

# Bernice

Directed, written by & starring:  
**Madeleine Wighton**





*A tenacious  
vigilante in a  
pink balaclava  
stops at nothing to  
burglarise homes  
and sprinkle *goofy  
magical love*  
wherever she  
tiptoes. Until she's  
beaten at her own  
game...*



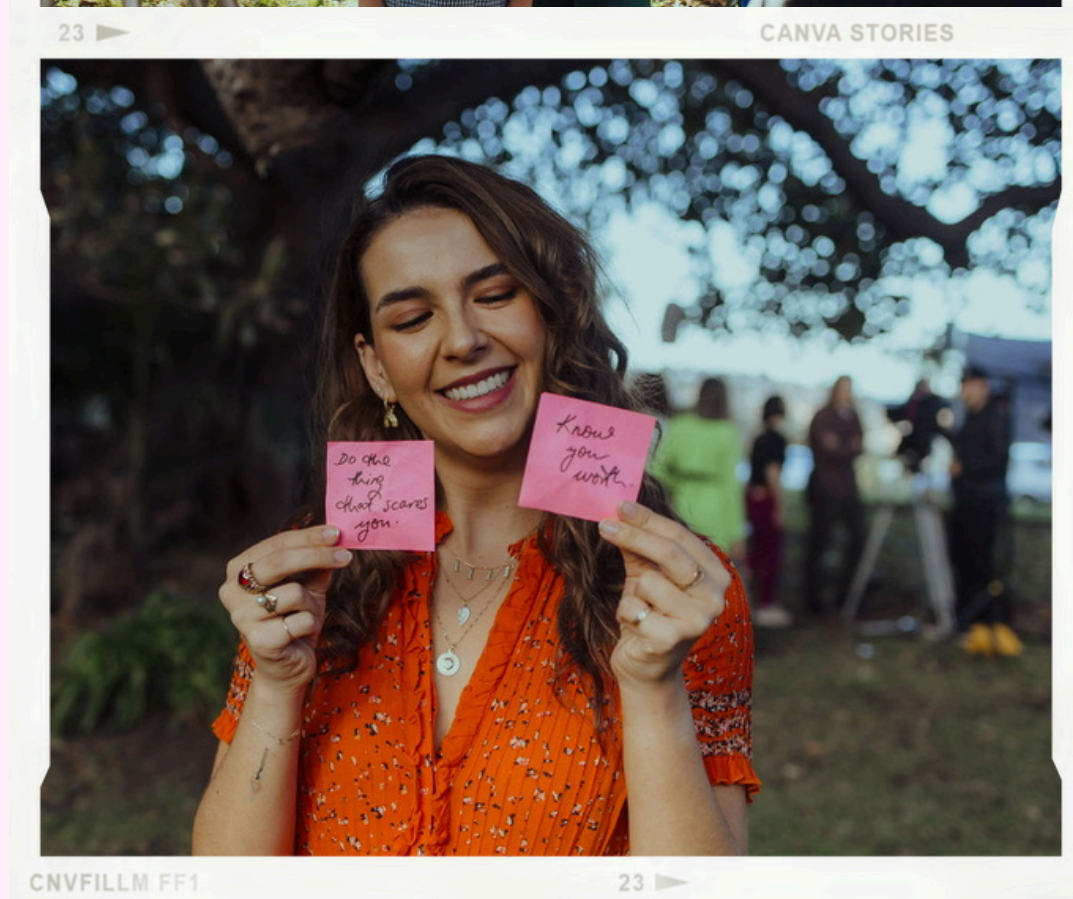
# A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

“After attending too many funerals from a young age, I deeply feel the brevity of life and want to create life-affirming stories that inspire hope and celebrate the **beauty and silliness** within the brutality of the short and precious lives we are given.

*Bernice* is full of all the words I wish I could still say to my friend who we tragically lost to suicide recently. I want to tell him how loved he was, how he made the world a much better place, and how *everything will be okay*. This film is dedicated to him.

*Bernice* is a 12 minute wholesome **romantic comedy thriller** overflowing with *goofy chaotic warmth* and is for anyone who longs for joy and colour within this broken world. It reminds us of the enduring power and magic of kindness (and silly goosery). Laughter really is the best medicine.”

