



WATER BABIES

DIRECTED BY
JOSHUA GARRETSON

STORY BY
CHLOIE AND WARREN WORKMAN

WORKMAN PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS A JOSHUA GARRETSON PRODUCTION "WATER BABIES" KENNA DENALI SPENCER JARMAN

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LONGLINE: A couples desperately wishes to have a baby...be careful what you wish for.

SYNOPSIS: When food was in short supply and people were starving, mothers would drown their babies in the lake to prevent them from suffering. However such an act created a curse trapping the babies spirits in the water. These spirits grew hungry and restless and would call out to women from the water to lure them to a watery grave.

Director Statement: Working with this cast and crew was a perfect storm of creativity. A couple months before starting production, Executive Producer and Co-Writer, Warren Workman, approached me about an idea he had been working on with his daughter, Chloe Workman. Water Babies, while disguised as a horror film, uses urban legends and folklore as a catalyst to explore the grief and overall toll that motherhood, whether prospective or postpartum, can have on women. The film follows Lizzy (Kenna Denali) as she goes through excruciating pain and sadness, while her husband, Jake (Spencer Jarman), tries his best to understand what she's suffering and give her the support she needs. Both Kenna Denali and Spencer Jarman give transformative performances, with a clear vision of who their characters are. They lived in these characters and knew them inside and out, which allowed us to put our trust in them and take more risks on set. This allowance to experiment, as well as the hard work put in by our crew, results in a film that is both visually and tonally unique. With a small crew, less than two days to shoot, and a deadline only a month from our wrap date, every person on this crew had to wear multiple hats and stretched themselves to reach our goal. I am eternally grateful to everyone who worked on this production, and endlessly proud of what we were able to create.



Spencer Jarman and Kenna Denali - Water Babies

Cast & Crew



Josha Garretson - *Director/Editor*

Joshua has garnered success in many sides of the entertainment industry. Starting out as an actor at the age of 7, he grew up in the Metro-Detroit theatre scene. At the age of 21, he made the life-changing decision to move out and go on tour with the Big Apple Circus, where he worked with many big names, such as Neil Patrick Harris, Jimmy Fallon, and many others. Now living in Utah, he creates digital content that is consistently seen by millions of people around the world.



Warren Workman - *Producer/Writer*

Warren Workman is a film producer that typically produces rom-com features but on FilmFreeway gets to play with horror shorts for fun. When Warren is not working on films he is producing commercials and comedic YouTube videos. As Warren's projects begin to expand out of Utah he hopes to meet filmmakers worldwide to collaborate on projects ranging from the comedic, horrific and everywhere along the way.



Kenna Denali - *"Lizzy Tate"*

Kenna Denali is an actress from Park City, Utah. Her love for acting originated from when she first watched "Gone with the Wind" at the age of five. Seeing Vivien Leigh play Scarlett O'Hara with such ferocity spurred her desire to debut in her first feature film at age 11. Kenna is an avid horseback rider, a chocolate chip cookie connoisseur, an old-fashioned romantic, and a ferocious gamer.



Spencer Jarman - *"Jake Tate"*

Spencer Joseph Jarman made his stage debut as one of the G' Men in "You Can't Take it With You." Jarman saw the end of his first year and decided to move to the closest film acting hub, Portland, Oregon. Jarman then began classes and starred in his first Feature film ("American Anthem.") He went on to work in multiple short films and features, as well as having a Co-Star in NBC's "Grimm." Jarman has since worked on countless commercials, photoshoots, and short films. He has also had the opportunity to star in numerous features ("Undaunted, Algea: God of Pain").

Review



Director Josh Garretson encapsulates the very real horrors of pregnancy mishaps, and personifies those fears into a tangible monster in his film, "Water Babies."

"Water Babies" tells the story of a young couple desperately wishing to have a baby. This desperation leads the couple to a cursed lake where many babies in the early 20th century were drowned.

This film uses stories from indigenous people of North America to tackle a very serious issue that may hit very close to women and their families. As it presents itself as a supernatural horror, this film delicately handles its subject matter while illustrating a captivating story.

The performances from Kenna Denali and Spencer Jarman were superb. Their chemistry felt very natural as they portrayed the complete range of a hopeful couple to one that faces detrimental news.

Josh Garretson also did an excellent job editing this film as it was stylistically intriguing, enhancing the emotions felt from the characters without ever stepping in the way of the storytelling.

Overall, this film was touching, well-paced, and serves as a powerful metaphor for the fears a woman can go through before, during, and after motherhood.

Review by Ike Mauga - Zepstone Media

