

FILM INFORMATION

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| Title | PADAYON (“Keep Going”) |
| Total Running Time | 4min, 25s |
| Release Date | June 2020 |
| Genre | Drama |
| Studio | Liquid Stencil Project Asian Production |
| About | A drama about hope and inspiration, of how one ARK—an Act of Random Kindness, could change something for the better, a catalyst for something greater. |
| Description | PADAYON (“Keep Going”) is a film by the same team that introduced the nationally and internationally recognized short feature “Julie” in 2015, this time with a new breed of ardent filmmakers joining the family. Rena Mae Gocotano is the writer. A first for Cebuano director-writer Clanch Dayve Belleza to direct a material other than his own. |
| Logline | A lowlife who struggles to provide for his sick mother learns to keep going in the unlikely circumstances. |

Synopsis

A pickpocket tries his fortune on a busy city street, feeling the utmost excitement when he succeeds in nabbing a smartphone from an unsuspecting pedestrian. While going through the phone, he finds himself in a daze of what he thought—just a lucky day.

Intending to erase the phone memory of his latest find, the mugger curiously plays a random video from a folder. It's a video of three kids, talking to the camera with such bright smiles. Nothing special, except that all three are wearing something else: beanies, and they seem all to be in a children's hospital room. The kids in the video keep repeating the word "*padayon*" with their hands gesturing ocean waves.

What started as amusement on the mugger's face, turns into something else. Guilt? Maybe.

The mugger goes to the children's hospital to discreetly return the phone, witnessing the grateful look on his earlier victim's face upon retrieving the lost phone. The nurse later informs the kids of his finally found phone, much to their delight, their faces lighting up.

A week passes, and it's another day for the mugger to "find means" for his stroke-ridden mother's medication. As he down-spiritedly goes to say goodbye to her, a newsflash on TV his mother is stiffly glued to catches his attention: The three kids are in the news, reported for their wish in sending out hope to millions of people through their viral videos. The report shows the kids and other cancer patients doing the familiar 'ocean wave' gesture.

Just as the son couldn't believe his eyes...

He hears his mother mumbling, unsteadily trying to lift her stiff arm and move with the kids on TV. Seeing her move for the first time in possibly a long while after having been paralyzed, tears start to fall from the son's eyes as he drops to his knees beside his mother. A sign of hope.

Project Links

- [imdb.com/title/tt12677934](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt12677934)
- [fb.com/LiquidStencilProjects](https://www.facebook.com/LiquidStencilProjects)
- [fb.com/AsianProduction2019](https://www.facebook.com/AsianProduction2019)
- [fb.com/clanch.dayve](https://www.facebook.com/clanch.dayve)
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Cast

Mugger

Pediatric Oncology Nurse

Mugger's Ma

Rayray

Kangking

Royroy

Newscaster

Christian Buscas

Albert Chan Paran

Nelsa Diola-Banaynal

Hilary Nieves Paran

Cail Eriberto Paran

Harold Paul Paran

Rena Mae Gocotano

Production Crew

Director

Assistant Director / Writer

Cinematographer

Production Coordinators

Casting Director / Production Designer

Key Costume

Make-up Artist

Executive Producers

Producers

Editor

Clanch Dayve Belleza

Rena Mae Gocotano

Melde Montañez

James Dejos

Genelyn Zorille

Chad Mendez

Seth Gestopa

Irina Marguerette Santillan

Lester Kyle Paes

Albert Chan Paran

Nelsa Diola-Banaynal

Rena Mae Gocotano

Lester Kyle Paes

Film Fun Facts

- Due to the limited availability of Christian Buscas, the actor who plays the mugger, two other actors stood in as the actor's body double in separate scenes.
- Film debut of Hilary Nieves Paran, Cail Eriberto Paran, and Harold Paul Paran. Additionally, all three child actors are Albert Chan Paran's real-life niece and nephews.
- Director Clanch Dayve Belleza plays a brief role as the mugger's body double in the children's hospital scene. He also appears in the opening scene as one of the pedestrians.
- Writer Rena Mae Gocotano appears briefly in the film as the newscaster.
- The actor who plays the mugger's mother, Nelsa Diola-Banaynal, has a strong and close connection with the production team. Her real-life son, Michael Banaynal, formerly acted opposite Albert Chan Paran as his character's son in the short feature JULIE (2015).
- Brainstorming for the story involved an all-nighter in the city by executive producers Albert Chan Paran and Lester Kyle Paes, director Clanch Dayve Belleza, and writer Rena Mae Gocotano over doughnuts and coffee at a popular doughnut shop; sodas, sundaes, and fries at a popular fast food; and a platter of ramen at a nearby hash house... all on a limited budget.
- St. Vincent de Paul, the name of the children's hospital in the short film, is the patron saint of charitable societies, primarily recognized for his charity and compassion for the poor.
- The film was among the last few local productions filmed shortly before Cebu City was closed down for preventive quarantine owing to the alarming threat of the COVID-19 pandemic entering the city.

FILMMAKER'S BIO

CLANCH DAYVE BELLEZA

Director, "Padayon" | *Filmmaker, CEB*

After bagging awards for his student film Clichés in 2003, **Chuy** knew then that he found his niche. Without any diploma in film, he makes up for it by staying active in the filmmaking playing field — in all areas as much as possible with other filmmakers, learning through experience and passion.

A writer-director and actor, Chuy has been exposed to the local film scene since 2011 and has worked in several major productions filmed in Cebu, including his commendable role as the Casting Director and 2nd Assistant Director of Patay na si Hesus in 2016.

Film Development Council of the Philippines recognized him as one of its film ambassadors of 2017 for the national and international success of his 2015 short feature Julie. He was last attached to the international TV series Almost Paradise that is currently filming in Cebu with Hollywood actor Christian Kane in the lead role.