



A JACOB MATTHEW BALDY FILM

# RYN



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## ABOUT THE FILM

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### LOGLINE

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A desolate future. Desperate to save her ailing girlfriend, a young woman is forced to confront the unstable leader of a violent faction to secure their freedom.

### TAGLINE

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This sanctuary is only temporary...

### SYNOPSIS

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As Aaryn's girlfriend Kris intakes IV fluids for an ailing disease, Aaryn serenades her on a song on her guitar. Pondering on what their lives could've been in a day-and-age where their world hadn't collapsed, the two find themselves in an altercation about leaving the violent faction they're entangled with called "*The Ferreters*". With Kris pleading to Aaryn to escape The Ferreters and join up with a group capable of sending them to *Heiligdom*, a so-called "sanctuary among the stars", Aaryn promises that she'll follow through on Kris' escape plan if their faction's leader, Julian, doesn't give her she and Kris tickets to Heiligdom that he promised to her before going on her maid shift for him that night.

On her shift, a drunken Julian confronts Aaryn about his promise to give her tickets, pitting Aaryn into a nerve-wracking altercation where she seeks an escape from.



## PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

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GENRE:	Drama, Thriller
RUNNING TIME:	25 minutes 40 seconds
COUNTRY OF PRODUCTION:	United States of America
SHOT ON:	RED Scarlet-X
ASEPCT RATIO:	Scope (2.39:1)
SOUND MIX:	5.1 Surround Sound
RELEASE FORMAT:	Apple ProRes 422, H.264 (4K UHD)
FILMING LOCATIONS:	Art Factory Studios, Paterson NJ Mills Reservation County Park, Cedar Grove, NJ
COMPLETION DATE:	August 11, 2021
PRODUCTION COMPANY:	Half-Hearted Films
SOCIAL MEDIA:	Instagram: <a href="https://www.instagram.com/rynmovie/">https://www.instagram.com/rynmovie/</a> Twitter: <a href="https://twitter.com/RynMovie">https://twitter.com/RynMovie</a>



## DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

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Where is it that we find SANCTUARY? Is it in the places we live; the people we love? How far are we willing to go for it?

These are the questions imposed within the narrative of RYN, the story of a young woman determined to seek refuge for her ailing girlfriend, the person who she finds sanctuary in. RYN was a story that was initially conceived out of a place of anger. As the leadership of the United States fumbled in the hands of the former president, I consistently felt an overwhelming sense of frustration, dread and ire towards the way women, the LGBTQ+ community, the climate crisis, the COVID pandemic, and other marginalized/minority groups were being treated. RYN simply began as me spewing all my anger into a screenplay, where I envisioned a dark, dour future plagued by the corruption of powerful men. But as time went on, I began to find hope through what felt like an endless tunnel of darkness, and that hope soon began seeping its way onto the pages of the script.

RYN is not intended to be an easy watch. No. RYN was crafted in a way to elicit a strong, emotional response from its audience. The same, overwhelming dread felt by the titular character, who in simply trying to find peace and help for the woman she loves, is overpowered, and stripped of her innocence by a powerful man above.

Extensive research was done in handling the topics depicted in the film. Throughout the production process, the utmost care and respect were constantly considered in the way the film's story and dialogue were written, and in the way the narrative was shot as to not sensationalize or push the subject matter to an extreme that would alienate audiences. Through all the hardships, and the pain and suffering inflicted upon our lead character, she refuses to let her trauma take her away from the person she is, and the one she loves. There is always hope at the end of the day. Hope that will always be found in whatever, and whoever we call SANCTUARY.

*Jacob Matthew Baldy*  
*Writer, Director & Producer*  
*August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021*



## ABOUT THE CAST

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### CAILEY MERULLA

#### Ryn

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Cailey Merulla is an actress based out of Voorhees, New Jersey, best known for her role of Alex in “Ryn” director Jacob Matthew Baldy’s previous film, “*A Dance at the End of My World*”, and her leading role as Rosalyn White in the upcoming feature film “*We Fall. We Dance. We Rise.*”.

Merulla first developed her passion for acting in the sixth grade, where she was cast as Little Red Riding Hood in her middle school’s production of “*Into the Woods, Jr.*”. Soon after-which, Merulla tried her hand in film acting, where she instantly fell in love with it. At only 15-years-old, Merulla

was cast on the spot during an audition for her first on-screen role. Since then, she has continued to advance her career and expand upon her talents, appearing in several short films, feature films, and theater performances and stage productions.



### JULLIAN BURGER

#### Kris

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Jullian Burger is an actress based out of Queens, New York, and is best known for her work in short films such as “Ryn” and “*The Wicked Prince*”, and her titular role in the upcoming web-series “*Chanel’s Diary*”. Burger is also known for theater performances, playing roles in shows such as “*Into the Woods*”, “*Women and Wallace*”, and “*Les Misérables*”. For as long as she can remember, Burger has always been passionate about singing and acting. Having received her B.A. in theater at Muhlenberg College with a concentration in acting, Burger has been expanding

her body of work ever since. When not acting, Burger spends her time writing songs, performing covers, and playing with her young, and adorable dog Benny



**SEAN RIEHM**  
**Julian**

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Sean Riehm is an actor and writer based out of New York City, best known for his screen work on short films such as “*The Morning After*”, “*Paper Cranes*” and “*Ryn*” director Jacob Matthew Baldy’s previous film, “*A Dance at the End of My World*”. He has made appearances in the Oxygen show “*Mark of a Killer*”, and the pilot “*Salem High*”. His most recent stage work includes performances of the role of Pollock in the ensemble farce “*The Performance*” at The Tank in NYC, as well as multiple roles in the short comedy “*Stay for Dinner*”, which

premiered at the Vineyard Theatre in the *2019 Samuel French Off-Off Broadway Play Festival*, finishing in first place. Riehm also co-wrote the book for the new musical entitled, “*Dandelion*”, which is currently in development. He is also a staff literature contributor for Cinésque, a new digital publication platform that produces original content focused on film, photography, design, and literature.

