



Black Forest

Running Time:

72 minutes

Written & Directed By:

A.J. Constantino

Produced By:

D'Angelo Marrero

A.J. Constantino

Production Company:

Cigar City Entertainment

Edited by:

A.J. Constantino

Cinematographer:

D'Angelo Marrero

Composer:

Isak Olsson

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LOGLINE

Jack and Alice find a video camera while hiking in the woods. As he reviews the footage, Jack's sanity is pushed to the limits as the people in the camera call out to him and try to steal his soul.

SYNOPSIS

Jack and Alice are a couple nearing the end of their dysfunctional relationship. They find a camera while hiking in the woods. When Jack returns home and reviews the footage we find out the camera belonged to famous vlogger Jacob Attenborough. We follow Jacob and his friends on a three-day camping trip, as they are picked off one by one by a demonic force. The longer Jack watches this footage the more he is taunted by that same demon. We are left with the question of how much of these supernatural forces are real or whether or not they are due to Jack's mental illness.



OUR STORY

During the course of production we were able to move closer towards our dream of breaking into the film industry. From top to bottom the entire cast and crew were comprised of up-and-coming talent. This film is a testament that you can create a feature film without a big budget. We proved to ourselves that as long as you have the determination and persistence you can make something great with whatever you have. On this film we were able to fully self finance everything for very little money, and with that being said we were still able to create an original score, ADR, and Sound Design. Everyone put their heart and soul into this production and we hope that shines through in the finished product.





Mark Winter Jr. as *Jack*

What excites me about Black Forest is that it captures your attention from the opening scenes. It opens your mind to two different stories twisted into one. Playing Jack was amazing and performing the range of emotions involved was difficult but I loved every second of it. I grew up wanting to be an actor so to be able to get a opportunity in Black Forest to live out my childhood dream was amazing and can't wait for more projects in the future.



Sydney Deroo as *Alice*

Black Forest serves as great entertainment with its numerous plot twists. My favorite of the two stories is the relationship between Jack and Alice. Jack struggles with reality and holding onto his relationship, while Alice feels trapped with no way out and worries way too much about what others think. What both of them don't understand is something dark is looming between them. Overall Black Forest, is a mix of thriller, horror, laughs, romance, and friendship.



Halee Prater as *Sandra*

I came from a theater and dance background and was happy that I got to use some of my physicality and range in this film. Throughout the course of the production I got the opportunity to play multiple variations of the same character which was both an acting challenge and a lot of fun. I think a lot of people will connect to the themes the film presents and it rewards viewers on multiple re-watches.



Steven Cifredo as *Jacob*

Black Forest was a unique experience to be a part of. Black Forest gives off some “Blair Witch” vibes, and it offers a mysterious atmosphere that I feel have been missing from screens for a while. Playing Jacob is an exciting turn for my career since I get to have the experience of being both behind and in front of the camera. It has always been my dream to be in a Horror film and I can’t wait to see all the hard work come to life.





