

The Magnificence of you



Press Kit & Production Notes



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About

Technical Specification

Runtime	29.31 minutes (including credits)
Aspect Ratio	16:9 HD
Original Aspect Ratio	16:9 4K UHD, Downscaled
Audio	Stereo
Captions	English, Spanish, French, Italian, Portuguese



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“Sometimes you never know you love someone until it becomes a memory.”

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Log Line

After separating from his wife, a successful businessman quickly finds himself in a fun-loving relationship with the woman of his dreams. But is it just another illusion?

Synopsis

The Magnificence of You provides a uniquely candid insight into the relationships we have with ourselves, with others and our world. How we create a mental understanding to protect our ego's story of why a person is good for us, when our heart is communicating a different message which we choose to silence. It is a biographical account that is immediately gripping, filled with laughter and inspiration.



Plot Summary

Lost in the illusion of what his new girlfriend means to him, Joel is fighting an inner battle with his ego who loves being seen with a beautiful woman that attracts attention, and his heart communicating to him that something is not right.

Feeling torn inside because of the stable life he left behind with a wonderful wife, with whom he has a daughter and runs a business, he is dealing with guilt and sadness hidden behind smiles and laughter for the cameras.

From the outside, people judge from their own perception, thinking he is having the time of his life, released from responsibility, dating a young model, and living the dream, not knowing what is truly happening behind the scenes.

He keeps the illusion alive until he can no longer ignore the inner pain he is feeling. We witness a brutal break up scene in front of the camera crew, and Joel is left wondering if he let go of true love in his confusion.



“We are taught to find love outside of us, so we live in the illusion that someone will save us.”



Audience

15+ living in a social inclusion reality, feeling they are not enough and fearing missing out. Unable to communicate to anyone what is really going on for the fear of judgement and shame that may follow if they speak their truth.

Subjects of Focus

Relationships, Loneliness, Mental Wellness, Separation, Midlife Crisis, Self-Development, Truth, Lies

Genre

Documentary, Real Life, Relationships

Director Statement

“ We are all doing the best we can
with the knowledge and awareness we have.
Holding on and trying to enjoy
this rollercoaster ride we call life. ”

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This is a very personal project and one I am grateful to share. It was like I was being guided to deliver this story and I worked endlessly to achieve the outcome. It is entertaining whilst remaining true and respectful to those involved.

From Cyprus to Bucharest we had a camera crew to capture every magical moment, completing the filming in January 2020. With love and determination to overcome all obstacles, I am delighted to present The Magnificence of You.

– Joel Van der Molen



Key Cast and Crew

Joel Van der Molen

Lead / Writer, Director, and Producer

Joel Alexander Van der Molen is a multi award winning English Actor and Filmmaker, best known for telling his own life story in the Documentary Film, *Living My Illusion* on Amazon Prime.

He grew up in South East England, attended local Schools, was a young British Tennis hopeful and studied acting at The Webber Douglas Academy of Dramatic Art in London. He holds dear his love of acting, being able to communicate through a creative medium to tell a story to others.

Winner of 18 Global Film Awards and a Stardust Award, he features in *Sovereign Global Magazine*, and is on the front cover of *Film The Magazine*.

He has spoken at the Commonwealth for International Women's Day, London Business Network, The London Business Show, and twice for *Inspired Stage*.

He has been interviewed on many internet broadcast programs around the world, and for the Spanish and Mexican Press with interviews in the Spanish language.

Joel lives in England and travels globally for acting, speaking and filmmaking. His native language is English, and he speaks good Spanish.



Nobody breaks our heart; they break our expectations that bring us closer to our heart.



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Carolline Salomão

Lead / Associate Producer

Carolline Salomão is an award-winning Franco-Brazilian actress of Syrian Lebanese descent. She grew up in São Paulo, Brazil, and Graduated in Social Communication. She extended her studies to Psychoanalysis and Acting and studied Cinema in Paris.

With a master's degree in Environmental Issues Carolline is naturally curious and dedicated to understanding the world around her. She brings her intellect and charisma to the characters she portrays on stage and screen.

Carolline is a classically trained dancer and has studied Yoga, Brazilian jiu-jitsu, and other fighting styles to a high level. With a natural talent for all sports, she can swim, horse ride and plays tennis.

Her native language is Portuguese, and she is fluent in English, Spanish and French. Based in London she travels globally for acting and filmmaking.



