



DIS/CONNECT



NO SMALL PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS DIS/CONNECT A FILM BY BELINDA SMALL
MARTELLE HAMMER * FRANCIS MOSSMAN * DAVID VILLANTI * CAROLINE LEVIE * HAZEM SEDDA MUSIC BY STEVE J DE SOUZA EDITED BY EMILY CLULOW PRODUCED BY BELINDA SMALL
ASSOCIATE PRODUCER DAVID VILLANTI DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY ALEKSEI VANAMOIS PRODUCTION DESIGNER MONICA DROZDOVA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MARY-ANNE CARTWRIGHT COLOUR GRADING DANIEL PARDY



Tagline

It takes one brave step

Log Line

Jane escapes into fantasy to cope with an increasingly isolating world. It is here, in her imagination, that she finds the courage for one bold move, that just might help her reconnect.

Synopsis

Jane longs for connection. Living on the streets she has found that she has become invisible to those around her, even the stray cat no longer visits. In a narrow minded world where money, artifice and conformity are highly valued she does not know how to fit in. She copes with this by escaping into fantasy, imagining a cliché romance, a symbol of success. It is through these fantasies that she decides what it is she needs, and will offer, the world around her.



Directors Statement

Dis/Connect explores the primal need for human connection which has become more complicated by the alienation of our present society where money, artifice and conformity are highly valued and success is paramount. What does one do if you do not fit these narrow expectations? How does one still feel part of society? Shot before the pandemic, the isolation the character feels and her choice of how to address this, perhaps will resonate even more strongly in a post covid world.

Belinda Small

The Cast

Martelle Hammer

Jane

[imdb.com/name/nm2240967/](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm2240967/)

A WAAPA graduate, Martelle has worked professionally in theatre, film, and TV. Recent film credits include: *Odd People*, *Did I tell you about Jasper* (audience choice at WOW International film festival), & the feature *One Less God* (winning several awards at the Los Angeles' Dances With Films Festival as well as best picture at Byron Bay Film Festival). She is also a singer and is due to release an album under the pseudonym *smallBones*.



Francis Mossman

Fantasy Man

[imdb.com/name/nm3360127/](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm3360127/)

Francis appeared in the New Zealand kids' series *Amazing Extraordinary Friends* and *Shortland Street*. He also appears in three episodes of the Starz series, *Spartacus: Vengeance* and the Australian feature film *Ruben Guthrie*. He is well known for his role as Stevie Hughes in the world's most viewed gay themed web series *The Horizon*, as well as the television movie directed by Stephan Elliott.



Caroline Levien

Patricia

[imdb.com/name/nm3848383/](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm3848383/)

Caroline has worked professionally in theatre, film, and Television, with a particular passion for socially-conscious stories, and raw, new work. She completed her acting training through the University of Southern Queensland and is now undertaking the Masters of Fine Arts in writing at NIDA. This has allowed her to extend her passion for storytelling in new and exciting ways in her chosen field of film, TV and audio.



David Villanti

Dog Walker

davidvillanti.com.au.

After 24 years in the Australian Army, David re-trained as an actor. Since then he has performed in a wide range of productions on stage, in film and television including the Channel Nine crime series Abe Saffron and the popular series Somersault. He has appeared in Families of Crime, Rake, Special Rescue Operations and has been the face of the Royal Lifesaving campaign for swimming, Samsung and Canberra tourism.



Harper The Dog

More than just a pretty face, Harper is a natural performer. She has been to Canberra many times to help coach NDIS trainers and has performed in the Campbelltown Theatre production of 'Legally Blonde'. She has even ridden from Sydney to Geelong on a Harley Davidson.