Devonne Wilcox as *Luke*

Chabeli Marrero as *Aliyah*



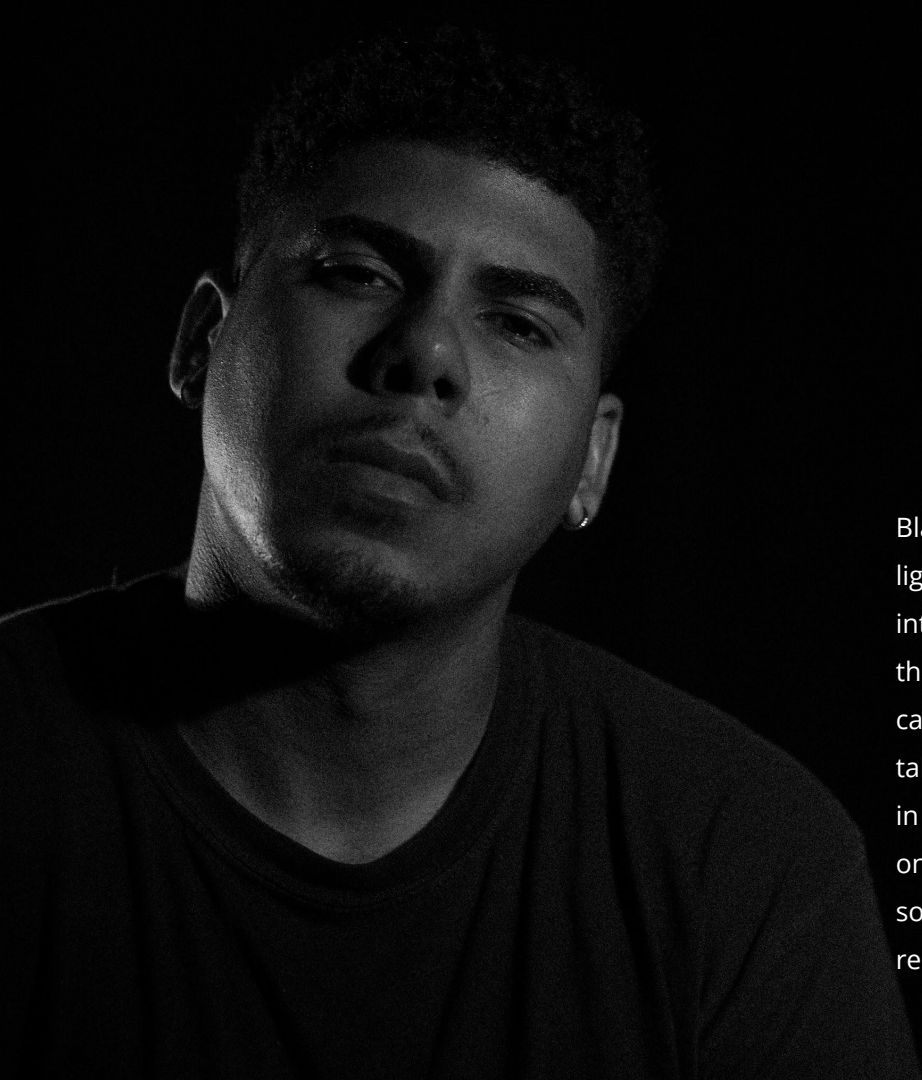
Edward Azcona as *Carlos*



Director, Writer, Producer: A.J. Constantino

I've always been fascinated with perception and how we view the world so while developing this project the goal was always to focus on creating an atmosphere that is more than meets the eye. Ever since I first saw the Blair Witch I've been in love with found footage films, so being able to expand and evolve that genre was a lot of fun. While creating this film we all had the idea of creating a "real world" horror film, a film that focuses on issues people deal with everyday such as mental illness and domestic abuse. From that bedrock we were able to inject that idea with some more fantastical elements to blend both a grounded horror film with more supernatural elements.





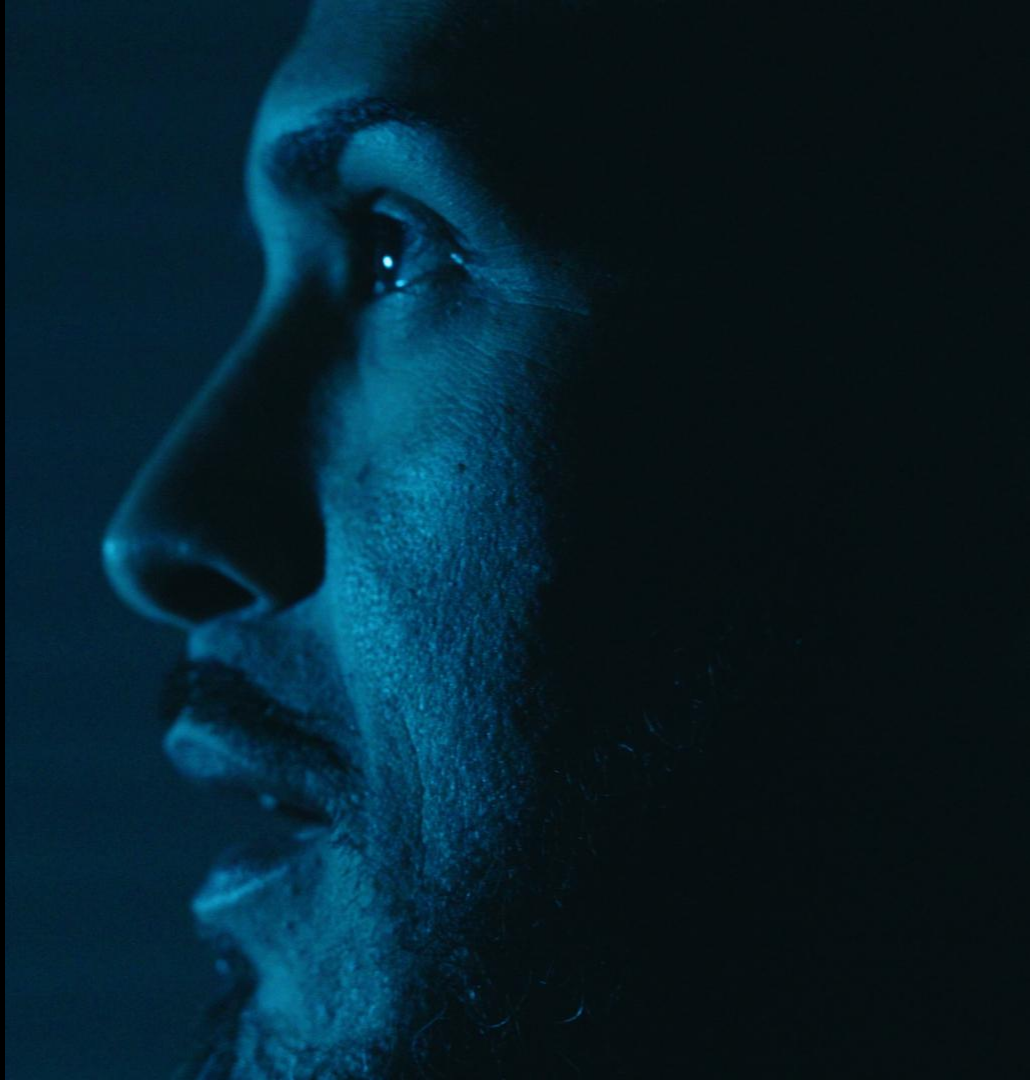
Producer, Director of Photography: D'Angelo Marrero

Black Forest provided a unique opportunity for me to experiment with lighting, color and framing in new ways. The film is two separate stories intertwined into one compelling multi-layered narrative. I wanted both of those stories to have their own unique characteristic with the color. The camera footage takes on a more natural look while the Jack and Alice story takes a more filmic approach to the color and framing. I was also involved in the production, editing, writing and sound design of the film. Working on this film has been one of the greatest experiences i ever had and solidified that this is where my heart is and I hope to make movies for the rest of my life.



FULL CAST

<i>Jack</i>	Mark Winter Jr.
<i>Alice</i>	Sydney Deroo
<i>Sandra</i>	Halee Prater
<i>Jacob</i>	Steven Cifredo
<i>Luke</i>	Devonne Wilcox
<i>Aliyah</i>	Chabeli Marrero
<i>Carlos</i>	Edward Azcona
Ryan	A.J. Constantino
<i>Marcus</i>	D'Angelo Marrero
<i>Dr. Barwick (voice)</i>	John Constantino



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