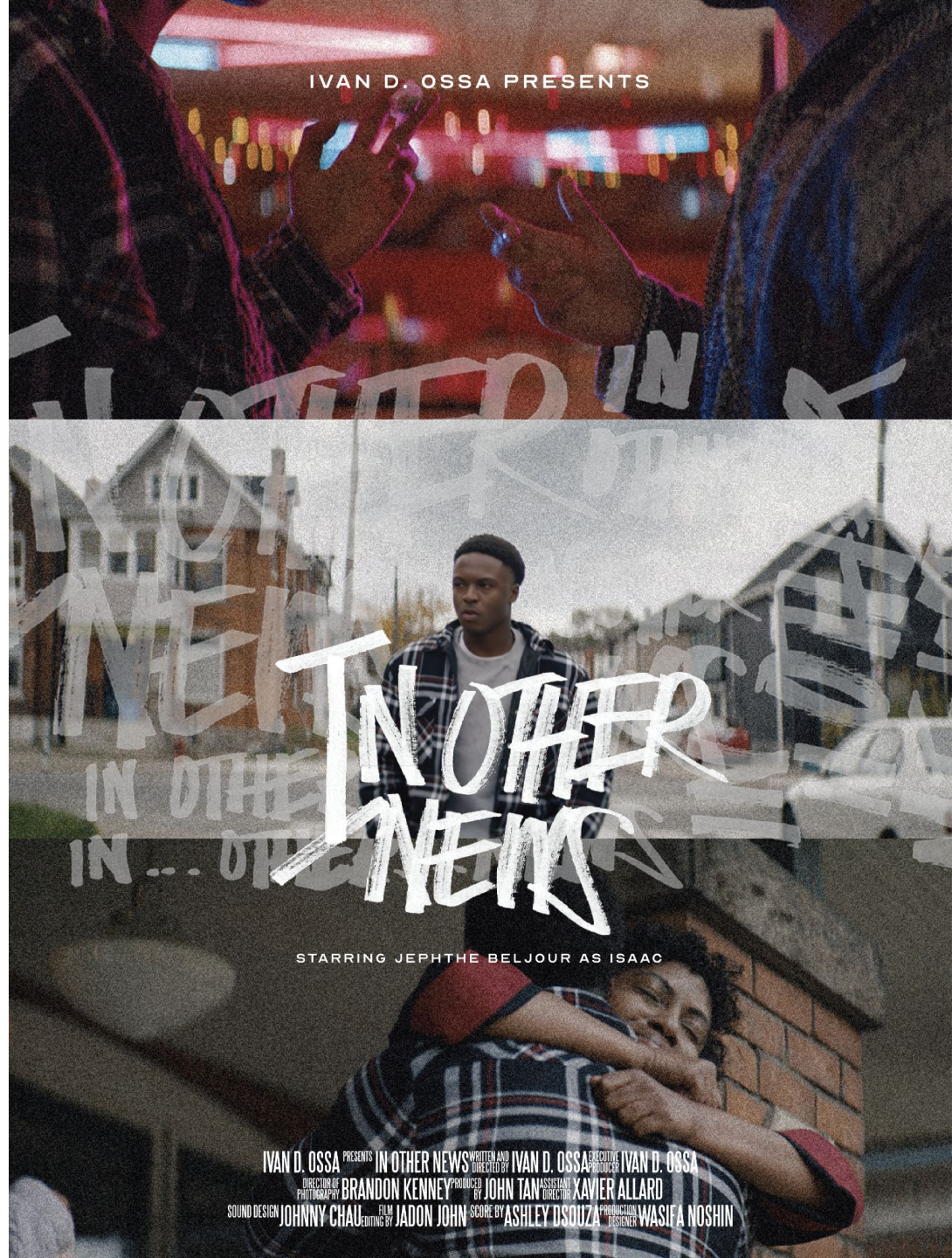


Ivan D. Ossa Presents

In Other News



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STARRING JEPHTHE BELJOUR AS ISAAC

IVAN D. OSSA PRESENTS **IN OTHER NEWS** WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY IVAN D. OSSA EXECUTIVE PRODUCER IVAN D. OSSA
DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY BRANDON KENNEY PRODUCED BY JOHN TAN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR XAVIER ALLARD
SOUND DESIGN JOHNNY CHAU EDITING BY JADON JOHN SCORE BY ASHLEY DSOUZA PRODUCTION DESIGNER WASIFA NOSHIN

LOGLINE:

Isaac is having what he believes to be a regular typical Saturday. But in a world designed against you, even a good deed can attract a dreadful outcome.

