



MUNCHIES

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Color

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Tagline

BRING A SNACK

25-word synopsis

When a nervous, people-pleasing college student goes to smoke with two of his classmates, he soon discovers he's invited for more than weed.

50-word synopsis

When Coby, a nervous, people-pleasing college student, is invited to go smoke with two unfamiliar peers, Thomas and Noah. Coby starts to notice some unusual behaviors between the two who invited him. As the night progresses, he discovers that they hunger for more than weed.

75-word synopsis

Coby, a nervous, people-pleasing college student, is invited to go smoke with two unfamiliar peers, Thomas and Noah. While struggling to fit in, he begins to notice some unusual behavior between the two. However, he is quick to disregard it out of fear of being excluded. As the night progresses, Coby begins to piece together why he was actually invited, discovering that Thomas and Noah have the munchies for human flesh.

Above-the-Line Crew Bios



Michael Calderon, Director

Michael Calderon is from Louisville, Ky. From the moment they had access to a camera, they knew filmmaking was their calling. They have worked on an abundance of their own short films, in and out of school. They have also worked on features from *502 Films* as a production assistant. Their favorite genres are slashers, thrillers, and comedies. The idea of combining the sensibilities of all three is what led them to this film.



Jacob Parrent, Producer

Jacob Parrent is from Princeton, KY. In their free time, they enjoy writing and running marathons. Script writing is one of their favorite hobbies, and they have been doing it since high school. They have produced and directed many of their own short films, both in and outside of school. While coming of age and dark comedies are their favorite genres, they also enjoy thrillers that blend in these elements, which is what drew them to this project.

Above-the-Line Crew Bios



Kailyn Henderson, Cinematographer

Kailyn Henderson is from Somerset, KY. Her love for the arts followed her through childhood. She has a love for stories that go deeper than the surface and have unexpected twists. Cinematography has always been her favorite aspect of filmmaking, rooted in her experience in photography and videography throughout her schooling career. Horror and thriller films have always been her favorite genre, which she uses to her advantage as she captures this film.



Lane Thomerson, Production Designer

Lane Thomerson is from Cottontown, TN. In his free time, he enjoys watching movies, playing video games, and hanging out with family and friends. While he has a background in editing, he prefers the production side of the industry. He's worked on many short films of his own, as well as G&E on a TV pilot. Lane has always loved practical effects in movies, and the chance to create his own is why he came on as production designer.

Cast Bios



Ezra High, “Coby”

Ezra High is an actor from Nashville, TN. At a young age, he developed a love for the arts and storytelling. He participates in many theater productions through the company Circle Players. Some notable roles he’s played are John in Winter and Billy Boy Bill in Urinetown. He has also acted in student films with Western Kentucky and Belmont University. His love for horror is what brought him to Munchies, as he has always wanted to act in the genre.



Max Jablow, “Thomas”

Max Jablow is an actor and musician from Louisville, KY. He is the lead singer in the bands The Little Michael Experience and NERVEHOUSE. Throughout his life, he always had a love for performing and honed his skills at the Commonwealth Theater Center in Louisville, KY. He has had a few roles in features shot in the same city, most notably in the upcoming Just Breath, where he acts alongside Shawn Ashmore and Kyle Gallner.

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Max Gomez, “Noah”

Max Gomez is an up-and-coming actor from Louisville, KY. Throughout his childhood, he acted in countless YouTube videos with his friends, affirming his love of performing. In high school, he continued his studies in acting with the *Emerging Artists Group* in Louisville, KY. Since then, he has worked with his peers in their short films, leading him to his role in *Munchies*.

Written and Directed by
Produced by
Director of Photography
Edited by
Production Design by
Sound by
Original Score by

Michael Calderon
Jacob Parrent
Kailyn Henderson
Ben Schindler
Lane Thomerson
Michael Calderon
Kyle Roemer

Cast

Ezra High
Max Jablow
Max Gomez

Coby
Thomas
Noah

First Assistant Director
Second Assistant Director

Jaymes Thomas
Ben Schindler

Stunt Coordinator
Intimacy Coordinator

Alexis Hall
Chris McCormick

First Assistant Camera
Second Assistant Camera

Christian Colvin
On'Dria Gibson

Sound Mixer & Boom Op

Carson Cummings

Gaffer
Key Grip

RJ Eckel
Tayjon Bumphas

Script Supervisor
Production Assistant

Andre Payne
Hal Deetsch
Emmy Lou

Special Thanks

DMLO
Wendy Lovett
Summer Adams
Alexander Neudorff
The Calderon Family

Production Stills



Thomas holding a joint up to Coby. (image courtesy of WKU Film)