— Madeleine Wighton



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## A ROM COM THRILLER

**Running Time:**

12 minutes

**Country:**

Australia

**Director:**

Madeleine Wighton

**Co-Director**

Tony Gardiner ASC

**Writer:**

Madeleine Wighton

**Producers:**

Madeleine Wighton

Demi Louise

**Cinematographer:**

Tony Gardiner ASC

**Editor:**

Aysha Galloway

**Composer:**

Kailesh Reitmans

*“Bernice proves Madeleine Wighton is one to watch.”*  
– FilmInk







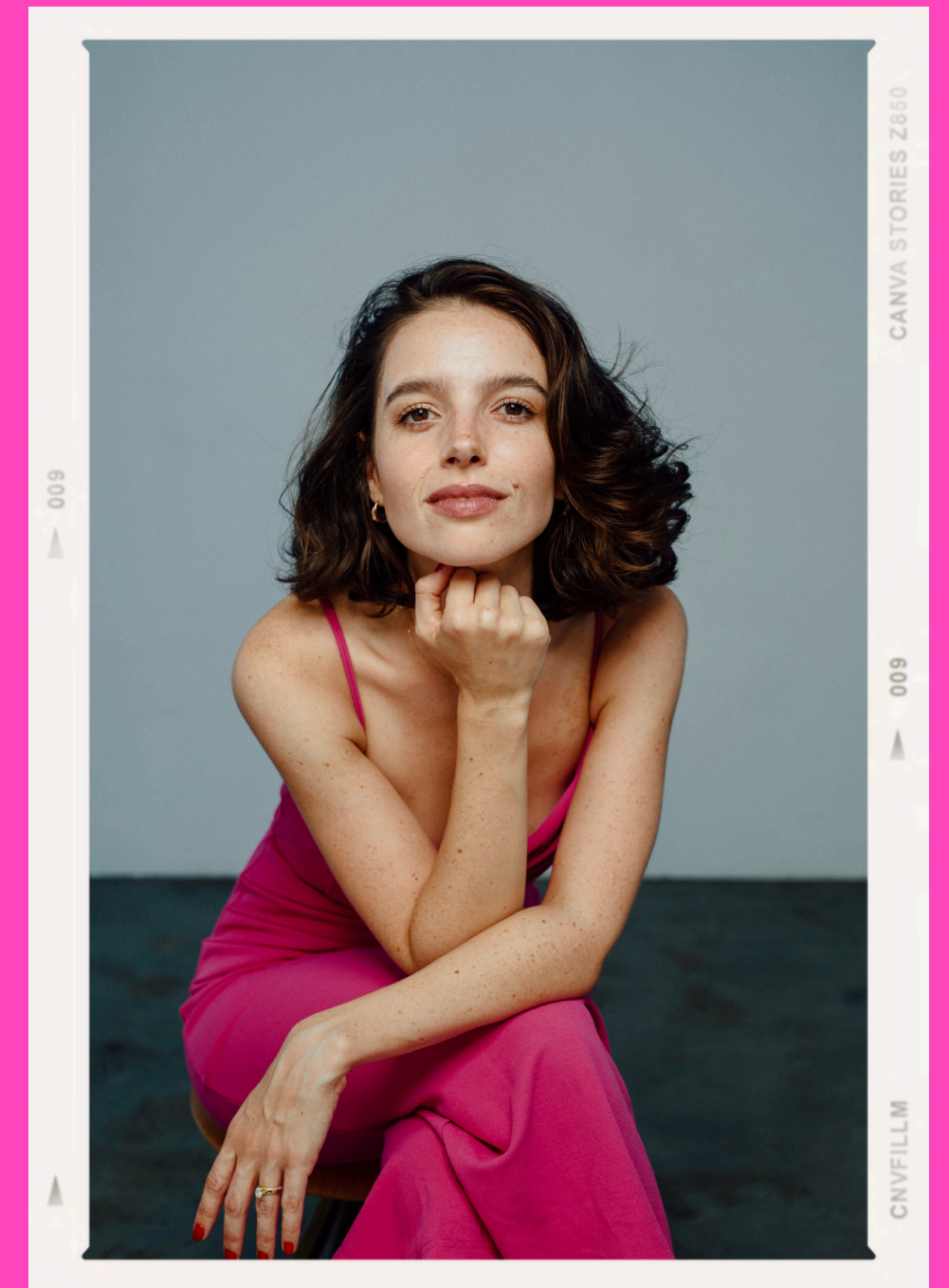
**“In the wake of  
personal loss,  
Madeleine Wighton  
found solace and  
healing in an  
unexpected place -  
filmmaking.  
Her story is a  
testament to the  
transformative  
power of art.”  
– *The Hey Mate Project***

