



THE
BABKA

A BRISTOL SCHOOL OF ACTING PRODUCTION

WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY MICHAEL JENKINS

PRODUCER **BEX ROSE** EXECUTIVE PRODUCER **MATTHEW HUMPHREYS** DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY **LOUIS BLYSTAD-COLLINS** COMPOSER **TIM BAMBER**

STARRING **SHENAY ARSCOTT SARAH LAKE ALEX BIEHN KATIE NEWCOMBE DANIEL CANNIFFE BEN WORSLEY MYA DOYLE OLIVER VALLANCE RENEE DAWES**

POSTER DESIGN **OBESE AESTHETICS**

THE BABKA

ONCE THE GAME BEGINS THERE'S NO GOING BACK.

LOGLINE 25 WORDS

AN ILLEGAL HALLOWEEN RAVE TURNS INTO A NIGHTMARE WHEN ZEE AND HER FRIENDS DISCOVER AN EERIE, LONG FORGOTTEN GAME.



SYNOPSIS

A SPINE-CHILLING TALE OF ZEE WHO DARES TO PLAY AN OLD MYSTERIOUS GAME AND CALL ON 'THE BABKA'.

ZEE MEETS UP WITH SOME OF HER FRIENDS AT A HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS PARTY, IN AN OLD ABANDONED MAGDALENE LAUNDRY. ZEE HAS OTHER WORRIES BUT SHE WON'T LET THAT GET IN THE WAY OF HAVING SOME FUN. EGGED ON BY JAY, A GHOST HUNTER TOURIST WHO SHARES MORE WITH THE GROUP ABOUT THE NEFARIOUS HISTORY OF THE PLACE, A WORK HOUSE FOR UNMARRIED MOTHERS IN THE 1900'S.

TENSION MOUNTS AS ANOTHER PARTY GOER LEADS THE GROUP FURTHER INTO THE HAUNTED BUILDING.

THE BABKA IS A TALE OF ATMOSPHERIC DREAD WITH WEAVING A STORY THAT WILL HAUNT YOU LONG AFTER THE CREDITS DISAPPEAR.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

RUNNING TIME: 14:39

EXHIBITION FORMAT: MOV/DCP

ASPECT RATIO: 4K - 2.40

SHOOTING FORMAT: DIGITAL 6K BRAW

COLOR

LANGUAGE ENGLISH



WRITER/DIRECTOR BIOGRAPHY 98 WORDS

MICHAEL JENKINS, A WRITER AND DIRECTOR FOR FILM AND TV, PASSIONATELY VIEWS FILM AS A TOOL FOR CHANGE AND UNDERSTANDING. NAMED AMONG BRISTOL'S TOP 100 MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE IN THE BME POWER LIST 2018, HE HAS EARNED MULTIPLE AWARDS, INCLUDING TWO RTS WEST AWARDS IN 2018 AND 2021.

HIS SHORT FILM "PICKNEY," BACKED BY BFI, WAS AN HBO SHORT FILM QUARTER-FINALIST AND WON AN AUDIENCE AWARD AT THE AMERICAN BLACK FILM FESTIVAL IN 2021. CURRENTLY, MICHAEL IS A WRITER IN RESIDENCE AT 5 ACTS PRODUCTIONS, AN ITV STUDIOS LABEL AND CO-ARTISTIC DIRECTOR OF THE BRISTOL SCHOOL OF ACTING.



WRITER / DIRECTORS STATEMENT

WRITING AND DIRECTING IS A JOURNEY INTO THE INFINITE WORLD OF OUR COLLECTIVE HUMAN EXPERIENCE. IT'S A WAY TO EXPLORE, UNDERSTAND, AND CONNECT WITH THE PLETHORA OF FACES OF LIFE. I BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF STORIES TO REVEAL OUR DEEPER TRUTHS AND CREATE EMPATHY.

SINCE A CHILD I HAVE BEEN CAPTIVATED BY THE UNCANNY, THE EERIE INTERSECTION WHERE THE FAMILIAR AND THE UNFAMILIAR, EXIST TOGETHER. IN MY WRITING I FOCUS ON CRAFTING INTENSE, ATMOSPHERIC SETTINGS THAT AMPLIFY THAT SENSE OF UNEASE, EXPLORING HOW CHARACTERS GRAPPLE WITH BOTH INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL DEMONS REFLECTING THE FEAR THAT WE ALL BEAR.

