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a TOM WALLER film

KISS OF THE CON QUEEN

starring EOIN O'BRIEN

YAYU UNRU, NAY MYO THANT, LYNETTE EMOND, MIKE SWICK,

SOFIA KUNZ, MYLES CLOHESSY, FRANCIS MAGEE

with PATRICK BERGIN and RAVI PATEL

Ireland/USA/Thailand Duration: 116"

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A TRUE STORY OF THE UNBELIEVABLE
SCAM THAT ROCKED HOLLYWOOD

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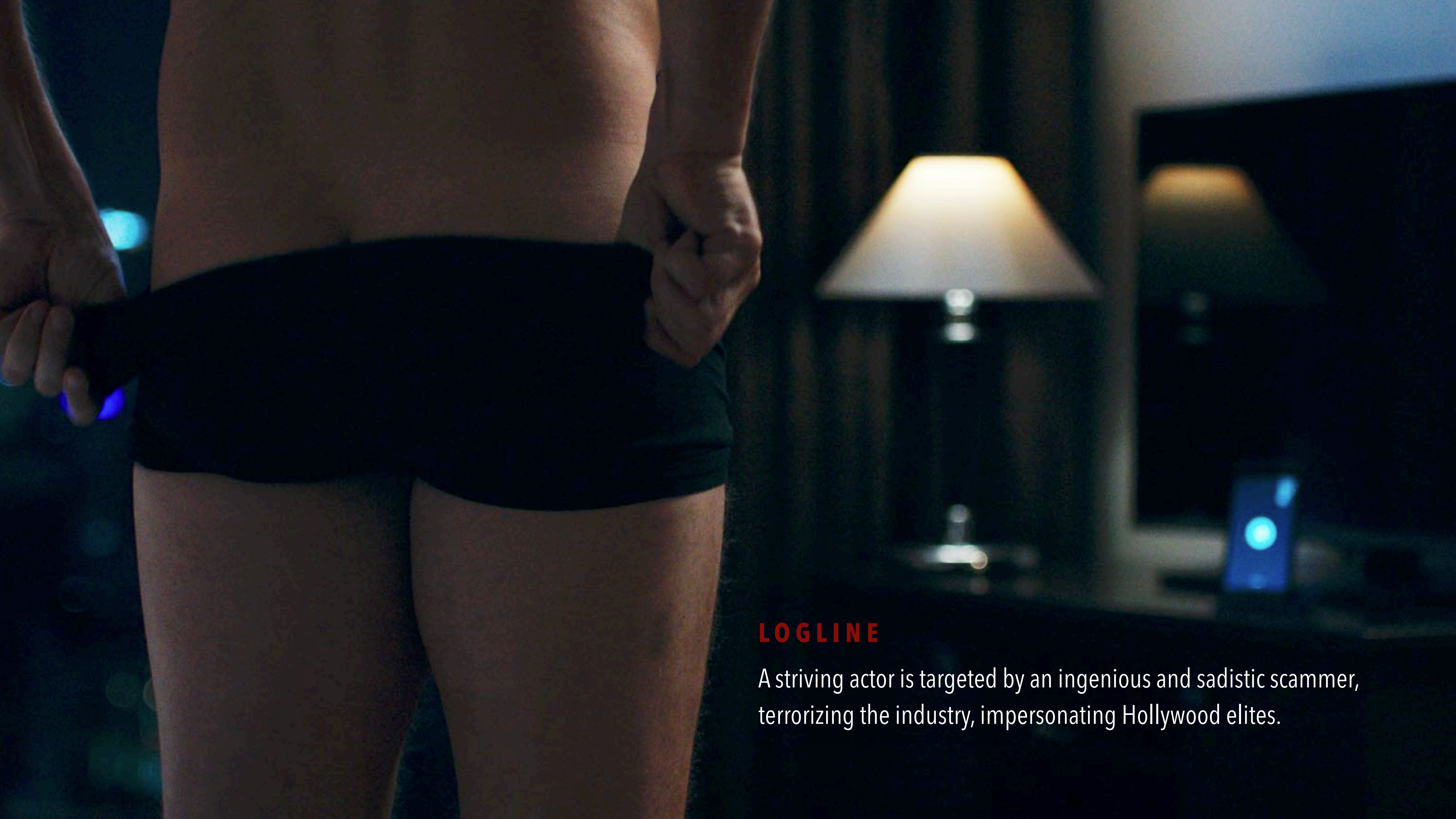
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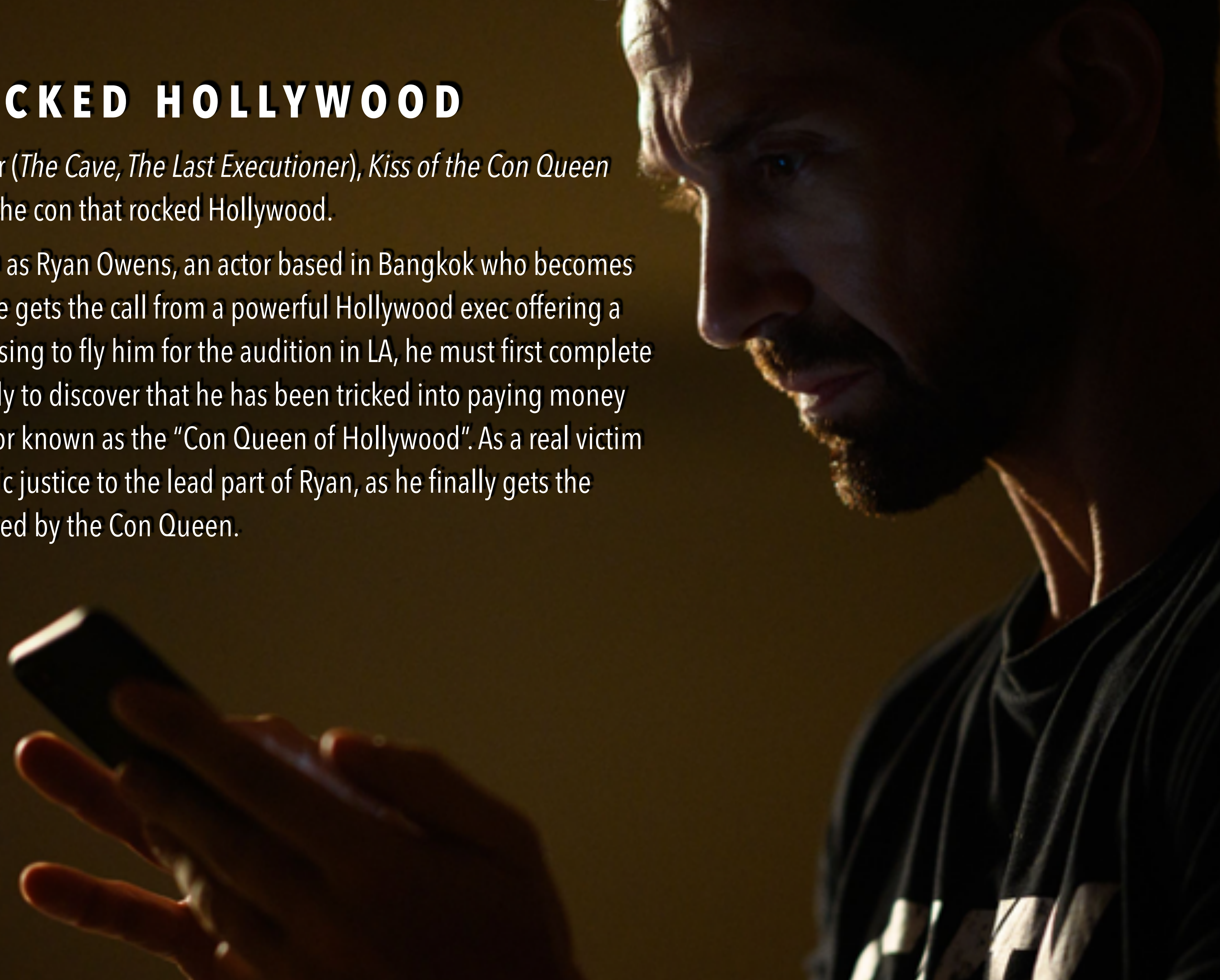
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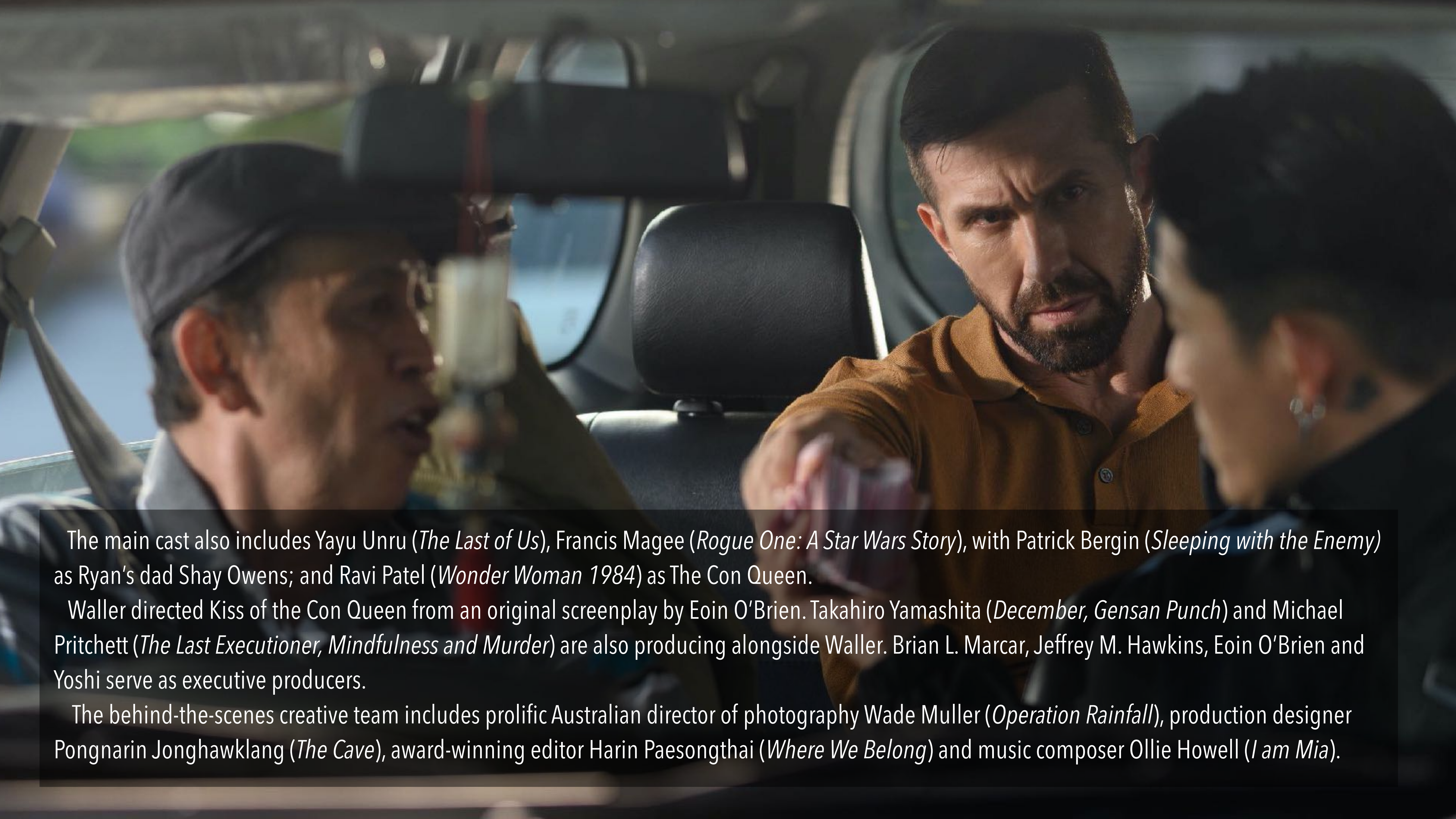
A striving actor is targeted by an ingenious and sadistic scammer, terrorizing the industry, impersonating Hollywood elites.