Madeleine Wighton is an actor, director, and silly goose based on Gadigal and Wangal land known for her work as the vibrant Meadow on ABC's nominated *PM's Daughter S2*. She plays Vikki in Superwog's most recent web series with millions of views by fans across the globe, and can be seen as the lead in multiple short films including *The Detention Diaries* and *Off Kilter*.

Madeleine literally stops to smell the roses and believes mermaids are real. Her vivacious zest for life is contagious but you know she shines so brightly because of the darkness she has seen.

Madeleine starred in and produced *Life in Colour*, a short film by award-winning filmmaker, Stephanie Troost (*Birdeater*). Madeleine has written and starred in one-woman shows including, *A Life Half-Lived: The Natalie Wood Story*.

Madeleine regularly performs as "a standout" (Theatre Thoughts, 2022 & 2023) on stages across Gadigal Land in shows such as *Nails Must Be Kept Short, Forgotten*, and *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*.



**ACTOR/DIRECTOR/  
WRITER/PRODUCER**



## TONY GARDINER ASC | CO-DIRECTOR & DOP

Tony is an award-winning cinematographer and ADG-nominated director. Tony has worked as both director and/or cinematographer on *The PM's Daughter S2*, *Heat*, *Neighbours*, and *Home and Away*.

## TAI HARA | STEVEN

Tai is known for his roles on *Home and Away*, *Colin From Accounts*, and *Hyde & Seek*. He is currently in production for ABC's new TV show *Return to Paradise*.

## AVA CANNON | ASHA

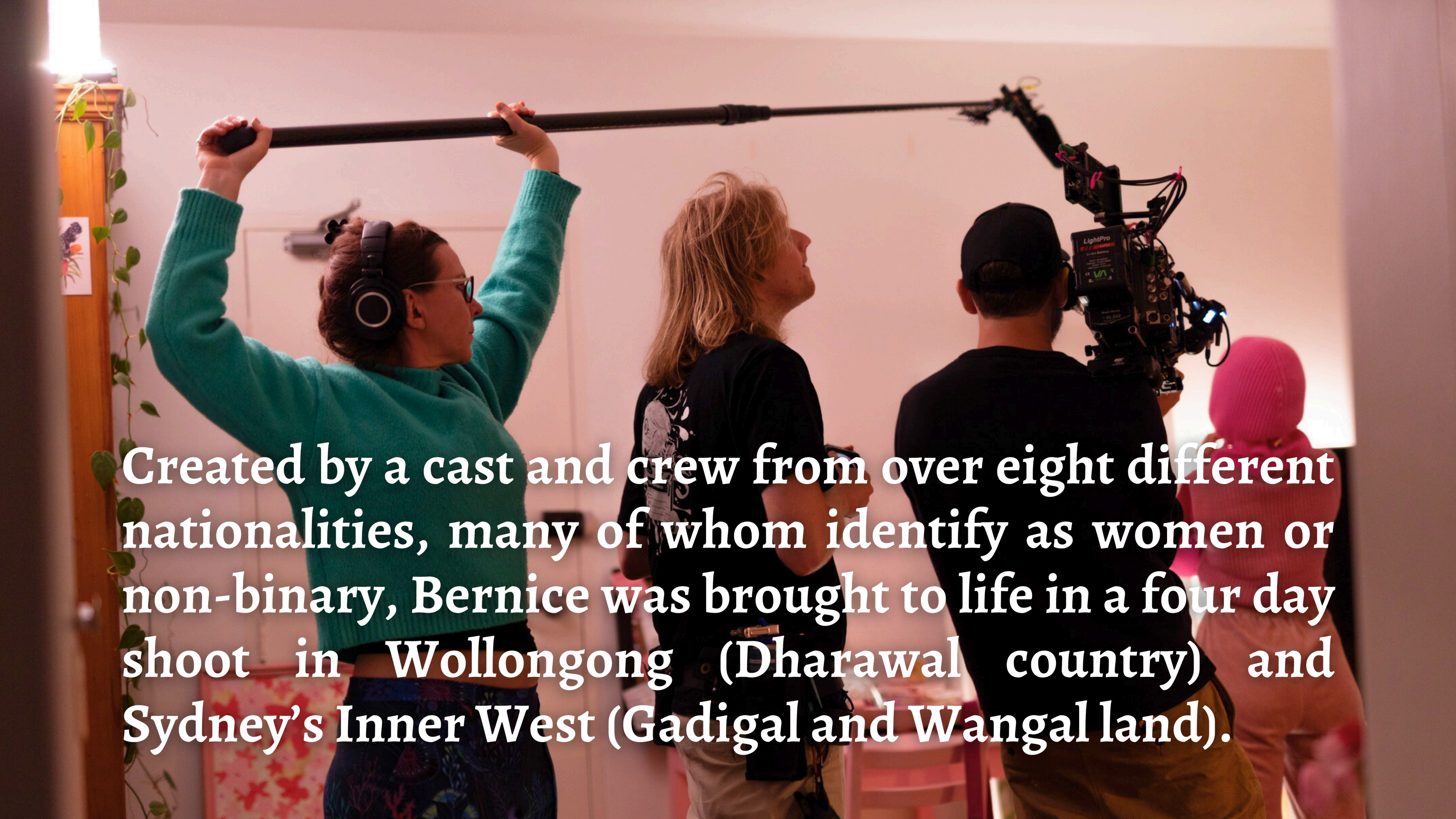
Ava plays lead role of Jacinda in *Bump*. She is currently in production for the show's fifth season. Ava is also an Art Crew member on ABC's *Play School Art Time*.



