

# Homecoming

A Short Musical Film

*Official Selections of:*

Doc Sunback Film Festival - 2023  
Winner - Best Kansas Student Film  
Tallgrass Film Festival - 2023



A young man with curly hair is lying in bed, wearing a red hoodie. He is looking towards the camera with a slight smile. The background shows a bed with grey and white pillows and a white blanket. The text is overlaid on the image in a black serif font.

## Logline

When he is forced to come home after a tragedy occurs in his family, Freddy, a first-year music student, must reckon with his past to create a brighter future.

*Homecoming* is a proof-of-concept of a larger musical film being developed.

# Filmmaker Bio

## **Writer/Director - Adler Moss**

Adler Moss is from Wichita, Kansas. Throughout high school, he was in the Emerging Programming Apprenticeship (EPA) program at the Tallgrass Film Festival. His previous directing work includes a PSA for the Tallgrass Film Festival; *Quiet*, a short action comedy; *BCTV: Endgame*, a award-winning short action-adventure drama; and *Hibakusha*, an award-winning short documentary. He has had films in film festivals throughout the United States. He has also won awards at the Tallgrass Film Festival, Tribute Film Festival, Doc Sunback Film Festival, the Golden Lion High School Film Festival, and the University of Kansas Tensie Awards.



# The Main Players

## ***Freddy, played by Joseph Korte***

When Freddy's biological father passed from cancer when Freddy was 6, it wasn't a shock but it was devastating. Some years after Freddy's biological father passed, his mother Madeline met Frank. Frank and Freddy never really got along, and that wasn't helped when Madeline married Frank in 2010. When college came closer, Freddy decided he wanted to major in Music. He had always been interested in music/songwriting and it was a longtime passion of his. Frank disapproved. Frank told Freddy that he needed to major in something more practical. After a resulting fight, Frank and Freddy did not really speak to each other again, even after Freddy moved out for school. Now, Frank has passed away and Freddy has been called back home; still actively processing his death.

## ***Madeline, played by Laura Kirk (American Honey, The Only Good Indian, Lisa Picard is Famous)***

Madeline met the love of her life, her son Freddy's biological father, when she was younger in life. However, this man was sadly taken from them when Freddy was a young child due to cancer. Madeline's second husband, Frank, was very recently killed in an auto accident. Now, Madeline is suffering from the devastation of death once again. The sudden onslaught and return of these feelings is overwhelming, but she feels she must stay as strong as she possibly can for her son, Freddy.

# The Crew



Script Direction, Original Music and Lyrics,  
Editing - Adler Moss

Director of Photography - Daniel McMillin

Production Design - Terina Liang

Audio Supervision - Cory Porter

Production Assistants - Griffin Nelson &  
Alejandro Perez

Editing Consultants - Terina Liang, Griffin  
Nelson, & Cory Porter

Recording Engineer/Mixing - John McCluskey

Vocal Engineer - Robert Hurst

Instrumental Engineer - Gabriel Alexander

Guitars/Bass - Griffin Nelson

Vocals - Joseph Korte

Drums - Adler Moss

Special Thanks - Alejandro Perez, Corbin Davis, &  
Paul Stuever

Produced in Cooperation with the Department of  
Film and Media Studies, University of Kansas

# The Music

Featuring original music and lyrics written by director Adler Moss, *Homecoming* is a unique and multifaceted film.

The music and vocals were recorded at KU Film and Media Studies' recording studio by John McCluskey and Robert Hurst; mixing by John McCluskey.

Musicians include Griffin Nelson on guitars and bass, Adler Moss on drums, and Joseph Korte providing his own vocals.

Further instrumentals were recorded by Gabriel Alexander, an LA-based music producer.

The track was mastered at 24-bit, 44.1khz.

# Official Selections and Awards

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## *Awards:*

Best Kansas Student Film - Doc Sunback Film Festival, 2023



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## Final Words

As the writer/creator behind *Homecoming*, I hope that you enjoy the film. This short is a proof-of-concept of a larger musical film currently in development. Considering that this was shot in one day on a shoestring budget, the fact that I was working with such a talented cast and crew is the only reason this story is being told. Beyond that, I hope the work speaks for itself. Thank you.

If you have any interest regarding this or other projects, I can be reached via the following:

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