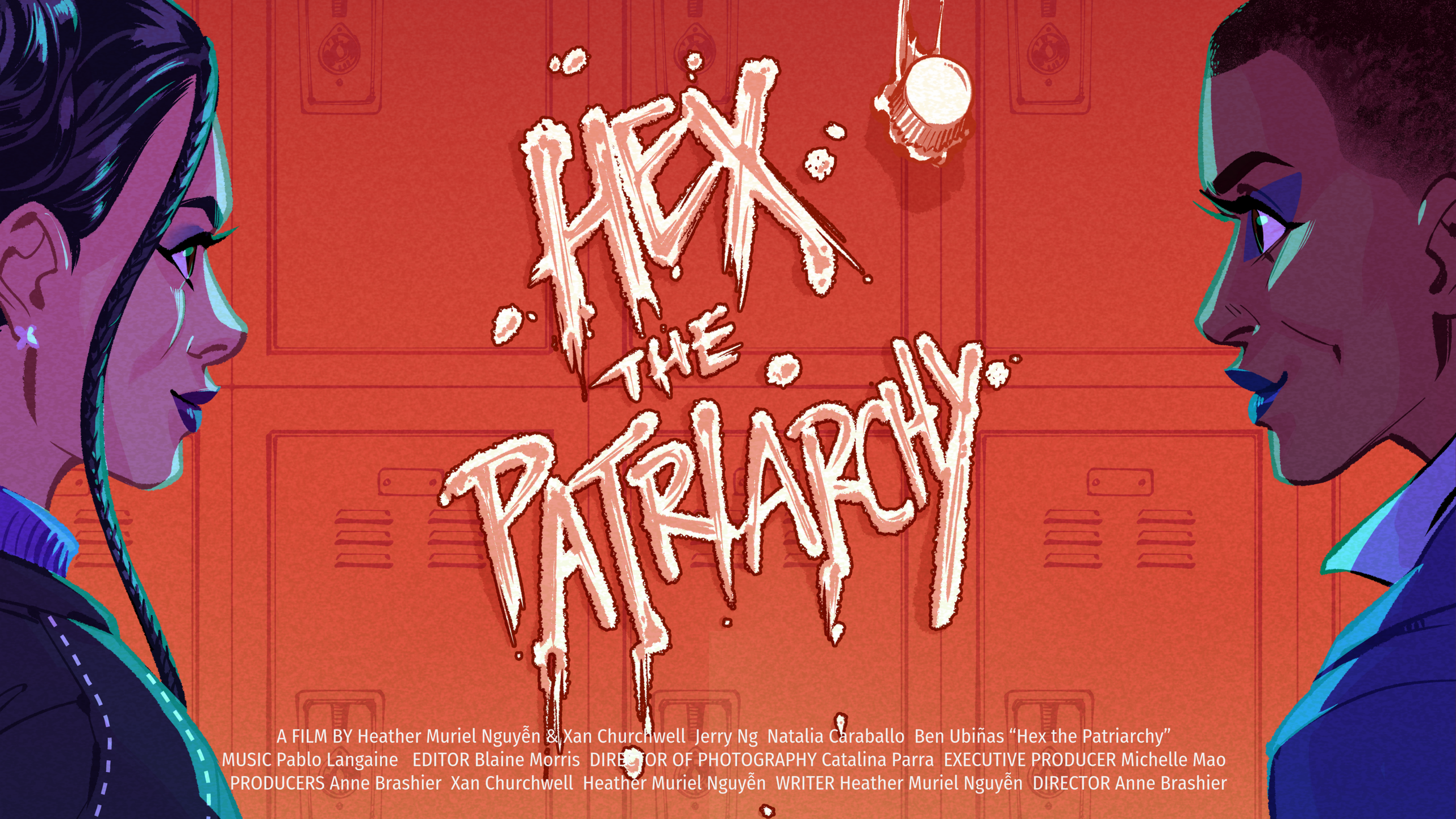


A FILM BY Heather Muriel Nguyễn & Xan Churchwell Jerry Ng Natalia Caraballo Ben Ubiñas "Hex the Patriarchy"
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A SHORT FILM

THE STORY

Fed up with being bullied, demisexual and asexual best friends Bex and Wren strike back with a bit of magic that has unintended consequences.