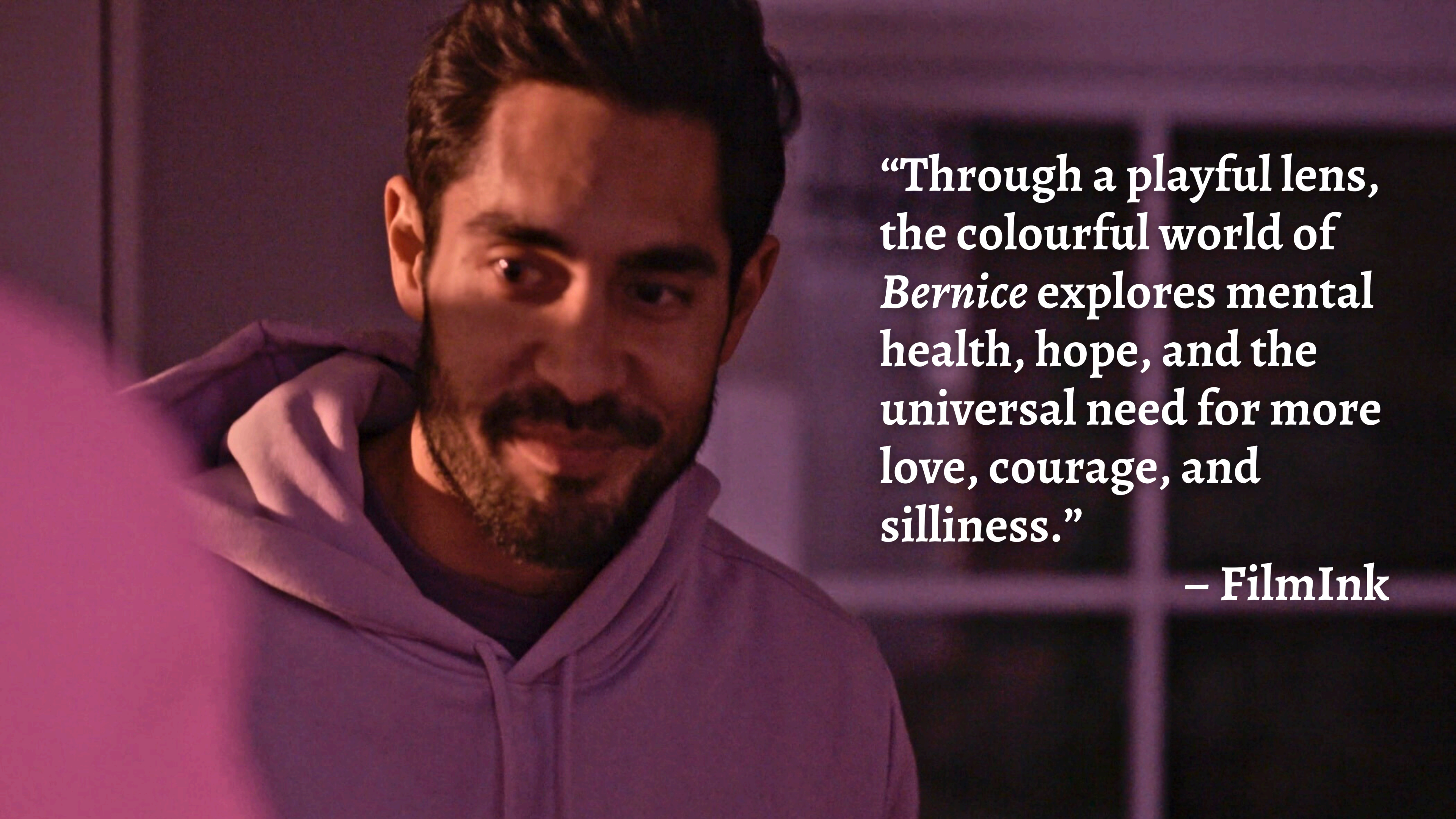


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and colour within this broken world.”***

**– FilmInk**



**Created by a cast and crew from over eight different nationalities, many of whom identify as women or non-binary, Bernice was brought to life in a four day shoot in Wollongong (Dharawal country) and Sydney's Inner West (Gadigal and Wangal land).**



**“Through a playful lens,  
the colourful world of  
*Bernice* explores mental  
health, hope, and the  
universal need for more  
love, courage, and  
silliness.”**

**– FilmInk**

## A NOTE FROM THE DESIGNER

“This film aims to **spark joy** for all those who come in contact with it. This can be seen through the **colour design language**. By dressing the characters in *monochromatic outfits* we aim to explore the **vibrancy** and individuality of these characters as we bring them to life.

Bernice's **pink vivacity** *contrasts* with the **bruised and subdued** world she lives in and emphasises the **hope** she is bringing to the people around her.”

— Amy Rose Jackson





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Co-Director | Tony Gardiner ASC  
Writer | Madeleine Wighton  
DOP | Tony Gardiner ASC  