SYNOPSIS:

After a regular date with his little sister, Isaac is on his way home when he notices a lady getting robbed. Like the good samaritan he is, he puts a stop to it and goes about his day. But in a world designed against you, even a good deed can attract a dreadful outcome. Followed on his way home, Isaac gets confronted by the same guy he stopped, but this time with company. The situation turns for the worse when the police shows up.

WHY THIS FILM?

In Other News is a character piece with emphasis on a real world struggle. Racial discrimination and racial profiling is still a huge problem in today's society. In this particular climate with the BLM movement being pushed to the front line, Ivan got the urge to express his perspective on the matter. "This film is very personal to me because it not only represents me, but everyone that looks like me. I have a younger sister, brothers, friends and family that to them, the sad truth is; it could be any of us at any moment. There wasn't a better time than now for this film to be made."



GENERAL INFORMATION

Film Type: Short Narrative Drama

Country: Canada

Year: 2021

Run Time: 10:44

Language: English

Trailer: [Via Vimeo](#)

Website: www.ivandossa.com



KEY CREATIVES



Ivan D. Ossa: Director, Writer, Executive Producer



Ivan D. Ossa is a Director based in Toronto, Ontario.

A 2020 alumni of the Emerging Filmmakers program started by [OYA Media Group](#), he had the opportunity to study and learn from *Alison Duke, Ngardy Conteh George, Marsha Greene, Sharon Lewis, and Director X*. This also led to an 8 months internship with OYA Media group which Ivan finished in April, 2021.

Ivan is currently finishing his BFA in Film Production at York University and is set to graduate in June, 2021. He is also attending FSTVLSZN; a 20 week film mentorship program started by [Manifesto](#).

The goal is to make thought-provoking films which help humans reclaim their divinity. Through this message, I hope people find inner strength, self-love, inner peace, and most importantly again, love. ~ 1 Corinthian 13.

Humans at their cores are loving beings. I am a big advocate of mindfulness and I believe that there's no moment without its beauty. I love love, I love beauty. I love art, and I love anything that involves expression of self. I will spread my version of the world and help people see my truth.

John Tan: Producer



Xu Tan (John) is an aspiring director/ producer who grew up in China and moved to Toronto at the age of 19 to attend film school at York University. Upon graduation, Xu directed the short drama film *'Whisper Under Water'* after producing and directing a few short films, music videos and advertisements. *'In Other News'* is his most recent producing debut. Xu plans to stay in Toronto to make more films that represent BIPOC and LGBTQ+ communities. His main career goal is to produce and direct a feature film for a major studio company.

Brandon Kenney: Cinematographer

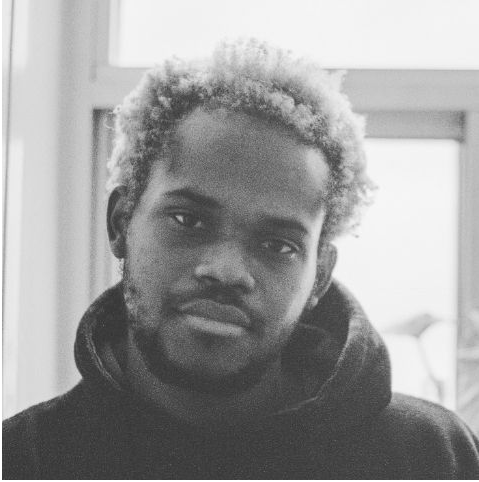


Brandon Kenney is a Toronto based freelance cinematographer and photographer who specializes in fiction based films, commercials, music videos, automotive, product and landscape photography.

Brandon is currently finishing his BFA in Film Production from York University, and is specializing in cinematography and editing. With several festival nominations and awards (including best cinematography), Brandon has crafted his way into the art of world building and story telling by using the camera as the tool of creation.

"Having the ability to bring the beauty of a characters world to screen and allowing an audience to be submerged in their reality is something I try to emulate with every shot I take. When you watch my film, I don't want you to notice the camera...I want you to *feel* the perspective, and be wowed by the beauty of it all."

Jadon J.B. Williams: Editor



Jadon J.B. Williams is a film editor from Kingston, Jamaica who recently completed his final year at York University. This is his second time collaborating with Ivan D. Ossa. He also had the privilege of cutting Ossa's film "*Essense*".

Johnny Chau: Location and Sound Design



Johnny Chau is a sound recordist and sound designer based in Toronto, Ontario.

An early filmmaker during high school, Johnny started as a jack of all trades during production and post-production when he discovered the process of sound design.

Coupled with a childhood interest in music, the sonic arts of the film world were a perfect place to focus his efforts, deep diving into the world of sound in York University's film production program.

