in Los Angeles where he's a private acting coach and script consultant. He has taught at Lee Strasberg Institute and Theater of the Arts just to name a few.





PRAISE

2018 Official Selection- **Pan African Film Festival**

2018 Official Selection- **Houston Black Film Festival**

2018 Official Selection- **Poppy Jasper International Film Festival**

2018 Official Selection- **National Black Film Festival**

CREDITS

Directed, Written, Produced by:

Director of Photography

1st Assistant Director

2nd Assistant Director

Editor

Sound Recordist

Script Consultant

Music by

Producer Assistant

CAST

Grace

Virgil

Officer Williams

Peter

Angela

Students

Yoga Student

Eboni Adams

Anthony Perrella Jr

Peter Horvath

Larry Zuka

A.P Junior

Steven Kimbrough & Justin Renken

Larry Gold

A.P Junior

Tyrone Brown

Eboni Adams

Allen Guidry

Mark Anthony

Peter Kim

Keena Ferguson

Francis Chen

Camille Agoncillo

Alex Jo

Jasmine Ejan

IL Goo Chang

Alejandro Cervantes

Charles Hamilton



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