THE CON THAT ROCKED HOLLYWOOD

From award-winning director Tom Waller (*The Cave, The Last Executioner*), *Kiss of the Con Queen* tells the remarkable story of a victim of the con that rocked Hollywood.

Kiss of the Con Queen stars Eoin O'Brien as Ryan Owens, an actor based in Bangkok who becomes entrapped in an elaborate scam when he gets the call from a powerful Hollywood exec offering a dream role in a DC Origins series. Promising to fly him for the audition in LA, he must first complete an assignment in Jakarta, Indonesia, only to discover that he has been tricked into paying money for fake permits to a master impersonator known as the "Con Queen of Hollywood". As a real victim of the con, O'Brien brings a certain poetic justice to the lead part of Ryan, as he finally gets the breakthrough role he was falsely promised by the Con Queen.





The main cast also includes Yuyu Unru (*The Last of Us*), Francis Magee (*Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*), with Patrick Bergin (*Sleeping with the Enemy*) as Ryan's dad Shay Owens; and Ravi Patel (*Wonder Woman 1984*) as The Con Queen.

Waller directed *Kiss of the Con Queen* from an original screenplay by Eoin O'Brien. Takahiro Yamashita (*December, Gensan Punch*) and Michael Pritchett (*The Last Executioner, Mindfulness and Murder*) are also producing alongside Waller. Brian L. Marcar, Jeffrey M. Hawkins, Eoin O'Brien and Yoshi serve as executive producers.

The behind-the-scenes creative team includes prolific Australian director of photography Wade Muller (*Operation Rainfall*), production designer Pongnarin Jonghawklang (*The Cave*), award-winning editor Harin Paesongthai (*Where We Belong*) and music composer Ollie Howell (*I am Mia*).



OUTLINE

A struggling actor thinks he's on the verge of success when he's contacted by Hollywood producers for a huge role in a blockbuster film. But when he's sent to shoot in Jakarta, Indonesia, nothing goes as planned and he must uncover the truth – that he's caught in the trap of the Con Queen of Hollywood, a master con-artist executing a prolific global scam on the entertainment industry.

SYNOPSIS

Ryan (Eoin O'Brien) is an Irish actor trying to fulfil his dream, climbing the ranks of the film industry in Bangkok, Thailand with his acting classmates Jan, a love interest, and friend, Jay. Ryan learns his father, Shay (Patrick Bergin - *"Sleeping With The Enemy"*), is ill and sees the window of opportunity start to close on his goals. So, when he's contacted by big Hollywood producers, he gets one last chance to succeed on a shoot in Jakarta, Indonesia. But when he arrives in Jakarta, things get strange. The crew is delayed and Ryan is sent to scout remote locations until they arrive. He's also forced to front costs for shooting permits and other expenses. Short on funds, Ryan asks his Dad for a loan, which he acquires from a local loan shark and lies to Ryan about its source. Ryan gets sexually harassed by the female producer through a series of skype calls and lies to Jan about it. Things get darker and more twisted until he discovers that he's caught in the trap of the "Hollywood Con Queen," one of the most creative and prolific scammers the world has ever known. Ryan is forced to escape from Jakarta in the middle of the night, survive life-threatening situations, and get back to Bangkok in one piece. Back in Bangkok, he discovers the devastating cost of his ambition on all his relationships. He mounts an unsuccessful campaign to stop the criminal before returning to Ireland defeated with his life in pieces and is forced to work off the loan through illegal activities. Time passes and just as all hope seems lost, Ryan uncovers a photo of the suspect. Then, by uniting with his fellow victims, Ryan gets a final shot at redemption with a movie he has written on the Con Queen. In a high-stakes meeting with investors, with everything on the line, the Con Queen (Ravi Patel - *"Wonder Woman 1984"*) calls in to sabotage their pitch. But this time Ryan cons the queen into giving him exactly what they need.

ABOUT THE CAST

EOIN O'BRIEN (Ryan Owens/Writer).

After appearing on a couple of television spots in Ireland as a child, Eoin would be reintroduced to acting after moving to Bangkok in 2009 at the age of 32. He quickly gained work on films such as *"Pacific Rim"* (dir. Guillermo Del Toro, 2013) and *"Buffalo Rider"* (dir. Joel Swisson, 2015) and TV series *"The Legacy (2014)"* and *"Strike Back (2015)"*. He continued to work steadily earning small roles in big films such as *"The Last Full Measure"* (dir. Todd Robinson, 2019) *"Kate"* (dir. Cedric Nicolas-Troyan, 2020) and *"The Creator"* (dir. Gareth Edwards, 2023).