Rodrigo Rayon

Director of Photography / Editor

Rodrigo Rayon is a Mexican filmmaker and digital nomad with a master's degree in film editing and persuasive communication. He travelled the world working on a variety of projects prior to the 2020 pandemic.

He started his professional film career at the age of 17 working in Mexico for various film companies in different roles. At the age of 20, after graduating from film school, he worked at 2 of the 3 largest television stations in the country as a Producer and Director.

He was invited to become a university professor of film production, post-production, editing and photography, sharing knowledge and practices with hundreds of future film professionals. This continued for 10 years alongside his work with the television stations.

In 2017 he worked for MTV Latin-American with the reality show "Catfish: Mentirasen La Red" as the Local Producer for the chapters on Puebla City, which was broadcast to over 10 million viewers.

After this project, he left Mexico to embark on travels through Europe alone with his camera. He was commissioned for work in Italy, Slovakia, Austria, the United Kingdom, The Netherlands, Bulgaria and France, developing his art and techniques further in film production, photography and editing, winning various awards and recognition for his work.





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The magnificence of You follows the relationship between a man of middle age and his young girlfriend. As we watch the story playing out in full circle, we are invited to look at the relationships we have in our own lives, starting with ourselves. Joel openly shares his struggles and learnings in his own life as a lesson for others. This is not the first time we see Joel do this. In Living My Illusion, he shares his life on screen in a very brave and candid way. In The Magnificence of you Joel provides another slice of real life injected with wisdom about the ego vs the heart, and how we go in search of something we perceive we want, to find out that we just created another illusion.

Joel is honest with himself and the viewer of how he was controlling and wanted to be seen with a beautiful young girlfriend and show her off in front of jealous onlookers, whilst silencing the voice inside communicating to him that something is not right.

The ending holds an important message for anyone in search of the magnificence of who they are but blocked by the fear of loss. Joel’s voice throughout the narration is perfectly tuned and carries the viewer effortlessly from beginning to end. Carolline Salomão plays the part with elegance and charm and is breathtakingly beautiful on screen as the young woman blindly in love. It is a unique and special film that sets a new bar in documentary filmmaking, brought together with talented cinematography and editing by Rodrigo Rayon.

Roy Allaway

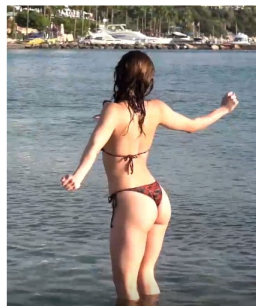
Roy’s Happy Hour on Radio Woking

Anyone who has been in a relationship can think of a time when they have felt like Joel in The Magnificence of You. Told from a very personal point of view we are immediately gripped by the opening scene setting us up wanting to discover what is going on here and what are we watching. As the film progresses, we are taken on a journey inside the mind of Joel, his thoughts and confusion about the relationship he has with himself and how this is reflected in his outer world. It is well constructed, sad, but uplifting and life questioning. One thing I loved about this film is Joel’s wonderful voice in narration throughout. It is a must watch.

Mike Johnson

Tea with Mike Show

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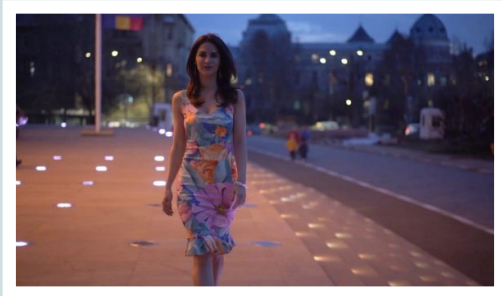




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Passage to Poise choose their favourite outfits from The Magnificence of You.

Carolline Salomão wears: GUESS.

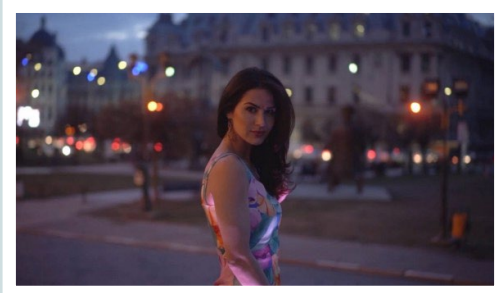


Her dress, matching the colourful city lights behind, opening the floor and the over-all purple lights melting with the sky. Carolline knows her power: she is sultry in this scene; knowing every inch of her femininity goes in her favour in what she will achieve.

Carolline's dress touches on a tropical floral theme yet is not too flamboyant or overbearing. Perfect for the scene: Carolline's strong yet endearing feminine aura: with her dress complimenting her persona.

