

ICE PRINCE



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A FILM BY RAS K CREWS

THE MAIN CHARACTER KITARE LOSES HIS FOCUS, AND FINDS HIMSELF OWING TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO A MUSIC PRODUCER. HIS GIRLFRIEND RENEE WANTS HIM TO RELAX AND THINK POSITIVELY. FEELING THE PRESSURE HE ALMOST MAKES A BAD DECISION WITH HASIN HIS BEST FRIEND. BUT HE HAS ANOTHER DEMON TO TACKLE, BEHIND HIS PREGNANT GIRLFRIENDS BACK HE MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN ANOTHER WOMAN, JENNY PREGNANT.

Directors Notes

ICE PRINCE WAS ORIGINALLY A NOVEL THAT EVOLVED INTO WHAT IT IS TODAY. THE MAIN CHARACTER WAS CREATED WHEN I WAS GOING THROUGH A PRISON SENTENCE AND HAD A MAJOR SHIFT IN MY THINKING.

I STARTED SELF REFLECTING ABOUT SOME OF THE EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE IN MY LIFE WHICH LED ME TO BE WHERE I WAS. I THOUGHT ABOUT THE PEOPLE THAT I CROSSED PATHS WITH, THE MUSIC THAT I LISTENED TO, THE BLOCK THAT I GREW UP ON, MY FRIENDS, MY FAMILY, EVERYTHING. THIS PERIOD OF INTROSPECTION INSPIRED ME TO USE MY TIME WISELY AND INSTEAD OF PASSING TIME BEING NEGATIVE I BEGAN TO WRITE.

I CREATED THE FIRST PAGES OF WHAT IS NOW CALLED ICE PRINCE. THE ORIGINAL SCRIPT WAS INFLUENCED BY MOVIES SUCH AS "EIGHT MILE" AND "HUSTLE AND FLOW". I REMEMBER WATCHING THESE MOVIES ON THE BIG SCREEN AND ACTUALLY RELATING TO THE STRUGGLES OF THE MAIN CHARACTERS REPRESENTED IN EACH FILM.

I WAS IN AWE OF HOW RAW EACH MOVIE WAS. I COULD FEEL THE EMOTION OF EACH CHARACTER IN THE MOVIE BUT WHAT GRABBED MY ATTENTION EVEN MORE WAS THE MUSIC AND THE REPRESENTATION OF HIP-HOP MUSIC AND CULTURE.

THE SECOND I GOT THE CHANCE TO PURSUE MY PASSION I DID AND THIS IS THE BEGINING OF IT HERE.

THIS FILM IS ABOUT HOLDING ON. A GENRE THAT IS OVERLOOKED IS THE STORYTELLING OF HONEST HUMAN SACRIFICE AND BLUNDERS AS WELL AS JOY AND IMPROVEMENT. THIS SHORT AIMS TO CHANGE THAT. FILMED IN NEW YORK'S BROOKLYN, BRONX, QUEENS AND MANHATTAN BOROUGHS IT PAINTS A REALISTIC PICTURE OF LIFE.

.....RAS K CREWS

Q & A

[Q] How did you come up with Ice Prince?

[A] The original script was influenced by movies such as “Eight Mile” and “Hustle and Flow”

[Q] Was producing Ice Prince a challenge?

[A] The biggest challenge was the weather, we had to film one exterior scene four times!

[Q] Where did you find your actors?

[A] We used CastingNetworks, they are extremely stress free to new directors.

[Q] How did you choose your DoP?

[A] I had a friend that I used to work with at a record label, he referred me.

[Q] What festival circuits if any, are you planning to enter?

[A] NYC Indie Film Festival , SCAD, VIFF, Urban Films Festival, Rooftop FilmFestival, and Atlanta Film Festival.

[Q] What did you learn from directing this production?

[A] So many things, the final edit is never done. Actors have breaking points. The shot you want most likely will have to substituted. The editor knows best, (laughter).

[Q] What tips do you have for people looking to get into this field?

