

WALLS

A film by Justin Kimata



SYNOPSIS

Walls is a short drama about a teenage boy named David who is afraid of being emotionally vulnerable. When David's best friend, Johnathan, notices his abuse at home, David must overcome his fear of rejection in order to embrace his friend's support.

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

We are all in need of intimacy. However, this can only truly exist on the other side of vulnerability (something that masculinity helps to create extra barriers for). Masculinity also helps to encourage the idea that love is only for romantic relationships. When this happens, men miss out on the much-needed beauty and support of deep, trusting friendships. This film explores how this phenomenon plays out in an adolescent setting with an approach that is both honest and poetic.



Director
JUSTIN KIMATA

Born and raised in Hawaii, Justin will be entering his senior year of college at the University of Hawaii at Manoa this fall. He is an ACM (Academy of Creative Media) major and music minor. Justin has worked on multiple professional film sets and has worked as a production employee at PBS Hawaii. Most recently, he directed a documentary short depicting the life of renowned opera singer Laurie Rubin which went on to screen at the Hawaii International Film Festival and the Made in Hawaii Film Festival. Justin looks forward to telling stories that surround film's less explored topics.



Producer
DEBBIE KWON

Born and raised in Hawaii, Debbie will be entering her final semester as an ACM major at UH Manoa. She is currently animating most of her films but is passionate about directing live-action films as well. This is her first project as a co-producer and hopes to gain as much experience as possible for her future films.



Producer
ZACHARY SMITH

Zachary is a recent graduate of the University of Hawai'i at Manoa after transferring from Wesleyan University in 2015. A Creative Media major and American Studies minor, Zachary has been passionate about film and culture since high school and hopes to pursue screenwriting. He has worked on numerous ACM sets as both Assistant Director and Producer.



Director of Photography
ERICK MELANSON

Erick is a recent graduate of the ACM program at UH Manoa looking forward to beginning a career in cinematography. Originally from Massachusetts, he always loved visiting Hawaii and has lived here for the past five years. Becoming a part of the local filmmaking community on Oahu has been one of his most rewarding experiences since moving. He won the award of Best Comedy for his film *Rap's Maps* last year at the ACM showcase.



Assistant Director
CHRISTIAN LEE

Christian Lee is an aspiring filmmaker born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii. He currently attends the University of Hawaii at Manoa's ACM program and one day hopes to make his own independent short film. He has found joy in working as an Assistant Director on countless short films at the University of Hawaii including, Lulu in the Summer, The Father, and Walls. He has also been a Production Assistant on many professional sets including Mo'o, A Simple Man, Bank of Hawaii, and Other People.



Production Designer
KELCI MURAKAMI

Kelci is a recent graduate who majored in both Japanese and ACM at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Kelci hopes to further her film education on the mainland. While editing is her main passion, she loves to learn about the other various roles that go into film production. This is her first time as a production designer.



Sound Recordist
KYLE MOTONAGA

Kyle Motonaga was born and raised on the island of Oahu, Hawaii. He grew up on the east side of the island in Kāneohe, away from the big city. Now, he is a senior at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa and is working towards a degree in creative media with the goal of writing and directing in the film industry.



Assistant Camera
LESLIE DAM

Leslie is a transfer student from Sacramento, California, and an ACM major at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Since moving, he has worked on many productions within the ACM and the local film community. Leslie hopes to tell stories that bring tears and laughter to everyone as well as inspire change for a greater tomorrow.



David
CJ NAVE

CJ was born in California but has lived in Hawaii since he was three years old. He has been acting ever since he appeared in his first local commercial at the age of six. Through the years, CJ has studied both theater and film/TV acting, but the latter has become his passion. He regularly takes classes via Skype with various acting coaches based in Los Angeles. CJ is represented by the Kathy Muller Agency in Hawaii, and Kazarian, Measures, Ruskin, and Associates in Los Angeles. He is currently a freshman at Kapiolani Community College with plans to transfer to a Theater School at a four-year University in California to further his study of the craft of acting.



Johnathan
XANDER VAN DEN BERG

Xander is a senior at Kapolei High School and is excited to be part of this project. He was last seen in full drag as an Angel in DHT's *Kinky Boots* (Diamond Head Theater) and as Jack Kelly in PACK's *Newsies* (Performing Arts Center of Kapolei). Xander is excited to take a step into the cinematic realm and to see where it takes him.



Adam
SAM BASS

Sam is an actor represented by Liquid Studios Entertainment out of Burbank California. He is also represented by Kathy Muller. Sam's professional career consisted of being a US Air Force Police Officer, Refrigeration and Furniture Delivery Contractor, various high-level security positions, Personal Trainer, Sporting Goods Store Manager, Executive Sales, and most recently, a Sr. Computer Systems Engineer. This led him down a crazy path to the world of performing where, currently, Sam is a full-time Actor. Sam can be seen in various shows including *Hawai'i Five-O*, *Magnum PI*, *Jurassic World 2*, *The Naked Director*, and *Marvel Inhumans*.



Mother
UNA WILDING

Una graduated from the University of California Irvine with a B.A in Drama. Over the past ten years, she continued her professional study of acting at Scott Rogers Studios. She guest-starred in the hit TV shows Hawaii 5-0 and Magnum P.I. She's also had principal roles in the feature film Man Up and the short film Leave Keys in Car. In her spare time, Una enjoys archery, standup paddling, dancing, and singing. She also enjoys taking improv. and Jiu-Jitsu classes.



Basketball Player
YOSHIMI MATOBA

Yoshimi will be entering his Junior year as a communications major at the University of Hawaii at Manoa this fall. He was enrolled in the theater department's Intro to Acting course with professor Christine Chang where he learned about this casting opportunity. The Walls production has been one of his first experiences as a performer and he is excited to explore the realm of acting for film. Yoshimi hopes to one day star in a large Hollywood production.

CAST

David
CJ NAVE

Johnathan
XANDER VAN DEN BERG

Adam
SAM BASS

Mother
UNA WILDING

Basketball Player
YOSHIMI MATOBA

Basketball Team
Ethan Rudometkin, Trey Lieb, Kanoa Gibson, Peter Gallogly, Mizah Carreira, Jayden Kipapa, Koby Sison, Kel Higashi, Austin Newton, Ethan Thomas, Vaisen Vilorio, Zane Kanahele, Jeremy Marquette

Extras
Madison Abrazado, Kailen Kimata, Sean Sugimoto, Allison Comlat, Kelly Thomas, Meg Burke, Kalel Higashi, Katelyn Amine, Kylie Ann Amine

CREW

Writer/Director
JUSTIN KIMATA

Director of Photography
ERICK MELANSON

Producer
ZACHARY SMITH

Producer
DEBBIE KWON

Production Designer
KELCI MURAKAMI

Sound Recordist
KYLE MOTONAGA

1st Assistant Camera
BRYCE PEDERSEN

2nd Assistant Camera
LESLIE DAM

Assistant Director
CHRISTIAN LEE

Boom Operator
JASON SAKAMOTO

Makeup Artist
NICHOLAS HOWE

Gaffing
AIYANA PASCHAL

Sound Editor & Foley Artist
ALEXA L. BORDEN

Dialogue & ADR Editor
CAMILO GOMEZ

Music Composer
PAUL LAMALFA

Color Grading
WARREN EAGLES

Casting Crew
Anna Eggleton, Sarah Belbas, Ciana Bird,
Deja-Daniel Richards, Nathaniel Atwell

Grips
Emilee Wong, Malachi Mcsherry, Kolbe
Fontanilla, David Murray, Charles
Dote, Joshua Olson, Zion Tamashiro