THE BABKA TAKES PLACE IN AN ABANDONED MAGDALENE LAUNDRY FROM THE VICTORIAN ERA USED AS A WORKHOUSE FOR UNMARRIED OR PROMISCUOUS WOMEN. WORKING WITH THE AMAZING ACTORS FROM THE BRISTOL SCHOOL OF ACTING I WROTE A PIECE THAT I WANTED TO BE RELATABLE BUT ALSO INCORPORATE A NOT SO WELL-KNOWN HISTORICAL TRAVESTY.

I WAS ALSO HEAVILY INFLUENCED BY THE POLISH HIDE AND SEEK GAME, CIUCIUBABKA, A GAME WHICH SPINS YOU INTO THE UNKNOWN.





PRODUCER BIOGRAPHY - BEX ROSE

BEX ROSE IS AN AWARD-WINNING PRODUCER BASED IN BRISTOL WITH CREDITS ON THE BBC & CHANNEL 4 AND WORK SCREENED WIDELY AT FILM FESTIVALS BOTH IN THE UK AND INTERNATIONALLY.

BEX HAS PRODUCED FILMS FOR CHANNEL 4 RANDOM ACTS, BBC NEW CREATIVES AND BFI NETWORK.

HER WORK OFTEN INVOLVES SUPPORTING NEW AND EMERGING FILMMAKERS, FROM UNDERREPRESENTED BACKGROUNDS TO TELL THEIR STORIES AND GAIN EXPERIENCE. SHE HAS DESIGNED AND DELIVERED TALENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES WORKING WITH BFI, BRISTOL OLD VIC THEATRE SCHOOL, WATERSHED, CALLING THE SHOTS, LFS AND INTO FILM.





CAST



SHENAY ARSCOTT - ZEE

BBABKA (SHORT FILM), 2024, ZEE, DIRECTED BY MICHAEL JENKINS

AUGUST OSAGE COUNTY (STAGE), 2024, MATTIE, DIRECTED BY CATRIN STEWART

EUPHORIA (SHORT FILM), JUNE 2023, RUE, DIRECTED BY SOPHIE MAIR AND DAN GITSHAM

EVERYTHING I KNOW ABOUT LOVE (SHORT FILM), JUNE 2023, AMARA, DIRECTED BY SOPHIE MAIR AND DAN GITSHAM

SARAH LAKE - THE BABKA

THE BABKA, MARCH 2024, CARA, DIRECTED BY MICHAEL JENKINS

THE BODY IS WATCHING ME, 2023, HOLLY, DIRECTED BY BEN CURTIS HORSFALL, SEVEN HORSES FILMS

HALLOWEEN UNFAIRGROUND, OCTOBER 2019, BLINDED WOMAN, DIRECTED BY HOLLIE OTLEY, GRAND PIER EVENTS

COURT TRAINING VIDEO, 2019, ASHFORD FAMILY, DIRECTED BY JOHN ALCOCK, ITV WEST COUNTRY

THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE, JUNE 2019, THE WHITE WITCH, DIRECTED BY LISA HAMILTON-JAMES, WEST ACTING WORKSHOP

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK, DECEMBER 2017, JACK TROTT, DIRECTED BY DAISY-ALEXANDRA, DAISY-CHAIN PRODUCTIONS

TRUST IN A STRANGER, 2013, LILY, DIRECTED BY ELISHA WYATT, LITTLE MAGIC TOUCH PRODUCTIONS

AUGUST OSAGE COUNTY, FEB 2024, VIOLET WESTON, DIRECTED BY CATRIN STEWART

QUEEN OF EARTH, JUNE 2023, GINNY, DIRECTED BY SOPHIE MAIR AND DAN GITSHAM

BLUEJAY, JUNE 2023, AMANDA, DIRECTED BY MATT HARRIS-FREETH

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE, MAY 2023, ELIZABETH BENNET, DIRECTED BY KATY CARMICHAEL

MARRIAGE STORY, 2023, NICOLE BARBER, DIRECTED BY SASHA TYUFTEY

GENTLEMEN JACK, JUNE 2022, ANNE LISTER, DIRECTED BY ALISON HARGREAVES

PROFESSIONAL WORK:





OLIVER VALLANCE - RILEY

PRECURSOR, MAY 2024, JOHN, DIRECTED BY MATT DIAMOND.