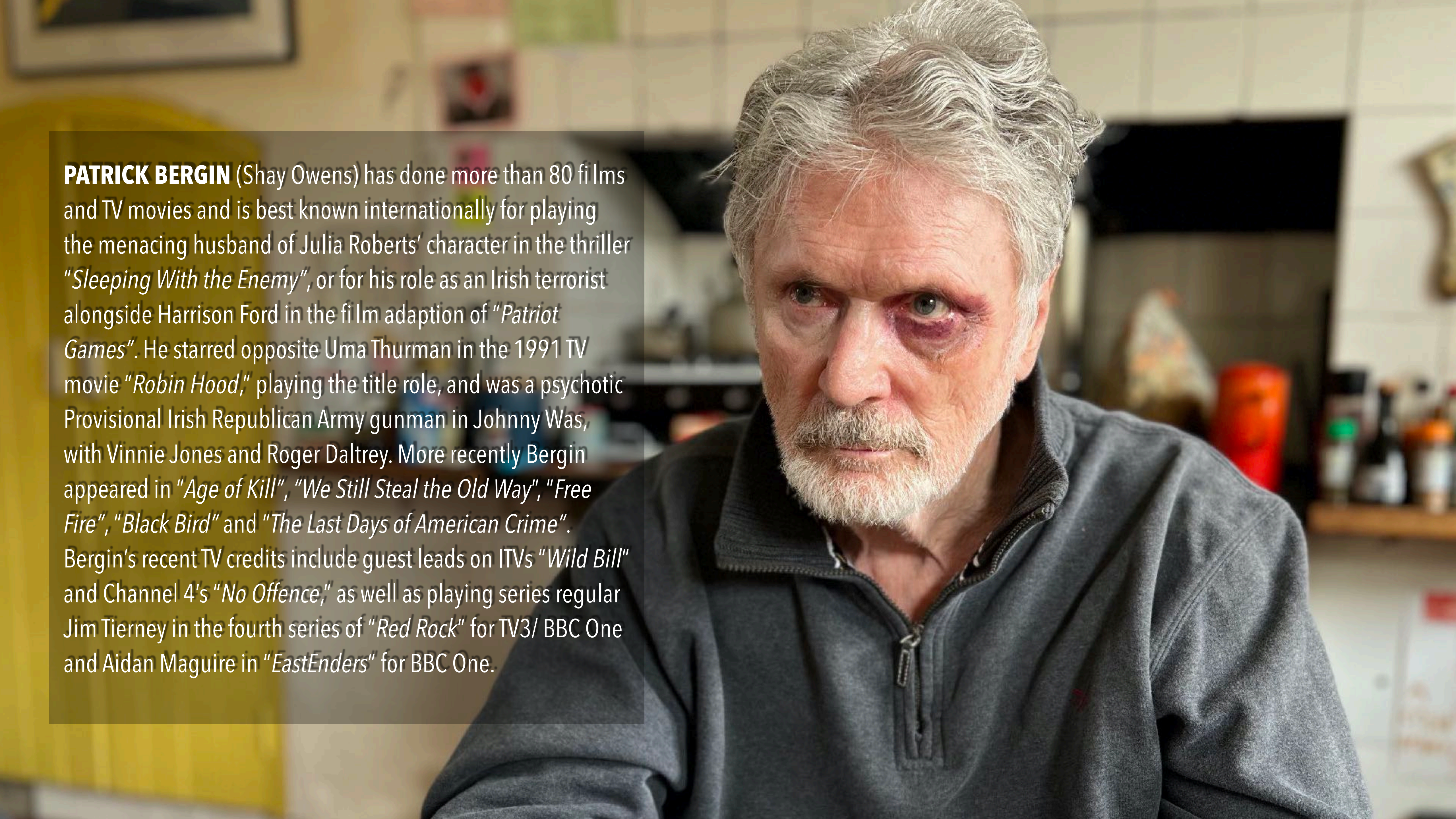
Eoin began writing and directing short films in 2017 and his film *"Connected"* was an official selection at the Thai International Film Festival in 2020.

His breakthrough opportunity came in 2022 when he teamed up with director Tom Waller to produce and play the lead role in *"Kiss of the Con Queen"*, which he wrote based on his real life encounters with the notorious con artist.

RAVI PATEL (*The Con Queen*) recently joined the cast of Fox's *Animal Control*. Up next, Patel will recur in the Showtime highly anticipated drama *Three Women* opposite Betty Gilpin, Shailene Woodley, and DeWanda Wise, as well as the FX limited series *Justified: City Primeval* and will star opposite Zachary Levi in Sony Pictures' live-action adaptation of *Harold and the Purple Crayon*. Patel recently wrapped production on the Disney pic *Dashing Through the Snow* opposite Ludacris, Lil Rep Howery and Teyonah Parris, which is set to bow on Disney+ next holiday season.

He can be seen starring in Lionsgate's English-language remake of the hit French film *The Valet* opposite Eugenio Derbez and Samara Weaving, which is currently streaming on Hulu. Prior to that, Patel can be seen in Warner Bros' *Wonder Woman 1984* as Babajide. He starred in the docuseries Ravi Patel's *Pursuit of Happiness* for HBO Max and *Bhaag Beanie Bhaag* for Netflix, both of which he created and executive produced. He's also appeared in *Transformers*, *Master of None*, *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia*, and the documentary *Meet the Patels*.




A close-up portrait of actor Patrick Bergin. He has grey hair and a goatee. There is a prominent purple and red bruise on his left eye. He is wearing a dark grey zip-up jacket. The background is a blurred indoor setting, possibly a workshop or a kitchen, with various items on shelves.

PATRICK BERGIN (Shay Owens) has done more than 80 films and TV movies and is best known internationally for playing the menacing husband of Julia Roberts' character in the thriller *"Sleeping With the Enemy"*, or for his role as an Irish terrorist alongside Harrison Ford in the film adaptation of *"Patriot Games"*. He starred opposite Uma Thurman in the 1991 TV movie *"Robin Hood,"* playing the title role, and was a psychotic Provisional Irish Republican Army gunman in *Johnny Was*, with Vinnie Jones and Roger Daltrey. More recently Bergin appeared in *"Age of Kill"*, *"We Still Steal the Old Way"*, *"Free Fire"*, *"Black Bird"* and *"The Last Days of American Crime"*. Bergin's recent TV credits include guest leads on ITVs *"Wild Bill"* and Channel 4's *"No Offence,"* as well as playing series regular Jim Tierney in the fourth series of *"Red Rock"* for TV3/ BBC One and Aidan Maguire in *"EastEnders"* for BBC One.