Coby being shushed by Thomas. (image courtesy of WKU Film)

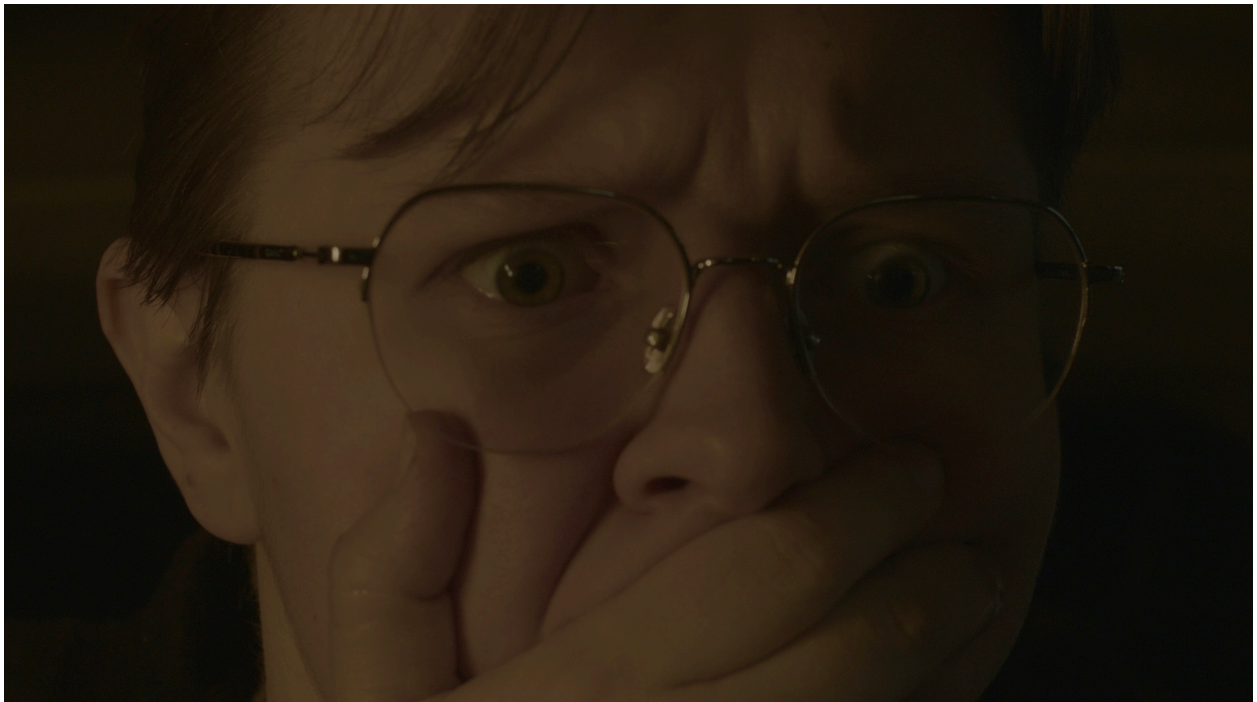


Production Stills



Thomas and Noah starring at Coby in disbelief. (image courtesy of WKU Film)

Coby watching Thomas and Noah in horror. (image courtesy of WKU Film)



Director Statement

“I have always been fascinated with how cruel friends can be. Throughout my life there have been countless instances where someone who I thought was my friend was actually just using me for personal gain. There’s something so twisted, and honestly, comedic about how awful people can be to one another. This is what led me to this film, which is basically about the evil of friends. What if you were literally chewed up and spit out by them? It sounds crazy, right? Well that’s what I’m going for. Munchies is a BITING satirical thriller about how it feels to grow up as a constant 3rd wheel in friend groups.”

- *Michael Calderon, director, “Munchies”*

Filmography, Michael Calderon

A.I. Artificial Incompetence (short)