RODNEY BUCKET, MARCH 2024, HANK, DIRECTED BY DYLAN CORCRON.

THE BABKA, MARCH 2024, RILEY, DIRECTED BY MICHAEL JENKINS.

ROCK IN MY SHOE, FEB 2024, DEREK, DIRECTED BY HARRIS WALTER.

BLUE JAY, JUNE 2023, JIM, DIRECTED BY MATT HARRIS-FREETH.

MICKEY & NICKY, JUNE 2023, MICKEY, DIRECTED BY DAN GITSHAM & SOPHIE MAIR.

BENNY BOY, MAY 2023, BENNY, DIRECTED BY JACK LEE PITCHFORD.

VILE BUSINESS, MARCH 2023, OLLIE, DIRECTED BY HARRIS WALTER.

THE BLOCK, MAY 2022, MICHAEL, DIRECTED BY MICHAEL WALL.

KCOS, SEPT 2021, THE BOY, DIRECTED BY JACK LEE PITCHFORD.



KATIE NEWCOMBE - RACHEL

THE BABKA, MARCH 2024, RACHEL, DIRECTED BY MICHAEL JENKINS

AUGUST OSAGE COUNTY, JANUARY 2024, IVY, DIRECTED BY CATRIN STEWART

EUPHORIA, 2023, JULES, DIRECTED BY DAN GITSHAM AND SOPHIE MAIR

QUEEN OF EARTH, 2023, CATHERINE, DIRECTED BY DAN GITSHAM AND SOPHIE MAIR

STRANGER THINGS, 2023, NANCY, DIRECTED BY MATT HARRIS-FREETH

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE, 2023, ELIZABETH, DIRECTED BY KATY CARMICHAEL

CUP OF JOE, MAY 2023, MIA, DIRECTED BY JACOB GUYATT, BOOMSATSUMA

LOVERS WALK, 2023, ROSE, DIRECTED BY HARRIS WALTER, MEADHAUS



MYA DOYLE - ROSY

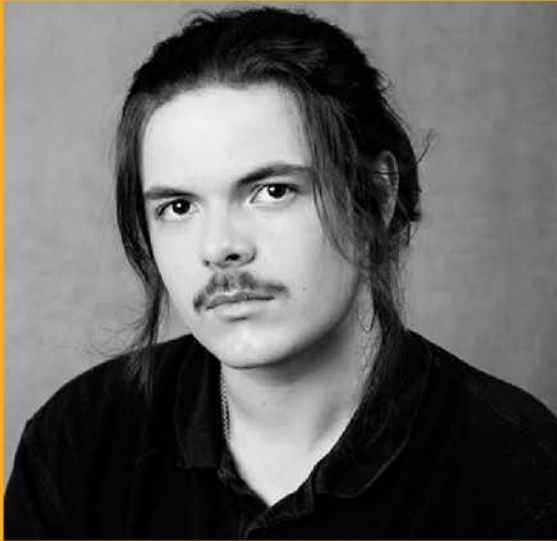
ALL TOO WELL, JUNE 2023, HER, DIRECTED BY MATT HARRIS-FREETH

PROMISING YOUNG WOMAN, JUNE 2023, CASSIE, DIRECTED BY DAN GITSHAM AND SOPHIE MAIR

FRANCES HA, MAY 2023, FRANCES, DIRECTED BY SASHA TYUFTEY

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE, MAY 2023, ELIZABETH BENNET, DIRECTED BY KATY CARMICHAEL

NORMAL PEOPLE, NOVEMBER 2022, MARIANNE, DIRECTED BY KATY CARMICHAEL



ALEX BIEHN - JAY

THE BABKA, MARCH 2024, JAY, DIRECTED BY MICHAEL JENKINS
BLT, 2024, CHEF/VOICEOVER, DIRECTED BY LUCA GALEA, SHORT
FILM (FESTIVAL AWARD-WINNER)
THE DARE, 2024, YOUNG ADAM, DIRECTED BY GILES ALDERSON