The bright pink flower reminds us of the theme: to shine bright as yourself, to nurture your true self, unafraid of forward growth into the magnificence of you.

But at what moment are we at our most magnificent? Is it the moments we break our own illusions or is it only within our illusions that we feel magnificent and so become magnificent?

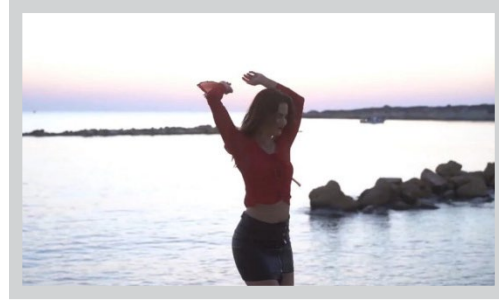


Rebecca Lilley

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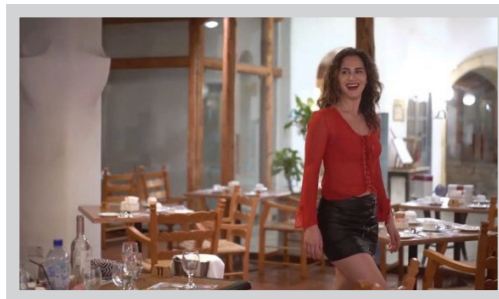
Remaining focused, balanced, and true to who you are is key to changing our life path. Moving from a space of chasing to attracting. Being open to listen to the whisper calling from the depths of our being. To say I am magnificent, and strong enough to let go of the illusion and caricatures I show to the world...

Below: Actress Carolline wears: Red silk shirt: OPERA ROCK
Fake leather skirt: JOHN JOHN (Brazilian brand) Sandals: GUESS



Red: the colour of passion, fire, warmth and desire. Whether by sunset or sunrise we can count on this powerful pillar box red to signal change, passion and force. A statement colour merely by its presence...

The magnificence of you. How does it feel? When we feel this change of magnificence within us, or the need for change, do we see red? Do we see warning- stop – think – change the direction of your life...?



Carolline's complexion can be described as an olive skin tone: suiting bolder reds. It's important that it's the right red. A shade that doesn't drain her complexion or detract from the tone of the scene.

Does Carolline's shade of red say – 'I'm accepting who I am, who I am at this moment of my life, wherever I'm at in life I am embracing it and living my life at full speed, not looking back?'

Surely this is the result of the magnificence of you. The feeling of reaching that seemingly unattainable feeling?

This message and more are communicated beautifully in this inspirational film by Joel Van der Molen. It holds the viewer from beginning to end imparting a reality check which may be uncomfortable, but necessary to live in peace with oneself.



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Production Credits

Starring

JOEL VAN DER MOLEN
CAROLLINE SALOMÃO
RICHARD VAUGHAN

Written, Directed and Produced by
JOEL VAN DER MOLEN

Associate Producer
CAROLLINE SALOMÃO



Director of Photography
RODRIGO RAYON

Editing
RODRIGO RAYON
JOEL VAN DER MOLEN

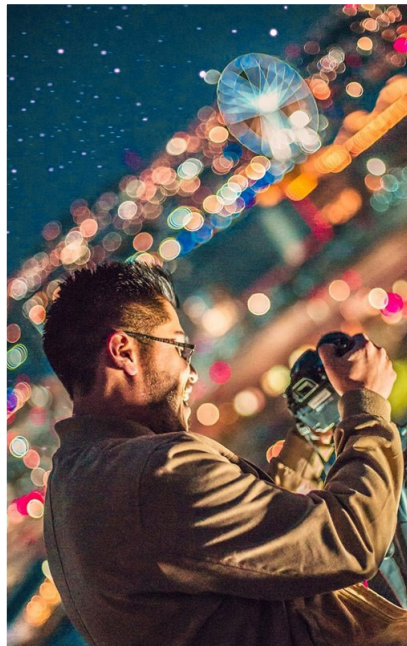
Sound Editing
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Special Thank you
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K+K Hotel Elisabeta, Bucharest
La Maison Du Goût, Bucharest
Pow Wow Cafe, Bucharest
Coral Beach Hotel & Resort, Cyprus



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I would be the first to take a selfie and say look at me, I've got it all together and life is amazing, but inside be worrying, feeling lonely, sad and confused, unable to communicate to anyone

what is really going on.”





Contact information

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“You can have anything in life that you want when you surrender to the magnificence of you.”