Johnny is currently finishing his BFA in Film Production at York University's School of Arts, Media, Performance and Design, and is set to graduate in October 2021.

Good sound can be equally hard to capture as good picture. If the audience's viewing experience is made better by sound they don't notice, then I've done my job.

Ashley D' Souza: Composer



Ashley D'Souza is a 3rd year music student at York University. His area of study focuses on Jazz Drumming, however he is also a multi-instrumentalist and film composer. He has composed soundtracks for students films such as *When We Meet Again* (2020) and small-budget independent films such as *Crated* (2020). Ashley is interested in basketball (particularly the Raptors), mindlessly scrolling through twitter and taking up unique new hobbies. He hopes to continue finding ways to blend his creativity alongside his passion for social justice in the world.

Wasifa Noshin: Production Designer



Wasifa Noshin is an emerging actress, a designer and a digital/content creator. She is a fourth year BFA student in Theatre Production/Design at York University. She is an advocate for diversification and representation in Theatre/Film and the entertainment industry, having this desire to create this change was always influenced by her dual heritage as a first-generation Bengali-Canadian.

She is excited to be a part of the creative team of *"In Other News"* the short film and its festival run.

Her previous film credits include: *"Lost Time"* (2nd year), *"The Director"* (3rd year), *"An Aching Pebble"* (2nd year), *"Given the Circumstances"* (2nd year) & *"I am Bangla"* (3rd year) (York University Film Department 2019-2020).

She would like to thank her director Ivan for giving her the opportunity to work on this project. She would also like to thank her crew members for being supportive throughout this journey, helping on bringing her visions to life and making it all possible.

You can follow her on her social media networks:

Instagram: [@wasifanoshin](#) and [@creationatworks](#) & YouTube: wasifanoshin

Rebecca Fadoju: Art Director



Rebecca Fadoju is a Cinematographer, Director, and Production Designer located in Toronto, Ontario. She started out majoring in the Sciences but found herself unable to shake her love of filmmaking. She eventually switched to majoring in film and is going into the final year of her BFA in Film Production at York University. She has shot and directed a handful of short films that are now in their final stages of post-production, headed for their festival runs. She is currently writing her thesis short film while working on various other projects.

PRINCIPAL CAST



Jephthe Beljour as Isaac



Jephthe Beljour was born in Orlando, Florida, U.S.A., and currently lives in Toronto, Canada. A dual Citizen, he began his studies for Musical Theatre at Wexford Collegiate School for the Arts. He went on to study there for four years where he worked with many professional coaches and trainers, Such as *Anne Merriam* , *Jeff Newberry*, *Danielle Deveraux* Just to name a few. He went on to be the lead in one of their Musical productions of “ Hair”, where he played *Claude Hooper Bukowski*. After graduating from Wexford He went on to enrol at the renowned Toronto Film School to further study in the Acting for Film & Television diploma program.

Press and Media



Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/inothernewsshort/>

Screenings and Talk-Backs

- N/A



PRODUCTION CREDITS



Director

Ivan D. Ossa

Writers

Alison Duke

Producers

John Tan

Executive Producer

Ivan D. Ossa

Lead Cast

Jephthe Beljour as Isaac

Supporting Cast

AJ Nesbitt as Lily

Jaymee Turner as Rodrick

Michael Anthony Mohammed as Flash

Khalil Hackett-Mignon as Lucas

Cinematographer

Brandon Kenney

Editor

Jadon J.B. Williams

Composer

Ashley D'Souza

Production Designer

Wasifa Noshin

Art Director

Rebecca Fadoju

Costume Designer

Rebecca Fadoju

Location Sound

Johnny Chau

First Assistant Director

Xavier Allard

Casting Director

Ivan D. Ossa

John Tan





First Assistant Camera

Tyler Adam

Second Assistant Camera

Andrew Balint

Gaffers

Mlajden Radulovic

Grips

Andrew Balint

Stunt Coordinator

Bas Reitsma

Poster Design

Emmanuel Ashun

Set Photographer

Reagan McCluskey

Noor Gatih

Daniel Simpson



DIT

Andrew Balint

Colourist

Conor Fisher

Sound Design

Johnny Chau

Visual Effects

Brandon Kenney

Music

“Femme Mariee” - Belka Tobis

Cast

Beth Hornby as Karen

Indira Layne as Lauren

Chyann Garrick as Waitress

Devin Giamou as Cop #1

Marko Bagaric as Cop #2

Daniel Simpson as Gang Member 1

Michael Mazzei as Gang Member 2

Sylvain Plasse as News Anchor

Idrissa Sanogo as Bartender

Gabriel Audu as Gang Member Double



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