## ABOUT THE CREW

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### **JACOB MATTHEW BALDY** **Writer, Director & Producer**

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Jacob Matthew Baldy is a filmmaker and writer based out of Durham, New Hampshire, best known for his writing/directorial work on the award-nominated short film, “*A Dance at the End of My World*”, and his episodic entry into *The New York Shakespeare Exchange*’s U.S. based “*Sonnet Project*”, shot in Rye, NH. Having received his B.F.A. from Montclair State University, with a concentration in filmmaking, Baldy continues to expand his ever-growing body of work, developing and writing several new projects, including a film loosely based upon his own personal battle with anxiety and depression, as well as a feature-length adaptation of “*Ryn*”.



### **SEAN ARNOLD** **Producer & 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director**

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Sean Arnold is a filmmaker, producer and location manager based out of New Jersey, best known for his location management work in the professional industry. He has worked on many projects of all scale, from short films of his own directorial efforts, such as, “*Leaving Home Behind*”, to location scouting and managing for productions as large as “*Saturday Night Live*”. Arnold is a consistently active face in the film industry and is a name that many will soon come to know.



**LEXA FORGIONE**  
**Director of Photography**

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Lexa Forgione is a filmmaker and director of photography based out of Pennsylvania, best known for her DP work on short films such as “*A Dance at the End of My World*”, “*HH*”, “*Missing Layla*” and more. She is currently in post-production on her latest directorial effort entitled, “*Gluten Freak*”, starring “*Ryn*” director Jacob Matthew Baldy in the leading role, and co-starring Cailey Merulla and Sean Riehm. As an avid animal lover, Forgione is employed by Champ’s Doghouse where she captures professional stills and videos of the visiting dogs and animals at

play. Forgione spends much of her free time helping find and care for lost dogs and stray cats.



**CIARA RACANELLI**  
**Production Designer**

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Ciara Racanelli is a filmmaker and production designer based out New Jersey, best known for her art and PD work on films such as “*Devoted to You*”, and the upcoming Mickey Rourke and Ice-T starring feature film “*3 Days Rising*”. Racanelli is currently in post-production on her latest directorial and PD effort entitled, “*The Wicked Prince*”, which stars “*Ryn’s*” Julian Burger in the leading role. Racanelli is a strong environmentalist advocate, and avid art enthusiast.



# FULL CREDITS

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*RYN*

A  
JACOB MATTHEW BALDY  
Film

Written and Directed by  
JACOB MATTHEW BALDY

CAILEY MERULLA  
as RYN

JULLIAN BURGER  
as KRIS

and  
SEAN RIEHM  
as JULIAN

Produced by  
JACOB MATTHEW BALDY  
SEAN ARNOLD

Director of Photography  
LEXA FORGIONE

Production Designer  
CIARA RACANELLI

Score by  
COLTON DODD

Cast

Ryn CAILEY MERULLA  
Kris JULLIAN BURGER  
Julian SEAN RIEHM  
Terry SAMUEL HENRY  
Andrew JEREMY LIPTON  
Trevor NIKU CLARK-MITCHELL  
David MATT DERENGOWSKI  
Mike JACOB MATTHEW BALDY

1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director SEAN ARNOLD  
2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Director MICHELLE EDMOND

Camera Operator LEXA FORGIONE  
Assistant Camera AVERY BOYER  
Gaffer DANNY RINALDI  
Grips MATT DERENGOWSKI  
PATRICK McLAUGHLINN  
TYLER STAMPONE  
Script Supervisor YVONNE PAYNE

Sound Mixer / Boom Operator TIM JONES  
TYLER STAMPONE

Sound Editor / Foley Artist JACOB MATTHEW BALDY

Re-recording Artists JACOB MATTHEW BALDY  
CAILEY MERULLA  
SEAN RIEHM

Editor JACOB MATTHEW BALDY

VFX Producer / Colorist / Matte Artist JACOB MATTHEW BALDY

Set Dressers JILLIE FISCH  
CIARA RACANELLI

Costume Designers JACOB MATTHEW BALDY  
AVERY BOYER

Illustrations JACOB MATTHEW BALDY  
CIARA RACANELLI

Props JACOB MATTHEW BALDY  
JILLIE FISCH  
LEXA FORGIONE  
TIM JONES  
CIARA RACANELLI

Location Manager SEAN ARNOLD

Location Scouts SEAN ARNOLD  
JACOB MATTHEW BALDY  
AVERY BOYER  
LEXA FORGIONE  
CIARA RACANELLI  
DANNY RINALDI

“SOMEWHERE IN SPACE”

Performed by CAILEY MERULLA  
Lyrics Written by JACOB MATTHEW BALDY  
Guitarist LEXA FORGIONE  
Additional Instrumentals by COLTON DODD

“I DON’T CARE”

Performed by THE MARTINELS  
Written by GEORGE DAVIS  
Label SUCCESS RECORDS INC.  
Published by PLYWOOD MUSIC  
Licensed Through MARMOSET MUSIC

“SOMEWHERE IN SPACE (DEMO)”

Performed by LEXA FORGIONE  
Lyrics Written by JACOB MATTHEW BALDY  
Additional Instrumentals by COLTON DODD

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