

CHOCOLATE RICE



1925, A failed New York playwright spirals into alcoholism and despair, leading his once-happy marriage to a deadly end.

GUILT

A film by Alex Meridy



"In order for the light to shine so brightly, the darkness must be present." - Francis Bacon



RUNNING TIME:

WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY:

PRODUCED BY:

PRODUCTION COMPANY:

PRODUCTION DESIGN BY:

EDITED BY:

CINEMATOGRAPHY BY:

MUSIC BY:

SOUND DESIGN BY:

7 MINUTES 50 SECONDS

ALEX MERIDY

SPENCER VELEZ

MARK FENLASON

KAYLEB LEE

CHOCOLATE RICE

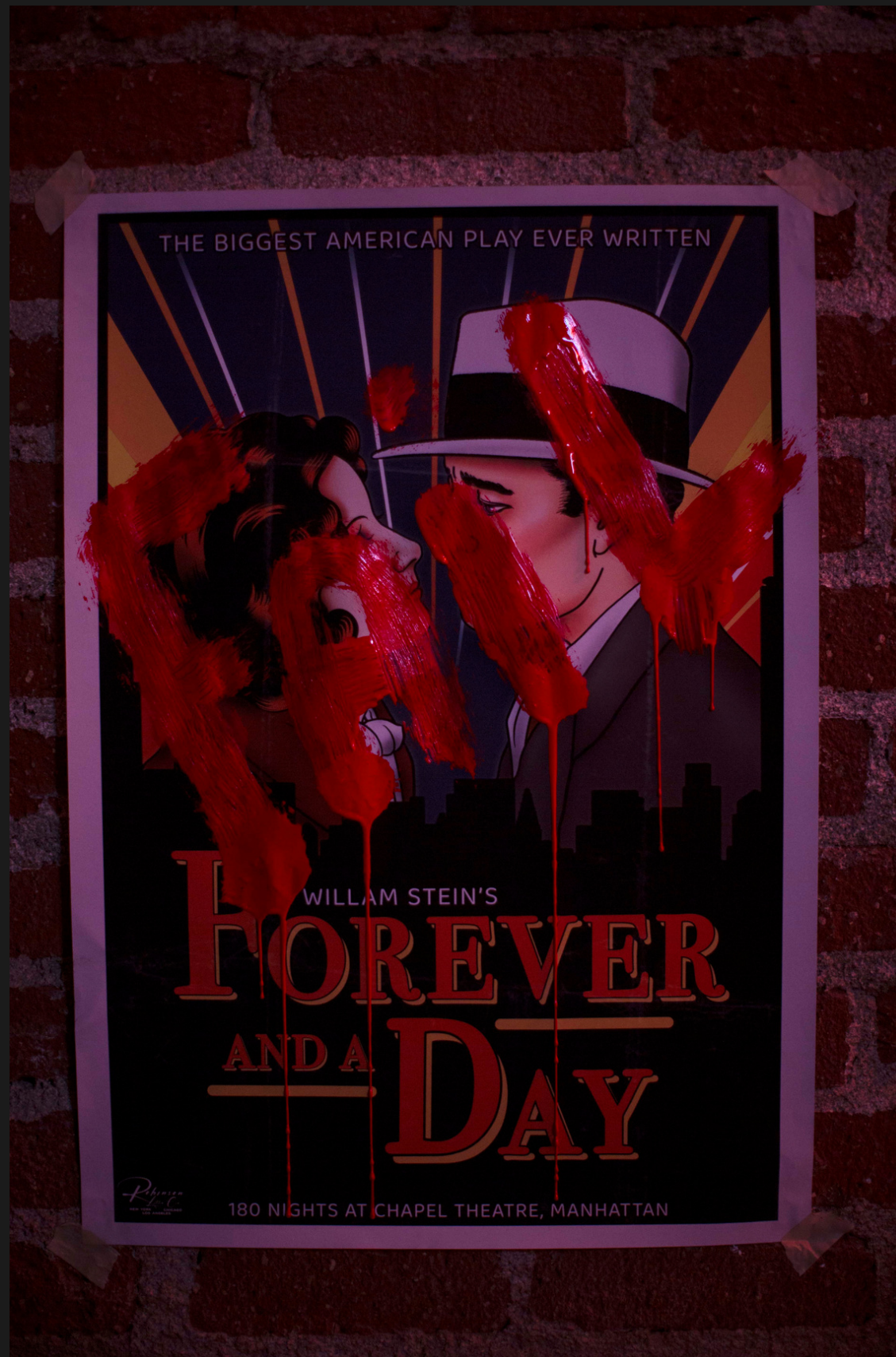
MARK FENLASON

KAYLEB LEE

JAMES ARTERBERRY

VIVEK ABHISHEK

JONATHAN IAN



LEO is a down-on-his-luck playwright living with his wife HOLLY in Manhattan in 1925. Haunted by his own failure to succeed in show business and his recurring nightmares of falling from a building, Leo turns to excessive drinking as a coping mechanism. Despite Holly's attempts to comfort and support him, Leo's drinking results in major marital strife. Bills go unpaid, the apartment falls into a state of disarray, and Leo even becomes violent towards his wife. Finally, it is revealed through V.O. that Leo verbally provoked an influential figure in his business, resulting in him being blacklisted. The audience learns that as a consequence of this, Leo has slipped into insanity and murdered Holly, whose corpse is rotting in the kitchen. Overcome with guilt, Leo jumps from the apartment window, sealing his fate in the same manner that his recurring nightmares foreshadowed.

THRILLER / PSYCHOLOGICAL DRAMA

ABOUT

CAST AND CHARACTERS

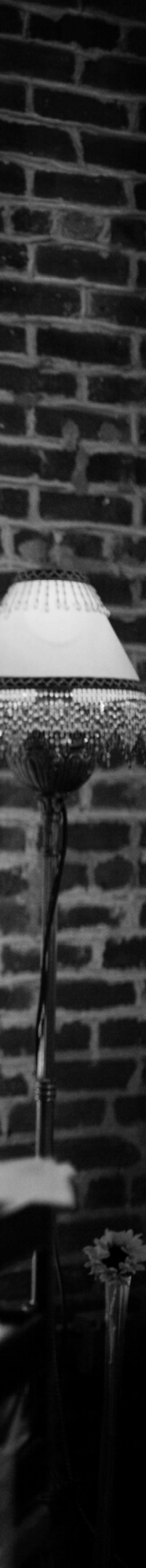
LEO - an aspiring playwright and a loving husband to Holly. Can't handle the tough side of the industry. Pessimistic



NATE THURMAN a Kansas City-born, Los Angeles-based Actor. Thurman is an Alumni of The American Academy of Dramatic Arts, as well as a Veteran of The United States Navy. Thurman has appeared in countless Theatrical and Film productions. He is currently a Loft Ensemble resident performer.

HOLLY - a loving and supportive wife to Leo. She later suffered the consequence of her husband's destructive failure mechanisms. Death.

KELLY SERVELLE - A small desert girl from Palm Springs, California with big city dreams. Kelly is an Alumni of The American Academy of Dramatic Arts. She is an actress and a model who appeared in many Stage and Film productions.



DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

This film is made to increase awareness of mental health issues such as depression, addiction, anxiety, and trauma, and their potential to cause harm to oneself and others when left untreated and unrecognized.