[A] Don't let the boundaries stop you. If people say its impossible, that just means to them its impossible. And keep water on set at all times. It makes your team feel important.

THE CAST

Timothy Mills (Kitare)

Timothy Mills is a SAG/AFTRA Actor who is born & raised in Brooklyn New York where he found his love for acting in 2015, while performing in a music video. He is quoted as saying, "I knew I was born to entertain but becoming an actor wasn't that common in my neighborhood".

William Kwaku Asante (Hassin)

Wassup guys my name is William Kwaku Asante playing as Hassin. I've recently made my debut in the acting world with a play called "My husband doesn't know I'm single" at 21. You can find me on INSTAGRAM @Will.hooligan also on twitter @willhooligan

Bridget Uchendu (Juliet)

Bridget Uchendu was born and raised in Little Rock Arkansas. While acting was always a passion her senior year of high school she decided against moving to New York after Sept 11, 2001 happened her senior year. Previously as well as currently, Bridget has resided in Dallas, Texas where she is still pursuing acting as well as her second love..modeling

Samantha Wendorf (Jenny)

Samantha Wendorf is a NYC-based actress who attended T. Schreiber Studio & Theatre's Conservatory in New York City. She has also contributed to many student films and web series. A native New Yorker, Samantha is a graduate of City University of New York with a B.A. in Broadcast Journalism & Acting.

Marcia Hopson (Carmen)

New York City trained, Marcia Hopson currently can be seen as the brown-nosing, manipulative, Jackie, in the web series Big Scouts. She is often seen as the quirky, loving mom in a variety of commercials, some of which include, Post Cereal, Claritin, NyQuil, Raymour and Flannigan, and Arm & Hammer. She currently has an obsession with the Brazilian dance, forro. "I am thankful for the art of acting. I wish that everyone could study it. Acting connects us to our truth."

PRODUCTION

Ras K Crews (Director)

Ras "Kiyaz" Crews was born and raised in the Bronx, New York. He lived in a very organized and disciplined household. His mother was a homemaker and his father was an entrepreneur. Education was very important in his household. He read everything that he could get his hands on. He was considered a nerdy kid because he did so well in school and was able to grasp subjects that children his age couldn't comprehend or just didn't care about. He was interested in computers before they were a common household item and information technology was a lucrative career. He was encouraged to think about a career in computers but being rebellious teenager his focus seemed to lie elsewhere. It was really hip-hop music, writing poetry and short stories. He used to sneak the VHS video recorder out of the house so that he could record local dancers showing off their new break dancing moves. He was in the middle of the b-boy era. This was an exciting time and he needed footage. He didn't realize at that time he would become interested in filmmaking as a serious career; he was just having fun!

Future projects include UnHinged, A Rage in Her Heart, and UnSeen Nation and Protect the Cry. Ras "K" Crews has two daughters, Satoria Diane Crews and Unique Diamond Crews. He currently lives in New York, New York with his wife Nicola.

Cyrille Njikeng (Assistant Director)

Cyrille Njikeng migrated from Cameroon in 2007 to pursue the American dream. This experience fuelled him with the zeal to find his true passion and career. In 2009, Cyrille borrowed a friend's camcorder to film a bus trip to Minnesota, during that trip, he fell in love with the camera and decided to embrace the career of filmmaking. Cyrille Njikeng is currently pursuing an MFA at the city college of New York.

.....Cyrille Njikeng

Joshua Cruz (Cinematography)

Joshua Cruz was born in Harlem NY on October 12 1990. In the summer of 2013 Joshua Cruz enrolled to the University at Buffalo, where he became the videographer for the student government [UB Student Association], Joshua had the chance to work with Michael Madsen for a Canadian film title "Q four dream corp" in which is under development.

.....Joshua Cruz

Mark Jeremiah (Photographer)

Mark Jeremiah, was raised on the west side of Harlem on 152nd and Amsterdam between Broadway. and I would say I was there were I learned about culture and style. A graduate of Bronx Community College film program. Hwe has his own Film Service Company called Focus Framez Media.

.....Mark Jeremiah

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