Writer/Director

WKU Film, 2023

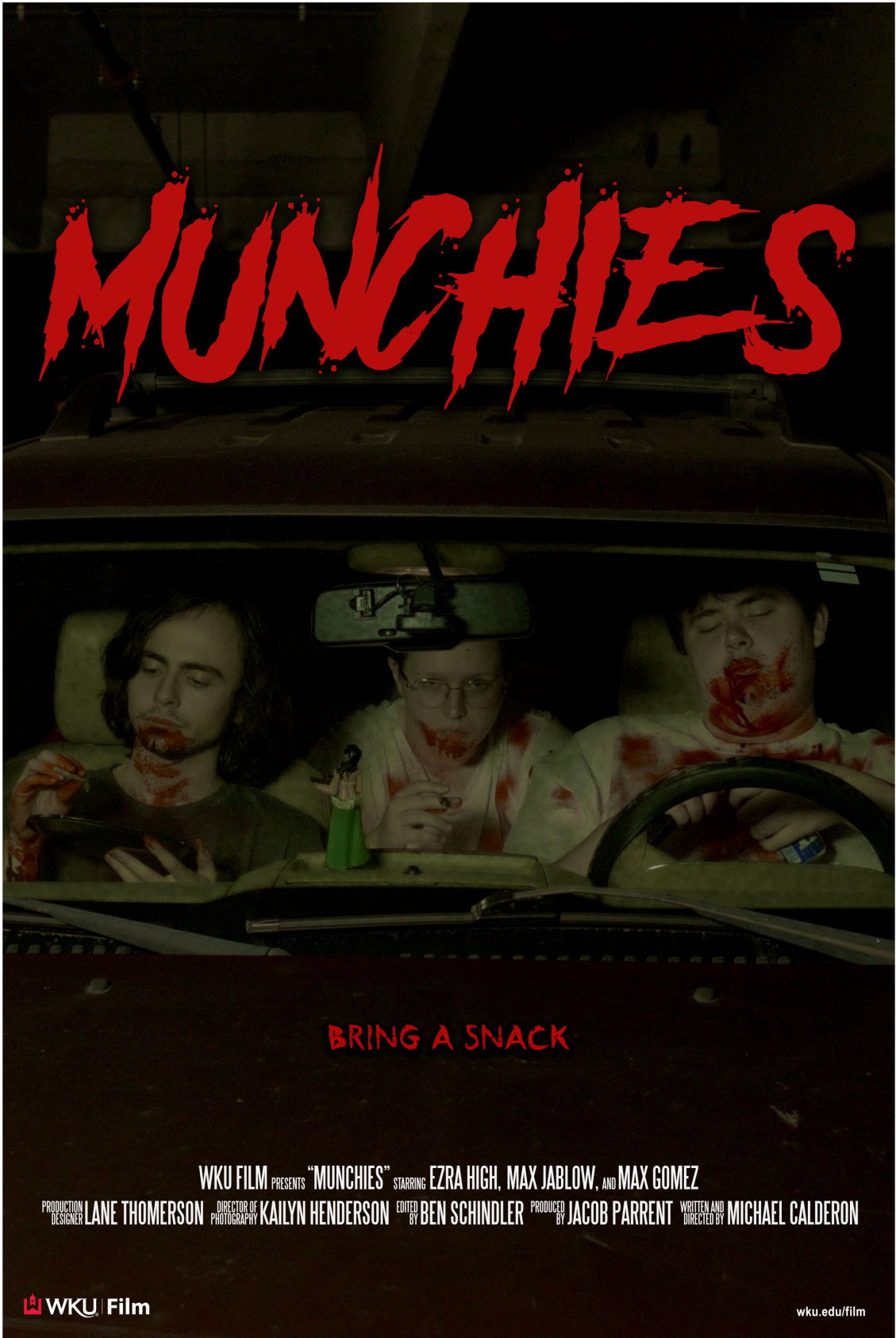
Future “Episodes” (for College Television Awards)

Episode 2

Thomas and Noah go to finish Coby off, but they hear a police siren. In a panic, the two stuff Coby in the back of the car, still alive and screaming, and drive off. While driving, they continue to argue. Meanwhile, in the back seat, Coby stops yelling. He fiddles around with the car door, manages to open it, and tumbles out of the car. Thomas and Noah, still arguing, don't notice and keep driving as Coby lays on the side of the street, barely alive. After what feels like hours, a cop pulls up and rushes to Coby. Coby gets in the car and thanks the cop, who replies, “Anything for a friend of my son.” Coby stares in fear.

Episode 3

Coby is brought back to the parking garage, where Thomas and Noah sit waiting by their car. Thomas thanks his dad and rips one of Coby's fingers off, which he hands to his dad to eat. Coby, unphased, just watches. Thomas' dad drives off, leaving Coby. Thomas scolds Coby for leaving, saying they were just becoming good friends. Noah continues to knife at another can of beer. Coby doesn't respond; he just lays with what's left of his body on the floor and eventually closes his eyes. SNAP! Coby wakes up in the backseat of the car and sees Thomas' hand holding a joint in his face. Coby grabs it with the few fingers he has left. Thomas asks where he wants to get food.



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WKU FILM PRESENTS "MUNCHIES" STARRING EZRA HIGH, MAX JABLOW, AND MAX GOMEZ

PRODUCTION DESIGNER LANE THOMERSON DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY KAILYN HENDERSON EDITED BY BEN SCHINDLER PRODUCED BY JACOB PARRENT WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY MICHAEL CALDERON

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