



FALLING UP



OFFICIAL SELECTION
BUFFALO INT'L
FILM FESTIVAL
2022

PRODUCED BY **AARON CONNOR** AND **LAUREN BROOKS** DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY **MILANA SCARLATO**
 ASSISTANT CHIEFS OF CAMERA **DANNY MATHEIS** COSTUMES AND PROPS **COLLEEN KIRBY** EDITOR **DAVIS CAMERON CHU**
 POSTPRODUCTION SUPERVISOR **NICK BAIR** SOUND DESIGN, SCORE & SOUND EDITOR **BY JONI ZACHERL**
 WITH ADDITIONAL MUSIC PRODUCED BY **ANDREW REPASY** EXECUTIVE PRODUCED BY **DAN O'SHANNON**
 WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY **DAVIS CAMERON CHU**

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Running Time:

Directed By:

Written By:

Produced By:

Executive Produced By:

Edited by:

Cinematographer:

Score:



LOGLINE

A college student struggles to accept his transition into adulthood, coping through various abstract scenarios.

SYNOPSIS

College student Davis clings joyfully to his childlike surroundings. Video games, stuffed animals, singing eggs - who could want anything more? He is content in his current stage of life, and has no intention of growing up, due to the notion that being an adult kind of sucks.

Therefore, when adulthood is literally delivered to his doorstep, Davis responds appropriately. He freaks out. In an effort to cope, Davis traverses through several examinations of change, innocence, and fear—all in a desperate effort to preserve his childhood.

OUR STORY

When you're a kid, the act of growing up is as fascinating as it is dreadful. And from the perspective of many young adults, the grownup world is seldom a desirable destination.

It's the fear of accepting responsibility compounded with the sense that, from here on out, everything is downhill. It's the grieving at the end of an era. It's the growing awareness of the world and all its follies. It's weird and confusing and silly and stupid. And yet this transition is necessary.

Our film is the culmination of almost a year of hard work from the creative team. Drawing in a crew of over 50 Cleveland students, this project has now become a reality.

We hope that you can find entertainment in our generation's collective concern that it all goes downhill from here.



DIRECTOR, Davis Chu

Davis Cameron Chu was born in New York City and raised in Cincinnati. Growing up, Davis always had a passion for creating.

Davis attended Cleveland State University; he studied Film with a minor in graphic design. During his time, Davis also pursued music and discovered a love for motion graphics.

Davis began writing *Falling Up* as his senior Thesis project. The film was in response to his imminent graduation. Davis graduated in May of 2022.

Currently Davis works for Sarofsky, a motion design studio based in Chicago. He continues to explore his passion for creating, and is excited to further his filmmaking journey.

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PRODUCER, Aaron Connor

Born and raised in Buffalo NY, Aaron has always had a drive for production and storytelling. His work has now been featured in seven film festivals, and he is currently a senior at Cleveland State University pursuing a BFA in Screenwriting & Producing.

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PRODUCER, Lauren Brooks

Lauren is from Chesterland Ohio. She is a currently a senior at Cleveland State University and majoring with a BFA in Production and Screenwriting. She has worked on a handful of films that have gotten into festivals.

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CINEMATOGRAPHER, Milana Scarlato

Milana has always had a passion for capturing the world through a lens, attending Cleveland State University as a Cinematography major at the School of Film & Media Arts. Post graduation, Milana works G&E on feature films like the recent LeBron James biopic, "Shooting Stars".

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PRODUCTION DESIGN, Payton Mack

Payton Mack is a recent graduate of Cleveland State University's School of Film and Media Arts with a focusing track in writing and producing. With a special interest in production design, Mack has participated in multiple films of different genres that include handling wardrobe, set design, makeup/fx as well as some set building from previous works as a stage crew member in theater.

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1st ASSISTANT CAMERA, Danny Mathies

Danny attended Cleveland State University for a BFA in Cinematography, learning additional industry skills through local connections. He now works as an camera assistant in Cleveland, as well as on feature films like Noah Baumbach's "White Noise".

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EXHIBITION



Awards:

Audience Choice - New York Lift-Off Film Festival
Best Writing, Best Editing, Best Acting - Hollywood International
Diversity Film Festival

CREDITS

Directed by:

Davis Cameron Chu

Written by:

Davis Cameron Chu

Produced by:

Aaron Connor

Lauren Brooks

Director of Photography

Milana Scarlato

Assistant DP

Danny Mathies

Production Designer

Payton Mack

Sound Design and Score

Joni Zacherl

Executive Producer

Dan O'Shannon



CAST

*Davis Cameron Chu as **Davis***

*Wyatt Woods as **Alex***

*Alex Benn as **Voice of Alex***

*Alec Schatzel as **Evil Davis/Body Double***

*Joe Kubric as **Doorbell***

*Michael Schlosser as **Commercial***

*Dan O' Shannon as **Bunny***

*Emily Zhao as **Stummy***

*Daulantae Turnipseed as **Union Jack***



Assistant Director
2nd Assistant Director
2nd 2nd Assistant Director
1st Assistant Camera
2nd Assistant Camera

Steadicam Operator
BTS Photographer
Sound Mixer/Boom Op

Gaffer
Key Grip
Grip

Production Manager
Fundraising Coordinator
Stop Motion Coordinator
Stunt Coordinator
Hair/Makeup/Wardrobe
Wardrobe
Hair/Makeup

Carmen Callahan
Nora Conroy
Matt Koenig
Danny Matheis
Nick Anderson
Aaron Connor
Thomas Matheis
Rebecca Aslanis
Alex Feliciano
Andrew Repasy
Joni Zacherl
Brandon Knight
Megan Bryars
Matt Koenig
Najada Davis
Abby McDowell
Bailey Maine
John Bando
Roman Smith
Doug Smith
Tessa Hartman
Michael Pawlusik
Matt Bartolotta
Payton Mack
Jack Brancatelli
Lauren Koleszar
Natalie Dhyanchand

Editor/ Animation
Post Production Supervisor/Animator
Assistant Animator
3D Character Animator
Production Designer/Animator
Additional Graphic Design

Assistant Editor/Colorist
Sound Design & Score
Original Soundtrack
Animator
3D Animator
Animator
Illustrator
Technology Consultant
Video Game Footage

Davis Chu
Nick Bair
Lauren Zawie
Jada Kirkpatrick
Jewell Gwantheynes
Kiara Martin
Tim Pham
Peter Vandrasik
Joni Zacherl
Andrew Repasy
Katie Justiniani
Richard Osburn
Tessa Smith
Cat Waszkowski
Ferris Henning
Fletcher Wells