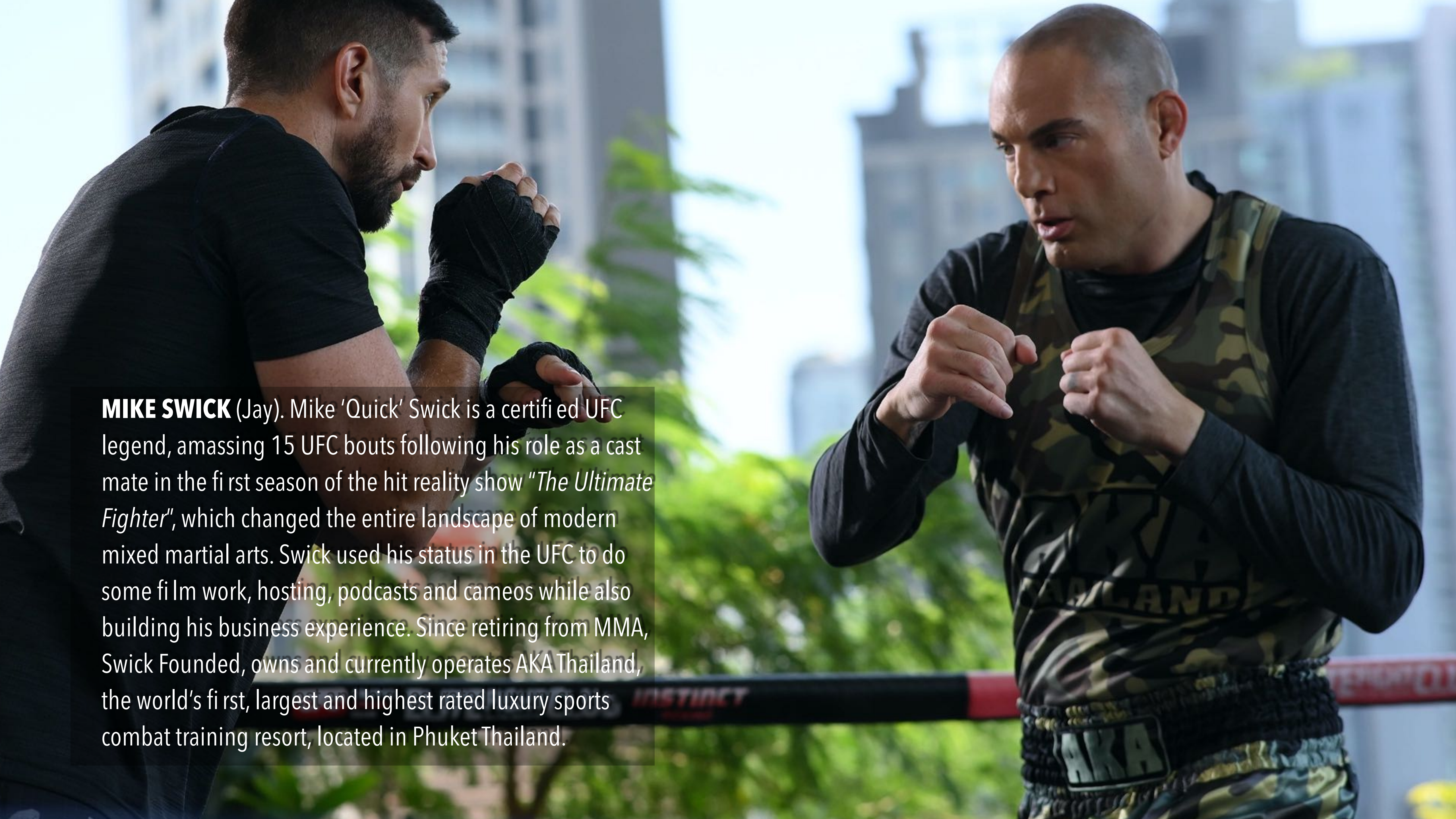
FRANCIS MAGEE (Cillian Donahill) was raised in Ireland and on the Isle of Man. He spent eight years as a fisherman before becoming an actor and has also been a member of several music groups including Namoza - who released four singles and an album - and Disco D'Oro. He studied acting at the Poor School at London's Kings Cross and made his television debut as Liam Taylor in *"East Ender"*, a role he played on and off for two years. Since then he has been a regular face in many television series, notably *"No Angels"*, *"City of Vice"* and more recently HBO's *"Game of Thrones"* and RTE's *"Kin"*. His movie credits include *"Layer Cake"*, *"Justice League"* and *"Rogue One: A Story Wars"*.