DANIEL CANNIFFE - DEAN

PROJECTS WHILE AT BSA:
THE BABKA, MARCH 2024, DEAN, DIRECTED BY MICHAEL
JENKINS
THE BLOCK, JUNE 2023, PRIEST, DIRECTED BY JACK
PITCHFORD
KILLING OF A SACRED DEER, JUNE 2023, MARTIN, DIRECTED BY
DAN AND SOPHIE GITSHAM
DAISY JONES AND THE SIX, JUNE 2023, BILLY DUNNE,
DIRECTED BY DAN GITSHAM AND SOPHIE MAIR
PROFESSIONAL WORK:
LOVERS WALK, OCTOBER 2023, ARMY MAN FROM TINDER,
DIRECTED BY HARRIS WALTER, MEADHAUS PRODUCTIONS



BEN WORSLEY - PIERS

PROJECTS WHILE AT BSA:
LIS, FEB 2024, DENNIS, DIRECTED BY GABRIELA STANISZEWSKA
ALL TOO WELL, JUNE 2023, HIM, DIRECTED BY MATT HARRIS-
FREETH
BEAUTIFUL THING, JUNE 2023, SET, DIRECTED BY MATT HARRIS-
FREETH
POWER, JUNE 2023, BRAYDEN, DIRECTED BY MATT HARRIS-FREETH
PROFESSIONAL WORK:
SEE, NOVEMBER 2023, GUY, DIRECTED BY JOEY FRENCH
PSYCHEDELIC INVOLVEMENT, APRIL 2021, CRAIG, DIRECTED BY
JOSHUA MORRISON, MORRISON PRODUCTIONS

RENEE DAWES - STACEY

BBABKA , 2024, STACEY, DIRECTED BY MICHAEL JENKINS

LIS, FEB 2024, ANNIKA, DIRECTED BY GABRIELLA STANISZEWSKA

AUGUST OSAGE COUNTY, FEB 2024, VIOLET, DIRECTED BY CATRIN STEWART

NARRATIVE CHAOS, NOV 2023, CAT, DIRECTED BY WILLIAM SANSOM, SCREENOLOGY

13 REASONS WHY, JUNE 2023, JESSICA, DIRECTED BY MATT HARRIS-FREETH



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RENNE DAWES STACEY
DANEIL CANNIFFE DEAN
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**1ST ASSISTANT CAMERA
BILLY EVANS**

**2ND ASSISTANT CAMERA
LUCA GALEA**

**GAFFER
ARTHUR CRISP**

**SOUND RECORDIST
GRAEME WILLETS**

**PRODUCTION DESIGNER
ELKIE MCCRIMMON**

**ART DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT
KACEY PURNELL**

**COSTUME DESIGNER
LIBERTY TATE WALKER**

**ASSISTANT COSTUME DESIGNER
JESS JONES**

**MAKEUP ARTIST
ANNA RANDALL
MAKEUP ARTIST
SHANNON THURSTON
MAKE UP ARTIST
ELENA LOWE
MAKEUP ARTIST ASSISTANT
SOPHIE MAJURY**

SOUND DESIGN & RE-RECORDING MIXER

TIM BAMBER

ORIGINAL SCORE BY

TIM BAMBER

COLOURIST

HANNAH SQUIRES

MUSIC

DONNY BRAVO

DISTANCE

DONNY BRAVO

TEEN SPIRIT

DEDW8

DED HEADS

**SCRIPT EDITOR
ERICK KWASHIE**

**MOVEMENT CHOREOGRAPHER
MICHELLE GASKELL**

**GRAPHIC DESIGNER
OBESE AESTHETICS**

**BEHIND THE SCENES PHOTOGRAPHY
MICHAEL MARTIN
KATIE NEWCOMBE**

SUPPORTING ARTISTS

AILS A KENNEDY

CAIRISTINE ROSS

RAMY HASSAN

ELLIE MULHOLLAND

LEAH LLOYD

NATASHA WINES

SARAH MASTERTON

DAISY JAEGER

ANGELO FORNACS

MILLIE HUGHES

ELIENAI SPLENDOR

SKYE MULLINER

LEILA STRINGER

SCOUT WORSLEY

JOSH CLARIDGE

MIA SAUNDERS

ELLÉ SOPHIE

SOPHIE MAJURY

SPECIAL THANKS

ETHAN EVANS

ALISTER CASSEEM

LAKOTA

ANIA CHOJNOWSKA-JENKINS

MALACHI JENKINS

PAUL HOLBROOK

JOE SPURGEON

BENTLEIGH BURGESS

THE TEAM AT LAKOTA

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