



A short film Written and Directed by Drew Stephens



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## Logline

The morals of a Filipino-American family are turned upside down when the mother is diagnosed with a mysterious illness.

## Summary

Nanay's Lullaby focuses on a Filipino-American family that has been torn apart by religious beliefs, traditions and ego. Arnel has finally found comfort in his own skin after being ostracized by his domineering father, ultra-religious older sister and their ambivalent mother. When the mother is struck by a mysterious illness, the brother and sister clash over doing what they think is best.

## Specifications

Project Type	Short
Runtime	13:15
Genres	Drama, LGBTQ, Filipino, HIV/AIDS

Language	English, Tagalog
Completion Date	January 1, 2021
Country of Filming	USA

## Main Cast

*Arnel* Mikee Loria  
*Criselda* Rosita Almario  
*Maricel* Aureen Almario  
*Nurse Barb* Marissa L Ampon  
*Young Criselda* Andrea Almario  
*Young Arnel* Avery Arana



## Crew



Written and Directed by	Drew Stephens	Editor	Andrew Ratermann
Produced by	Alexey Samsonov	Post-production Sound	Stanley Ng
Story by	Drew Stephens and Mano Chui Stephens	Colorist	Stephen Berke
Executive Producer	Mano Chui Stephens	Set Dresser	Brianna Aalborg-Volper
Associate Producer	Bill Ferguson	Wardrobe Coordinator	Marissa L Ampon
Unit Production Manager	Sanjana DeSilva	Production Assistant	Yada Pruksachatkun
Director of Photography	Stephen Berke	1st Assistant Director	Alexey Samsonov
Location Sound Mixer	Stanley Ng	2nd Assistant Director	Jordan Paley
Gaffer	Kevin Dorman	1st Assistant Camera	Paul Hara
Key Grip	Ethan Redfield	2nd Assistant Camera	Christopher Talbott
Production Designer	Jamie Mayne	2nd Assistant Camera	Katherine Carpenter
Makeup Artist	Joanne Kay	Boom Operator	Andres Barrientos
Original Score by	Margrit Eichler	Boom Operator	Margaret Hara
Guitar Arrangement by	Monching Carpio	Grip	Brian Ivanhoe
		Grip	Stephen Ho

## Director's Statement



**[Spoiler Alert]** In this time of a global pandemic, it is important to remember that there are millions of people who are still trying to survive the previous global health crisis: HIV/AIDS. This story spotlights the growing number of HIV cases in older women of color and illustrates the stigma that people with HIV still face. Would that stigma change if it were your own mother? We are honored that this screenplay has already received numerous honors and awards from festivals around the world and has also been performed on stage.

### DIRECTOR BIOGRAPHY:



Writer/Director Drew Stephens has collaborated on many dozens of film projects that have screened around the world, including the award-winning short films “Prinsesa,” “VDA: Tape 96” and “Bound 4 Heaven.” Drew was a TV & Radio presenter in Thailand and was the original TV host for Electric City LGBT TV in San Francisco. For the past decade, Drew has also been conducting motivational workshops to encourage aspiring filmmakers to create their own independent films. Drew’s filmography is available on IMDB and at [www.RDMstudios.com](http://www.RDMstudios.com)

The story of “Nanay’s Lullaby” was created by husbands Drew & Mano Stephens and features an **all-Filipino cast**. The stage version debuted onstage at Bindlestiff Studio – the first permanent Pilipino performing arts stage in the USA.



## Awards and Screenings

<b>AWARDS</b>	
Cebu Philippines International	WINNER: Best Short Film
San Diego Filipino Film Fest	WINNER: Best Short Film
Las Vegas Asian Film Fest	WINNER: Best Short Film
Palm Springs LGBT Film Fest	WINNER: Festival Favorite
Tokyo International Shorts	WINNER: Best Screenplay
Asian Cinematography Awards	WINNER: Best Director
Southern Shorts Awards	WINNER: Best Screenplay
Southern Shorts Awards	WINNER: Best Actor
Southern Shorts Awards	SEMI-FINALIST: Best Drama
SF Indie Screenplay Fest	SEMI-FINALIST: Best Screenplay

### OFFICIAL SELECTIONS

Over 35 screenings in 6 countries

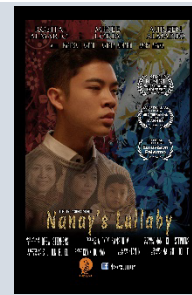
## Trailer and Promo Stills (please send e-mail for high-res versions)



Trailer – YouTube - :45 seconds  
<https://youtu.be/R-cnfwjzBXI>



Poster version 3



Poster version 4



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 Maraming Salamat po! Thank you very much!