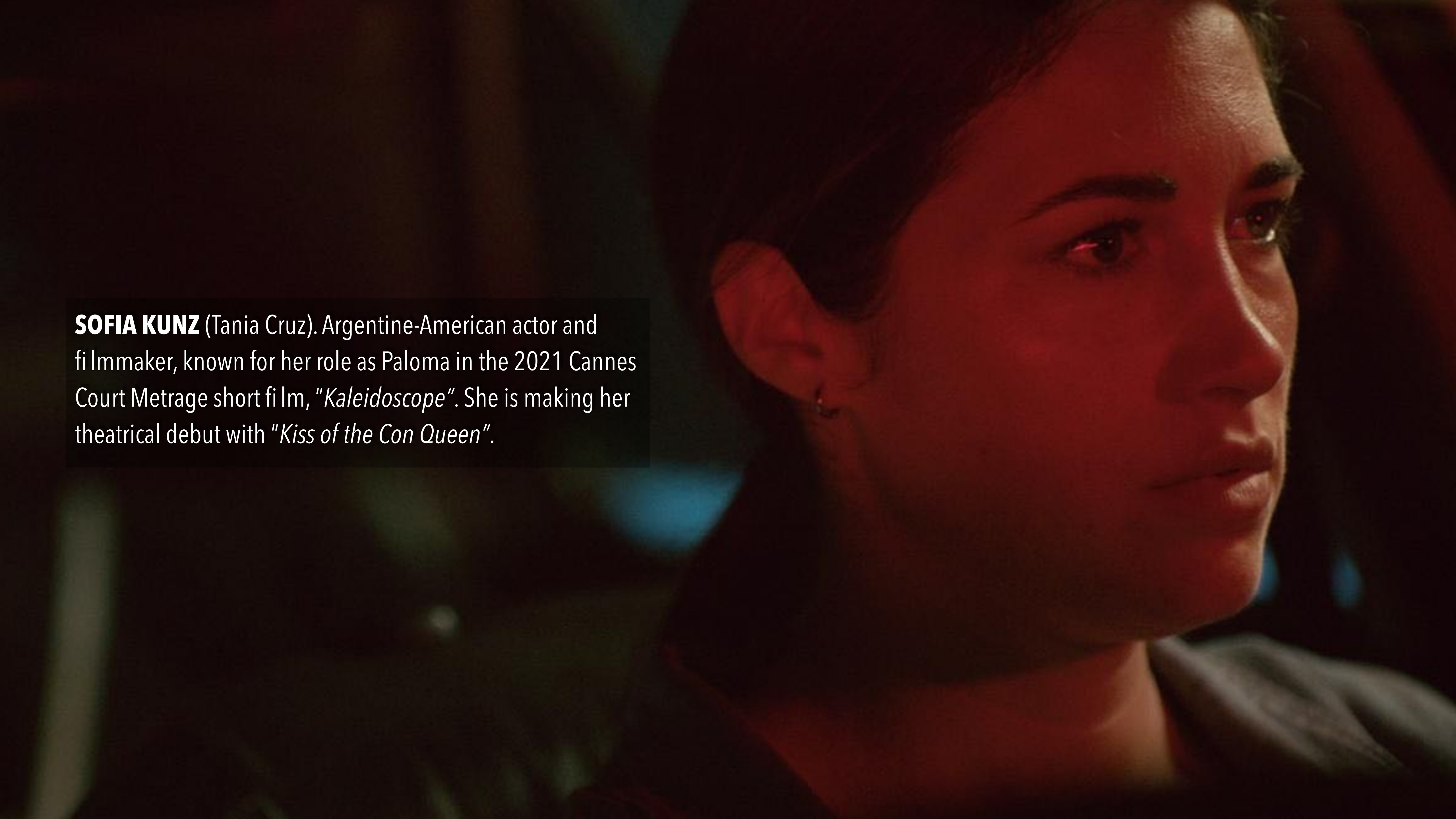
YAYU UNRU (Toni) is a famous Indonesian actor and acting coach. Yuyu has many achievements as supporting cast. In 2017, Yuyu played as Amang in *"Night Bus"* and also played as a thief in *"Marlina the Murderer in Four Acts"*, which had good reviews from the Director's Fortnight at Cannes. Yuyu also played Ayah Lala in *"Posesif"*. In 2023, Yuyu played as Agus Hidayat in HBO's *"The Last of Us"*. The last film he starred in, *"Jamojaya,"* premiered to critical acclaim at the Sundance Film Festival in January 2023.

A close-up photograph of actress Lynette Emond. She has long, dark hair and is wearing a dark green jacket. She is smiling slightly and looking down at a bright blue smartphone held in her right hand. Her left hand is raised near her shoulder. The background is dark with some blue bokeh lights.

LYNETTE EMOND (Jan) is a Thai-American actress known for "*Mechanic: Resurrection* (2016)" alongside Jason Statham, "*A Stranger in Paradise* (2013)" and "*Slapped!* (2013)".



MIKE SWICK (Jay). Mike 'Quick' Swick is a certified UFC legend, amassing 15 UFC bouts following his role as a cast mate in the first season of the hit reality show "*The Ultimate Fighter*", which changed the entire landscape of modern mixed martial arts. Swick used his status in the UFC to do some film work, hosting, podcasts and cameos while also building his business experience. Since retiring from MMA, Swick Founded, owns and currently operates AKA Thailand, the world's first, largest and highest rated luxury sports combat training resort, located in Phuket Thailand.



SOFIA KUNZ (Tania Cruz). Argentine-American actor and filmmaker, known for her role as Paloma in the 2021 Cannes Court Mètrage short film, "*Kaleidoscope*". She is making her theatrical debut with "*Kiss of the Con Queen*".

TOM WALLER (Producer/Director). Born in Bangkok, Tom Waller is an award-winning filmmaker of Thai-Irish descent. Educated in the UK at the Northern Film School (PgDip/MA Film Production), he moved back to Thailand in 2003 to set up his production company De Warrenne Pictures Co. Ltd., now one of the country's leading production service companies. Notable credits include indie films *The Elephant King* (2006) which premiered at Tribeca, *Soi Cowboy* (2008) which premiered at Cannes in Un Certain Regard and *Patong Girl* (2014) which won the Grimme Prize, as well as studio movies *Ninja: Shadow of a Tear* (2013) and *Mechanic: Resurrection* (2016). His acclaimed prison drama, *The Last Executioner* (2014), which he produced and directed, premiered in competition at the Shanghai International Film Festival, and subsequently won the Best Director award at the Dhaka International Film Festival. Most recently he wrote and directed *The Cave* (2019), which premiered at Busan Film Festival, the first narrative feature about the Thai Cave Rescue that captivated the world in the summer of 2018. The film achieved more than half a million admissions at the Thai Box Office and was released widely in cinemas across SEAsia.

