



# DUST *and* ASHES

*Official Press Kit*

FOR THE GLORY OF THE DUST WILL FADE,  
IN THE ASHES WE WILL SEE NO FLAW,  
AND THE LOST CHILDREN  
WILL FIND THEIR HOME.

-F.M. CAELESTIS, **THE LOST CHILDREN**

## Logline

On the outskirts of a utopian city where only perfect health and wholeness are accepted, a mute cripple and his autistic brother smuggle resources to an outcast community.

## Synopsis

Moses lost his voice and his ability to walk freely of pain, but he did not lose his tenacity. His autistic brother Joshua fetches his hacky sack from the mud as they once again wait by the river for their package to arrive. But this time, the basket does not arrive downstream alone: Kiera, a young desperate woman from Caesaria, endangers their underground operations.

A society's values can be discovered based on the way they treat their most vulnerable populations. *Dust and Ashes* explores what a man would do if his society no longer valued his people.



# CAST *of* CHARACTERS



*Moses* Josh Cisewski

*Joshua* Jayden Peterman

*Kiera* Anna Stranz

*Cpt. Smith* Dawson Ehlke

*Lt. Reiner* Rue Norman

*Cpl. Wilkes* Joshua Peterson

*Patros* Bruce Purcell

*Christof* Vlad Messing

*Kasey* Hana Shapiro

*Arietta* Eden Cisewski



# DIRECTOR'S BIO

Josh Zapata-Palmer (Joshua Palmer) is a film and theater artist based in Minneapolis, MN. After graduating from Bethel University with a B.A. in Theatre Arts, Josh began working at ACR Homes (a residential home for people with disabilities) as Creative Design Director and gained a passion for celebrating people with disabilities. *Dust and Ashes* is a reminder to care for and protect the people who cannot care for themselves.

To Josh, making films is about building a creative community and telling either important stories or ridiculous ones.

Whether he's telling stories, teaching classes, or creating new works, Josh desires to spread joy and hope in everything he does.

## *Directing Filmography:*

The Paper Jam (2013)  
Core Value Rangers (2014)  
We Are Kickball (2018)  
Kowalskis (2019)  
Dust and Ashes (2019)

## *Film Acting:*

Son of Man (2015)  
Over the Edge (2016)  
Light Force (2017)  
Bear (2017)  
My First Funeral (2019)



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# SPECIFICATIONS

*Film Type:* Short

*Genres:* Sci-fi, Drama

*Runtime:* 21 minutes 30 seconds

*Completion Date:* June 29, 2019

*Production Budget:* 3,000 USD

*Place of Origin:* Minnesota, United States

*Format:* Digital, 24fps, Sound 5.1

*Aspect Ratio:* 2.39:1



A photograph of two people walking away from the camera down a path in a forest. The person on the left is wearing a long, light-colored, hooded robe. The person on the right is wearing a dark, hooded tunic and trousers. The forest is dense with trees and fallen leaves on the ground. The lighting is warm and golden, suggesting late afternoon or early morning.

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