



DIVING IN

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BOWES

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KAYITESI

A SHORT FILM WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY
ADAM BOWES & NINA OYAMA

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SYNOPSIS

Set in 2007, a young amputee swimmer Alex has his heart set on one of the coaches at the local pool. After accidentally rejecting her, Alex's friends steal his phone and send her a raunchy text message. Mortified, Alex must get to her phone before she sees the message, or risk losing her forever.



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WRITER & DIRECTOR BIO

ADAM BOWES

Adam Bowes is an actor, writer and director who grew up in the small country town of Yamba on the Far North Coast of NSW. He is a double above knee amputee, after being born without the tibia bones in both legs and having them amputated at the age of two. Adam is an avid writer, creating content for his Youtube Channel and most recently co-writing and co-directing the viral video NDIS FAILS for *Tonightly with Tom Ballard* on ABC COMEDY. He is listed as a creative consultant for Princess Pictures' TV series *Jeremy The Dud*, a comedy set in a world where everyone has a disability, and those that don't are treated with the same prejudice, stigma and condescending attitudes people with disabilities face in our own society. As an actor, Adam has been seen in *Hacksaw Ridge*, *Winchester*, *Rostered On*, *The Angus Project* and *The Heights*. He was also handpicked by The Equity Diversity Committee to perform in The 2018 Diversity Showcase. *Diving In* is Adam's first time co-directing on a short film and is loosely based on his time as a swimmer in the mid-2000's, having broken seven Australian Records and competing at the Youth Paralympic Games in 2009.



WRITER & DIRECTORS BIO

NINA OYAMA

Nina Oyama is a 26 year old comedy writer and director whose work has been seen on *You're Skitting Me*, *The Chaser's Election Desk* and *Squinters Season 1 & 2*. While working on *Tonightly with Tom Ballard*, Nina co-wrote viral video NDIS FAILS with Adam Bowes. In 2017, Nina and actor Angus Thompson co-created *The Angus Project* web series, about a guy with cerebral palsy who parties really hard with the help of his useless carer. *The Angus Project* was based on their real life friendship, and in 2018 ABC COMEDY commissioned a pilot episode of the show which landed Nina an Australian Directors' Guild nomination. In 2019 Nina was handpicked to be part of Screen Australia's Talent LA Delegation and AFTR's Talent Camp in NSW. This year, Nina was shortlisted for ATYP's Rebel Wilson Scholarship and is slated to write for *YOLO Crystal Fantasy* on *Adult Swim*. *Diving In* is Nina's first short film and was born from her and Adam's shared love of teen comedies.



PRODUCER BIO

JESSICA MURPHY

Jessica Murphy is a sydney based actor and producer. She has produced several short films with her latest *The Complex* screening at Flickerfest and St Kilda Film Festival this year. She has previously worked as an associate producer for Warner Bros as well as a PA for Disney and Bloomtime Media.



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