DIRECTOR

Filmography as Director:

Monk Dawson (2018)

Mindfulness and Murder (2010)

The Last Executioner (2014)

The Cave (2019) / *Cave Rescue* (2022)





DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY

WADE MULLER, H.K.S.C., A.C.S. (Director of Photography). Cinematographer Wade Muller, HKSC, ACS was born in Townsville, Australia, at the age of 19 he moved to Hong Kong not knowing what to expect and not knowing anyone there, after several years in Hong Kong, he got involved in shooting Cantonese language feature films and worked regularly with Hong Kong's biggest stars.

He was the Cinematographer of the Hollywood action film *Elephant White*, starring two time Academy Award nominee Djimon Hounsou and Golden Globe winner Kevin Bacon the film was directed by renowned Thai director Prachya Pinkaew (*Ong-Bak*).

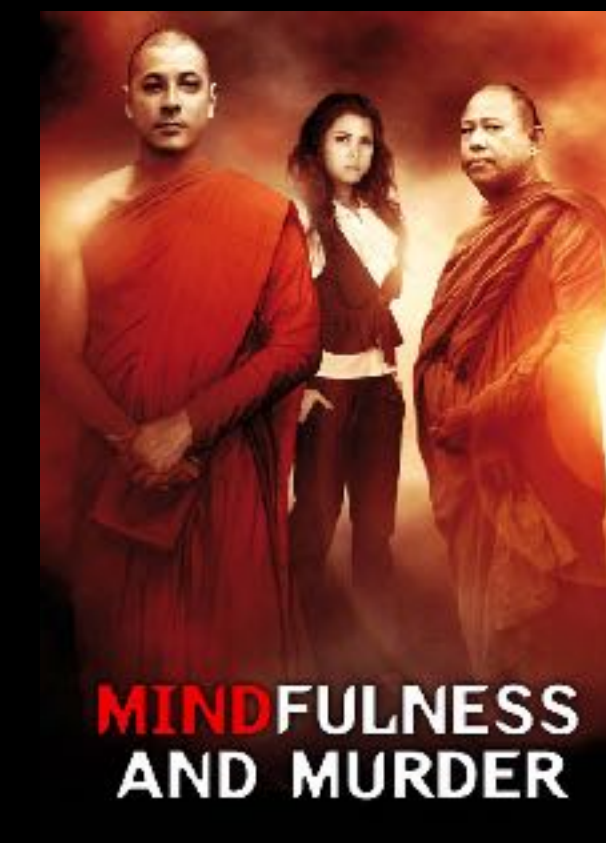
His latest feats, *Occupation Rainfall* starring Ken Jeong (*The Hangover*) and Temuera Morrison (*The Mandalorian*) he also DP'ed the Thailand portion of James Wan's "*Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom*."

Wade has worked with Tom Waller on three feature films as Director of Photography, the latest film "*The Cave*" was based on the heroic cave rescue of a soccer team stuck inside a cave in Northern Thailand - the film premiered at the Busan Film Festival.

ABOUT THE PRODUCTION

Kiss of the Con Queen was filmed in 5 countries (Thailand, Jakarta, United States, Ireland and Japan) and is a co-production between 4 countries (Thailand-United States-Ireland-Japan). The film is inspired by true events that took place in 2019, leading up to the arrest of the suspected "Con Queen of Hollywood", Hargobind Tahilramani, in November 2020. Several members of the production team and three of the main cast, DP and stunt coordinator were also victims of the scam.

Writer/actor Eoin O'Brien plays the role of Ryan Owens, inspired by his own experience of being scammed by the "Con Queen of Hollywood", who used IMBD to target multiple cast and crew members from Tom Waller's previous productions *The Last Executioner* and *The Cave*. O'Brien and Waller decided to collaborate on making *Kiss of the Con Queen*, after realising that they could achieve some poetic justice in recounting this unique story, which is still unfolding in real life with the trial of Hargobind Tahilramani a true case of life imitating art.



DE WARRENNE PICTURES is one of Thailand's top film and television production companies. Founded by Anglo-Thai filmmaker Tom Waller in Thailand since 2004, the Company makes award-winning local movies for regional release as well as handling foreign productions from Europe, Hollywood and China. Recent credits include *Mechanic: Resurrection* (2016) with Jason Statham, Jessica Alba and Tommy Lee Jones for Millennium Films Inc. (USA) and *Battle of Memories* (2017) starring Huang Bo for Wanda Pictures (China). The company is responsible for creating business opportunities and inward investment into the Kingdom of more than \$40 million USD.

In addition to working for foreign feature films shooting all over Thailand, the Company handles music videos, documentaries, TVC production and long-form reality TV shows, specialising in remote location filming across the Kingdom. Fully registered and approved by the Thailand Film Office, the Company is also a member of The Federation of National Film Associations of Thailand. In November 2019, the Company premiered *The Cave*, at the Busan International Film Festival - the first narrative feature film about the incredible true story of the soccer team and their coach trapped for 17 days in a cave in northern Thailand, that captivated the world in the summer of 2018. The film was released all over Southeast Asia and sold worldwide by Wild Bunch International. A US version called *Cave Rescue* was released theatrically by Lionsgate in August 2022.