DIRECTOR'S BIOGRAPHY

Alex Meridy is a Navy Veteran, Actor, and award-winning Filmmaker born in Angeles City Pampanga, Philippines. His father was an American from Atlanta, Georgia who served in the U.S. Air Force during Vietnam War and his mother was a Filipino Citizen from Biri Northern Samar Islands, Philippines. In 2016, after his honorable discharge from the United States Navy, he moved to Los Angeles and attended an acting conservatory program at the prestigious American Academy of Dramatic Arts where he received his Associate's Degree in Acting. In Early 2020, he became part of the inaugural class of the AT&T/VME Media Fellowship Program under the wing of Warner Media. He completed his Bachelor's Degree in Film Production at the Los Angeles Film School.

Alex's first short film "COPE" was noticed by IMDB and won its first honorable mention by a partner film festival then later awarded Best First-time Screenwriter by Vegas Movie Awards. His second short film "The Meet Up" also received numerous awards including Best Short Film at the LA Short Awards and the Canadian Short Film Festival. The film was reviewed by the audience to have a similar style to Hitchcock. In 2019, he adapted an original 10-minute stage play "Anything for My Mother" into a short film and received numerous nominations and awards including Best Director at the Anaheim International Film Festival, Best Student Film at AFMX New Mexico, and many more. His latest short film "INCONDICIONAL", a Latino gay drama based on a real-life story set in the 1980s was selected at The East LA Film Festival and later placed semifinalist at the Oscar qualifying Flickers' Rhode Island International Film Festival. Alex recently worked as the Production and Costume designer for the award-winning short film "A Rush of Peace" Directed by Chicago Fire star Jake Lockett. The film premiered at the Oscar-qualifying LA Shorts International Film Festival in Los Angeles, California.

Alex is also a proud member of Veterans in Media in Entertainment in Los Angeles and American Legion Post 43 in Hollywood, California. He is also a Group Effort Initiative participant, an initiative launched by Ryan Reynolds and Blake Lively. His passion for storytelling came from a young age when Film and TV were and still are his gateway to the world of limitless possibilities.



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Best Electrician
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EMMALANI LOWE

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