Genre: LGBTQIA+, Fantasy (Sorcery), Teen Comedy

Run Time: 6 minutes / Language: English

Format: 4K Widescreen

Shot on RED Komodo

Hex the Patriarchy







DIRECTOR AND WRITER'S STATEMENT

Hex the Patriarchy is a heartfelt celebration of loving who you are and inviting everyone around you to embrace themselves. We wanted to explore what it'd be like to have magic in high school, often the most confusing place and time, especially as a young queer and trans child trying to make friends and not understanding why they're not liked.

Our writer Heather survived childhood with her own best friend, respectively queer and trans before they knew those terms existed. They wished for magic to counter bullies' hurtful words but also unleash vibrantly queer joy and self-love as the ultimate revenge, because what's more terrifying to a bully than to see themselves in the ones they try to ostracize? Hex the Patriarchy is a love letter to their younger selves, who didn't know such an affirming story and world could be theirs. And, how can you not fall in love with a story about two queer witchy teenagers who try so hard to make friends and care for each other? I adored these characters so much that I could not wait to get them on screen. As someone who came to be brave about my queerness later in life, I wish my teenage self had friends like Bex and Wren. I was honored to work with Heather on their hilarious and loving script, and it was a joy to bring it to life with a talented cast and crew. Here's to shouting it from the rooftops and chanting it on repeat: being queer is beautiful.

OUR TEAM



ANNE BRASHIER
DIRECTOR/PRODUCER | SHE/THEY

Anne Brashier makes emotionally gripping, physically dynamic, boldly engaging film and theater. She co-produced *The Cypher*, an official selection at 2020 Tribeca, and she was accepted into the Stowe Story Lab to develop *Dugout*, an adaptation of *MacBeth* set at a Little League game. Anne was a 2019 NBCUniversal Writer's On The Verge finalist, her scripts have won several competitions, she directed the LA Webfest award-winning webseries *Corporate*, and she was nominated for Best Choreographer at the LA Weekly Theater Awards with the LA Theatre Ensemble.



HEATHER MURIEL NGUYỄN
WRITER / PRODUCER / "WREN" |THEY/SHE

Heather Muriel Nguyễn (they/she) is a Queer non-binary Vietnamese-American filmmaker passionate about visceral stories that center Queer and Trans characters of Color grappling with intergenerational trauma and self-love. Her film THƠ ("tuh") is the first film by and about an asexual girl of Color. It premiered at Outfest Los Angeles 2021, screened at CAAMFest40, aGLIFF 2021, and Outfest Fusion 2021, among others, and is streaming in Outfest's OutMuseum Ace of Hearts exhibit.

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XAN CHURCHWELL PRODUCER / "BEX" |THEY/THEM

Xan Churchwell is an actor, writer and creator based in Los Angeles, CA. A graduate of New York University Tisch School of the Arts, Xan holds the title of Disney Imagineer having worked for their Live Entertainment and Marvel VFX sectors. Their most recent writing credit includes writing the screenplay QUANDO a No Evil Projects production done for Heartbeat Opera. Directed by Tee Vaden and created and produced by Derrell Acon. They are the associate producer on Honey & Milk a Queer short film that raised over $25k (+) during their crowd-funding campaign last year.

As a trans nonbinary creator, their goal in life is to create art that represents BIPOC gender non-conforming and trans folks. When they're not making art, you may find them eating vegan goodies or enjoying a movie with some homemade popcorn.



JERRY NG. "EVAN" | HE/HIM

Jerry is an actor, artist, and reality TV show enthusiast based in Los Angeles, CA. An affinity for storytelling led him to study Acting at UCLA. He believes new sights, tastes, and experiences fuel the creative spirit. @jerrymanderng

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BEN UBINAS "DANNY" | HE / HIM

Ben Ubiñas is an actor known for known for Good Luck Have Fun (2021), Bound (2015) and Adverse (2020).



NATALIA CARABALLO "CHARLIE" | SHE/HER

Natalia Caraballo is a Los Angeles based, bilingual actress with a BA in Acting from California State University, Long Beach. She is currently SAG-Eligible and training at the Praxis Acting Studio. She and other artists from CSULB wrote, produced, and starred in an original play SEVEN and had a successful run at The Zephyr Theater and The Garage Theater. She strives for her art to bring empathy, joy, and representation. She is so grateful for this project!




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