The Filmmakers

Belinda Small Writer/Director /Producer

[imdb.com/name/nm4673529/](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm4673529/)

Belinda is an actor and now a writer/director/producer with No Small Productions. She believes in the power of storytelling and understands the influence it has on shaping a society. She is interested in small stories, tackling big themes that place older female characters, centre stage. This is her directorial debut. Her second film Nothing to See was shot during the Covid pandemic and deals with the theme of the surveillance state



Aleksei Vanamois Cinematographer

alekseivanamois.com

Aleksei's curiosity has given him the skills to find innovative ways to use tools to create. Over the past ten years he has shot, lit, coloured and edited a large amount of projects. Some of the highlights include: Second Unit DOP on the zombie apocalypse Wyrnwood, the feature Liebe as the A Camera Operator for Don McAlpine (ACS ASC). Shooting his first feature Crystal Children and recently the feature Bloodshot Heart.



Mary-Anne Cartwright Assistant Director

imdb.com/name/nm555990/

Mary-Anne is an actor and filmmaker/writer/director. She has a Master's in Media Arts & Production and a Diploma in Editing. She has worked as a Production Manager at ABC, on the TV series Message Sticking, documentaries such as Stompen Ground, and the Peoplescape & Yeperenye Concerts. She has also written/produced and directed Life is like a Bowl of Spagehetti and Covid Cocoon.



Steve J De Souza

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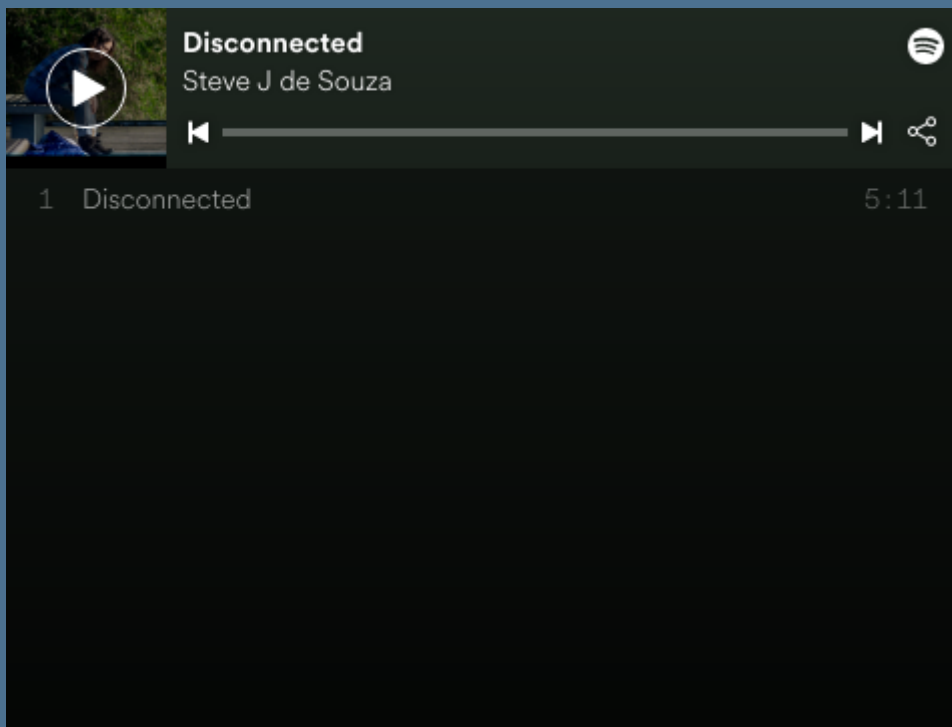
Sound Designer/Composer

Steve has more than 30 years' experience in music composition, location recording and post-production audio for TV, film, web and stage. In 2020, Steve was awarded Winner of Best Sound for AIYAI Wrathful Soul in the New York Cinematography Awards.



Disconnected Song

Steve J De Souza



Emily Clulow

Editor

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Emily Clulow is an award-winning editor, having worked on feature stories for Australia's biggest sporting broadcasts including State of Origin and the Australian Open. Her diverse skillset and eye for design takes her storytelling to another level. She is currently locking off her first feature documentary.



Monika Drozdova

Props/BTS

<https://m.youtube.com/user/MonoInAustralia>

Monika's love of film began during childhood when she was always curious how people got inside her TV. She has made films about her travels and in 2008 has made Australia her home. Filmmaking has become her great hobby and passion. Monika is also a gifted seamstress and prop maker. She believes Australia is full of opportunities and it is why she loves this country. She hopes to have more opportunities to be a part of film production.