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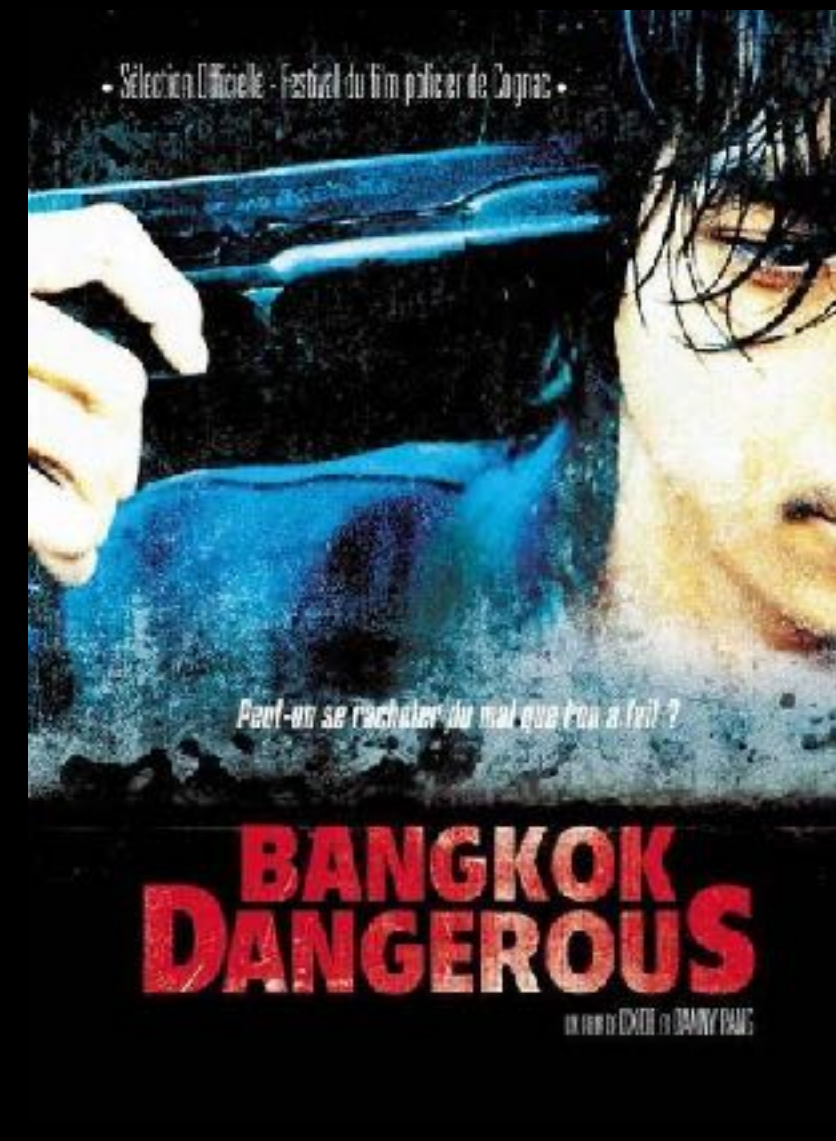
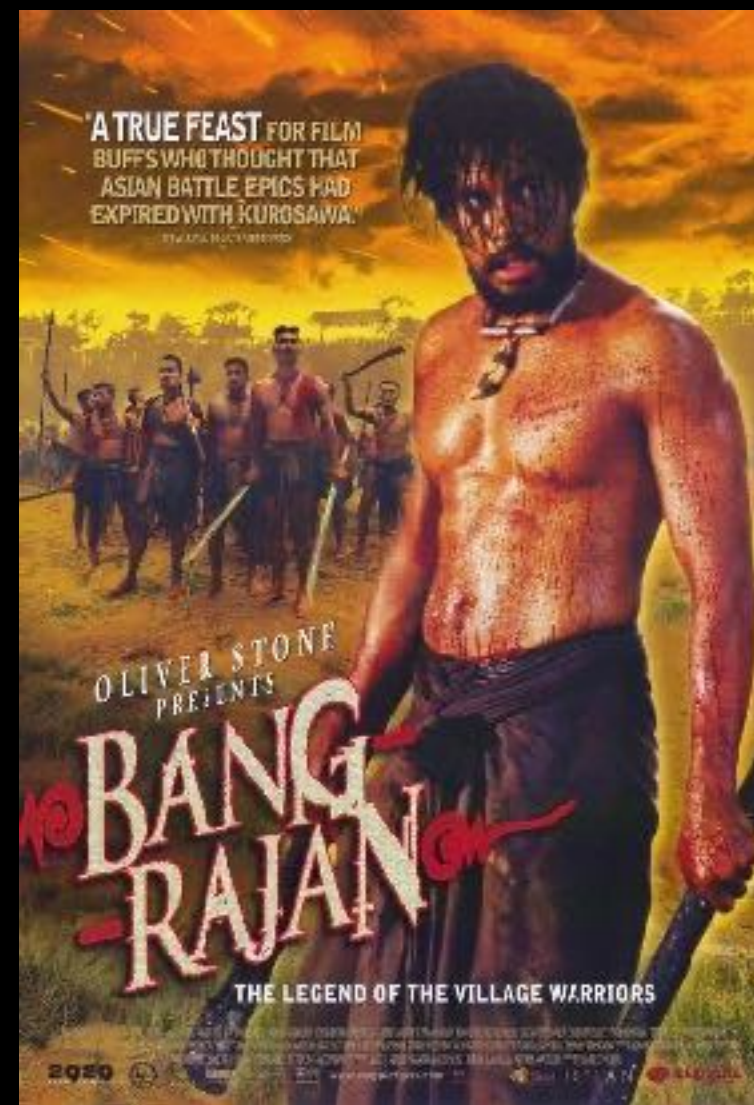
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Film Bangkok creates original movies, high-end television and OTT content as well as offering a complete range of production services to clients from within Thailand and across the globe. Some of the company's most celebrated celluloid offerings include *Tears of the Black Tiger* (2000), the multi-award winning landmark feature that was the first Thai movie to ever screen at the Cannes International Film Festival, *Bangkok Dangerous* (2000), and the historical epic *Bang Rajan* which had its US premiere in 2004. Film Bangkok is a division of Tero Entertainment Public Co. Ltd



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