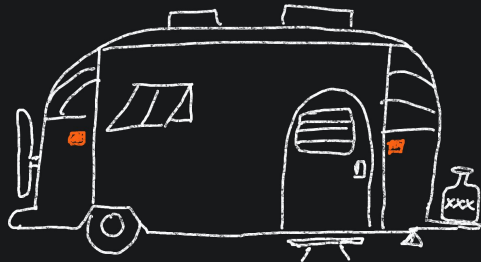


  
THE FIXER UPPER

A SHORT FILM

BY:  
KATHLEEN  
QUINLAN +  
BRUCE  
ABBOTT



## Logline

A mother attempts to convince her grown son to move out of her Airstream trailer so she can convert it into an Airbnb rental destination.

## Synopsis

Annie (Kathleen Quinlan) wants to enjoy the next chapter of her life and make a little money on the side renting her Airstream on Airbnb. But first, she must kick out her adult son before her first newly-weds arrive.

## Film Info

Run Time: 00:10:24

Camera: RED

Sound: Mixed Stereo

Language: ENGLISH

Aspect Ratio: 1.89 : 1



ONE TOUGH MOTHER



A short film by FIRST ASCENT PRODUCTIONS, in association with HARRISON THOMAS PRODS.  
Cast: PATRICK QUINLAN, CHERAY O'NEIL, VIRGINIA MA, TYLER ABBOTT and KATHLEEN QUINLAN  
Director of Photography: MATT DEVINO Editor: AUSTYN STEELMAN  
Written by: PATRICK QUINLAN Directed by: BRUCE ABBOTT & KATHLEEN QUINLAN

# DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

Making the short film *The Fixer Upper* was an opportunity for five members of our family to work together and create something special without waiting for the phone to ring. Written by our “nephew” (technically my second cousin) Patrick, co-directed with my husband Bruce, and appearances by our son Tyler and myself, with endless support by Patrick’s wife, Katie.

We had a small budget and a scrappy crew and we challenged ourselves to film it in a single day at a location that has been near and dear to our hearts for the past 15 years. Somehow our family (and especially myself) was able to find the fun in filming a dysfunctional family comedy.

We hope you enjoy watching it as much as we enjoyed making it.

– Kathleen Quinlan





## KATHLEEN QUINLAN, CO-DIRECTOR/PRODUCER/ACTRESS



**Kathleen Quinlan ("Annie")** is a film and television actress. She received a Best Actress Golden Globe nomination for the 1977 film *I Never Promised You a Rose Garden* and a Best Supporting Actress Academy Award nomination for her role in the 1995 film *Apollo 13*. "The Fixer-Upper" is Kathleen's second short film in the director's chair after "Diamond Girls," written and produced by Harrison Thomas and starring Tyler Quinlan Abbott.



## BRUCE ABBOTT, CO-DIRECTOR



Bruce Abbott is an American film, stage, and television actor. Originally beginning his career in theater, Abbott later gained notoriety for his role as Dr. Dan Cain in the cult sci-fi horror films *Re-Animator* (1985) and *Bride of Re-Animator* (1990). He is also an architect and artist and works in the custom-design industry.



## HARRISON THOMAS, EXECUTIVE PRODUCER / MUSIC

Harrison Thomas is an actor, writer, director, and musician based in Los Angeles. He has appeared in numerous TV shows from *House* to *Silicon Valley* to *Better Call Saul*. Projects he's written have won or been included in Cannes Shorts Awards, Venice Film Festival (CA), Indie Short Fest, Indie X Fest, Chicago Film Festival. He won the Best First Director Award and Best Short at Independent Shorts Awards and was an Official Selection for LGBTQ+ Los Angeles Film Festival and winner of the Independent Short Awards for Best LGBTQ Short.





## AARON T. RUDD, EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

Aaron Rudd is an actor, writer, and producer who has previously collaborated with Harrison Thomas on their short film, *Open Mic*, and with Kathleen Quinlan's first short film, *Diamond Girls*.





## MATT DEVINO, CINEMATOGRAPHER

Matt Devino is a director, writer, cinematographer, living and working in LA on narrative, documentary, and commercial film projects. Matt's short film *Banjanxed* was an official selection of Filmquest 2020 & NYC Horror Film Fest 2020.





## AUSTYN STEELMAN, EDITOR

Austyn Steelman is a video producer, director, editor and motion graphic designer. She is also the owner of Overgreenland Productions, specializing in the creation of high-quality documentary videos. She recently completed production on the upcoming documentary *Paddles on the Water*.





## JOHN THOMAS, SOUND EDITOR

John Thomas is a sound designer and re-recording mixer for film, television, and video games. John works at Blizzard Entertainment as a sound designer. John won two Golden Reel Awards from the MPSE for Outstanding Achievement in Sound Editing for his work on *Overwatch: Reunion* (2018) and *World of Warcraft: Battle for Azeroth* (2018).





## PATRICK QUINLAN, WRITER/ACTOR



Patrick (“Jimbo”) is an actor/improviser/writer in Los Angeles. Patrick grew up in Chicago, where he fell in love with the theater. He studied acting at Loyola University Chicago and at The Steppenwolf Theatre Company before moving to LA to pursue TV/Film and train with Second City Hollywood. He has appeared in a variety of television shows including: HBO’s *Insecure*, SHOWTIME’s *I’m Dying Up Here*, and Fox’s *9-1-1*.



## CHERAY O'NEIL, ACTRESS



Cheray O'Neal ("Faith") is an award-winning writer, actor, and proud member of the LAByrinth Theater Company of NYC. Two Time NAACP theater nominee for acting and writing of her solo play '*Journey This*'. She's co-written/co-produced, and starred in the short film "Weep not; Diversity in Cannes Short Film Showcase '*Audience Choice Award*' winner 2021.

Cheray O'Neal made her directorial debut with two short films addressing Black Lives Matter now on the film festival circuit. She's authored and published two books, '*A Taste of Sour Honey*' and '*Love of the Lick*'; won Best trade feature in the USA for her piece '*Home Away From Home*'; and judged the renowned Teen Poetry Slam '*Get Lit*'.

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## VIRGINIA MA, ACTRESS



Virginia Ma (“Lexie”) is an actress who has been working in television, film and commercials. She was recently seen on the CBS show *Magnum P.I.*



## TYLER Q. ABBOTT, ACTOR

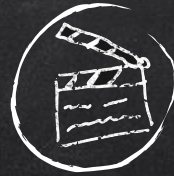


Tyler is an artist and actor who has appeared in several television shows, including HBO's *Westworld* and ABC's *The Rookie*.



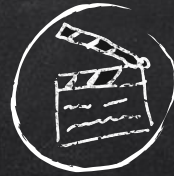
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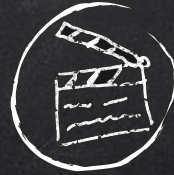
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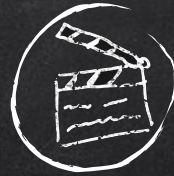
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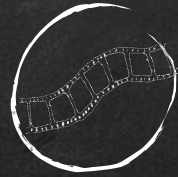
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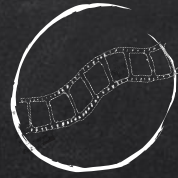
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