Daniel Pardy

Colourist

<http://thepardysuite.com>

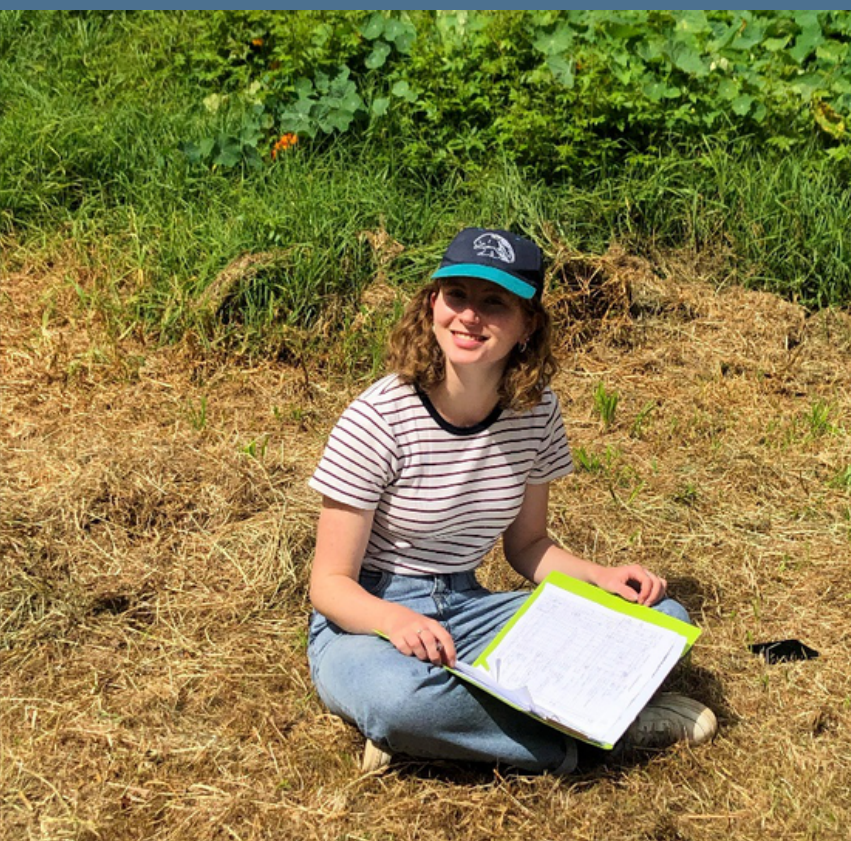
Daniel Pardy is a freelance film colourist from Sydney, Australia. With over a decade of experience in the film industry, he has had the opportunity to work on a wide range of projects, from high end commercials through to the Oscar winning Mad Max: Fury Road, directed by George Miller. Daniel is available to grade anywhere in the world.



Claire Cooper-Southam

Social Media /Marketing

Claire is an aspiring filmmaker currently completing a Bachelor of Media Arts and Production. She has worked as a videographer and editor and she is branching out into the world of drama to follow a long standing passion for storytelling. Believing in the importance of sharing underrepresented voices, Claire hopes to combine her loves of film and social justice by creating inspiring stories.



Sharon Willdin

Script Consultant

sharonwilldin.com

Sharon Willdin is an award winning writer and producer. Her films have screened at a variety of national and international film festivals including Shortstacks, Portland Comedy Film Festival, Focus on Ability, Show Us Your Shorts, Cardiff Mini Film Festival, Canada Shorts, Borrego Springs, Noosa International and more.



Hazem Sedda Redfern Convenience Store

[instagram.com/redfern_convenience_store/](https://www.instagram.com/redfern_convenience_store/)

Hazem owns and runs Redfern Convenience Store, commonly referred to as the greatest convenience store in the world. Hazem's friendly nature, sense of community, and the store's unique range of international snacks has made him known all over the world. He has over 25,000 follows on Instagram. Check it out or pop in and say hi.