Producers | Madeleine Wighton  
& Demi Louise  
Executive Producer Madeleine  
Wighton

### **CAST**

Madeleine Wighton | Bernice  
Tai Hara | Steven  
Ava Cannon | Asha  
Katelin Koprivec | Ronnie  
Cypriana Singh | Jemima  
Dominique Purdue | Cecilia  
Jessie Lancaster | Billie  
David Callan | Johnny

### **CREW**

Editor | Aysha Galloway  
Production Designer | Amy Rose Jackson  
Costume Designer | Amy Rose Jackson  
Composer | Kailesh Retimans  
Associate Producer | Lara Cross  
1st Assistant Director | Michael Giglio  
1st Assistant Camera | James Blackley  
2nd Assistant Camera | Benjamin Lawford  
Gaffer | Benjamin Lawford  
Sound Recordist | Lara Cross  
Costume Standby | Hannah Tayler  
Design Assistant | Hannah Tayler  
Runners | Jackson Chilby &  
Kayla-Rose De Sousa  
Stills Photographers | Esther Lukins, Campbell Parsons & Demi Louise  
Post Production Manager | Demi Louise  
Sound Designer | Joshua Brennan & Chloe Russell-Alexander  
Colourist | Demi Louise  
After Effects | Lachlan Davis  
Title Design | Maddy Thompson  
Camera Equipment | VA Digital Hire

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FULL CAST & CREW

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