

A Life With



Background

A Life With was completed as part of the Film Program in the Communications Studies Department at California State University, Sacramento.

This film was completed as a Senior Capstone Project during the Senior Practicum Class of the Fall 2023 semester.

A Life With debuted at Sacramento State's J-Street Film Festival on December 14th, which is designed to showcase the Senior Capstone projects at the end of the semester.



Log line

After learning of her boyfriend's acceptance to USC, a young colorado college student ends her relationship and must learn to move on with her life or wallow in her grief.



Style

- Romance Drama



- Non-linear Narrative



- Digital Super 35



Characters



Cassie

Portrayed by Faith Rose

Cassie is a young college student from Colorado who is about to graduate. She's lived with her boyfriend for the past few years, and has her entire life figured out. Or so she thinks.



Jesse

Portrayed by Malachi Killion

Jesse is also a young college student, and Cassie's boyfriend. While he has been planning his future with Cassie, opportunity throws a wrench into his future plans.

Themes

- Grief
- Regrets Over Lost-Love
- Betrayal



Target Audience

- Age range: 18-25 years
- People experiencing or having experienced grief and loss
- Those whose relationships have ended abruptly



Stills



Locations

- Sacramento, Ca



- Folsom, Ca



- William Land Park



Director & Writer: Ryan Sagun

For his 2022 short film, entitled Vigilant, the young director won the “Best Super Short Film” award from Hollywood on the Tiber Film Awards in Italy. The success of the short film has led to a sequel film, called Vigilant Justice, which serves as Ryan’s feature length, directorial debut and is set to premiere in 2023. Another notable work of his—a short film called Chemistry (2023)—was featured at the Aspiring Minds Film Festival Spring 2022, where he earned the award for “Most Aspiring Filmmaker” for his work as a producer, and has garnered over 600K views on Youtube.

Ryan is currently studying under the College of Arts & Letters at Sacramento State, and graduates in Spring 2024. He is working on obtaining his Bachelor’s degree in Film Production, after already achieving his associate’s from Diablo Valley College in 2022. Additionally, he works as part of the Sacramento State Student Affairs Marketing and Communications team as a Multimedia Intern.



Cast



Faith Rose as Cassie

Faith Rose is an award winning actress known for her role in the short film “This is Not a Date” from the J street film festival. She has starred in multiple student films since and won Actress of the Year in 2020. Faith has also directed and produced multiple successful projects, and is studying under the College of Arts and Letters at Sacramento State, where she will graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Film Productions in 2024.



Malachi Killion as Jesse

Malachi Killion is an up-and-coming actor from Sacramento, Ca. He has acted in several roles in the past couple years, landing his first leading part in A Life With (2023) and another part in a soon to be released feature film known as Vigilant Justice (2024).

Crew



Producer: Shay Spencer

Shay Spencer is a filmmaker who is currently studying under the College of Arts & Letters at Sacramento State and graduates in Spring 2024. She will be obtaining a Bachelor's degree in Film Production, with the hopes of gaining more knowledge in a Masters program afterwards. She has also produced multiple projects shown at the J Street Festival held by CSU Sacramento, while also working an internship with Imagine this Women's Film Festival.



Director of Photography & Writer: Rachel Urbano

Rachel Urbano is a newly graduated student from Sacramento State with a degree in Film Production. She has worked on two short films, one being A Life With as the Director of Photography. Despite her fresh start, Rachel is eager to pursue more film projects and to help out in anyway she can.

Crew



Production Designer & Editor: Ariana Vivanco

Ariana Vivanco is a current student at the California State University, Sacramento. She is studying under the College of Arts & Letters and is working on obtaining her Bachelor's degree in Film Production. Ariana is an aspiring editor, and has worked on various projects ranging from short films to interview style videos. She has also dabbled in production design and enjoys creative writing.



Sound Recordist: King Simmons

King Simmons, an aspiring actor, is currently finishing his bachelor's degree in film production. He has worked on multiple projects during his college career serving as both talent and crew. Following his graduation from Sacramento State in the spring of 2024, King will continue focusing on his professional acting career.

Behind the Scenes



Production Timeline



Development:

- February 2023 - Story Development Begins
- May 28th, 2023 - The first draft of the script is completed
- June 2023 - Rachel Urbano is added as a Co-Writer
- August 26th - The Senior Capstone Class Begins
- September 5th - The Film is Pitched
- September 9th - The Film is selected for pre-production

Pre-Production

- September 12th - Shay Spencer, Ariana Vivanco, & King Simmons are brought onto the project
- October 5th - Faith Rose is cast as Cassie
- October 8th - Malachi Killion is cast as Jesse
- October 18th - The Film is Greenlit for Production

Production Timeline (Cont'd)

Production:

- October 21st - A Life With begins Production
- October 22nd - Second Day of Production
- November 12th - Final Day of Production

Post-Production

- November 21st - The First Rough Draft is Finished
- December 1st - Picture-Lock
- December 11th - The Film is Finished



Technical Details

Production

- Shot with Canon C200
- Shot on Digital Super 35 DZO Film Lenses (20-55mm & 50-125mm)
- Shot in 4k at 24 FPS, 60 FPS for Slow-Motion
- Shot in Canon Log-3
- Sound Recorded on Zoom H6N recorder, single system
- Sound Recorded on both Lavaliers and Boom Microphones

Post-Production

- Edited in Adobe Premiere Pro and Adobe After Effects
- Exported PRORES 422 at 1920x1080, 24 FPS
- Mono Audio System
- Sound effects and music from Soundstripe under the the Creator Pro License, or Freesound.org under the Public Domain



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