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CAST

JANE

WALKING DOG MAN

FANTASY MAN

PATRICIA

HAZEM SEDDA

SHOPPER

EXTRA 1

EXTRA 2

EXTRA 3

EXTRA 4

MARTELLE HAMMER

DAVID VILLANTI

FRANCIS MOSSMAN

CAROLINE LEVIEN

HAZEM SEDDA

CATHERINE CLARK

MONIKA DROZDOVA

MIKE CHERNEY

CATHERINE CLARK

MARY VILLANTI

CREW

DIRECTOR/WRITER/PRODUCER

DOP/PRODUCER

SOUND DESIGN/MUSIC

EDITOR

ASSOCIATE PRODUCER

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

COLOURIST

PROPS & BTS

SCRIPT CONSULTANT

SOCIAL MEDIA/MARKETING

TRANSLATION

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ALEKSEI VANAMOIS

STEVE J DE SOUZA

EMILY CLULOW

DAVID VILLANTI

MARY-ANNE CARTWRIGHT

DANIEL PARDY

MONIKA DROZDOVA

SHARON WILLDIN

CLAIRE COOPER-SOUTHAM

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TECHNICAL DETAILS

Format: DigitalScreen

Ratio: 2.39

Running Time: 7.07min

Sound: Dolby 5.1 surround

SPECIAL THANKS

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SAMIRA WYLD, ISSAC MARSHALL, OLA OGU

SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

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Dis/Connect Song by Steve J De Souza

[https://open.spotify.com/album/0Vat82wcRePMyy2cXUmlg5?
si=Tr5DuG-3QnS2IYQBNNrp4Q](https://open.spotify.com/album/0Vat82wcRePMyy2cXUmlg5?si=Tr5DuG-3QnS2IYQBNNrp4Q)

Publicity Stills

by Aleksei Vanamois













Behind the Scenes

By Monika Drozdova



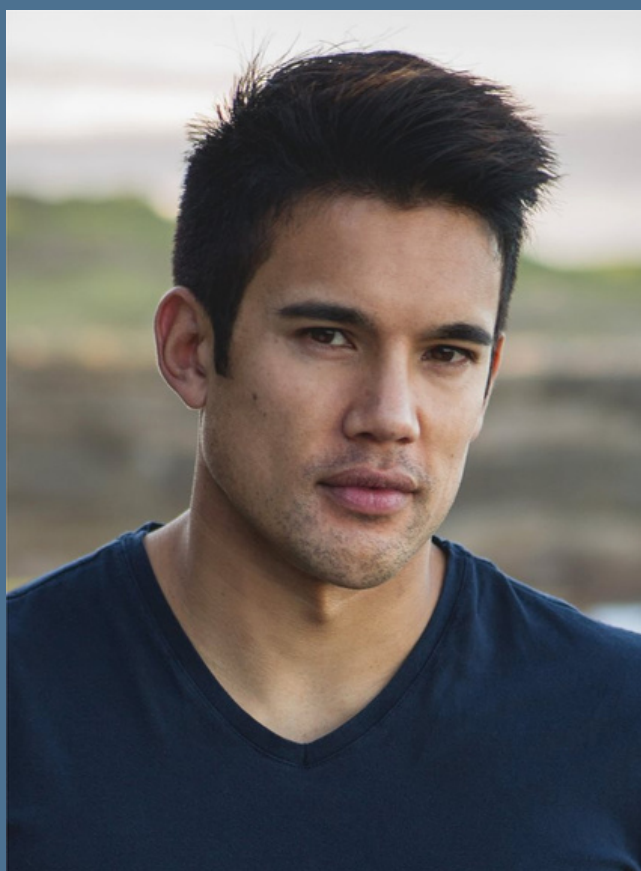




Actor/Crew Headshots



Martelle Hammer - Jane



Francis Mossman-Luke, Fantasy Man



Caroline Levien - Patricia



David Villanti - Jim, Walking Dog Man



Belinda Small- Writer/Director/Producer



Aleksei Vanamois -Director of Photography/Producer

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