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By: Gate 11 Collective

Director: Johmar Damiles (@jsdamiles)

Logline: When two young siblings are accused of theft by a convenience store owner through a CCTV footage, they are thrust into a challenging situation that unravels their family's deep-seated trauma, forcing them to confront their past and find a way to heal.





Hot Seat Official Poster
Art by @jouache

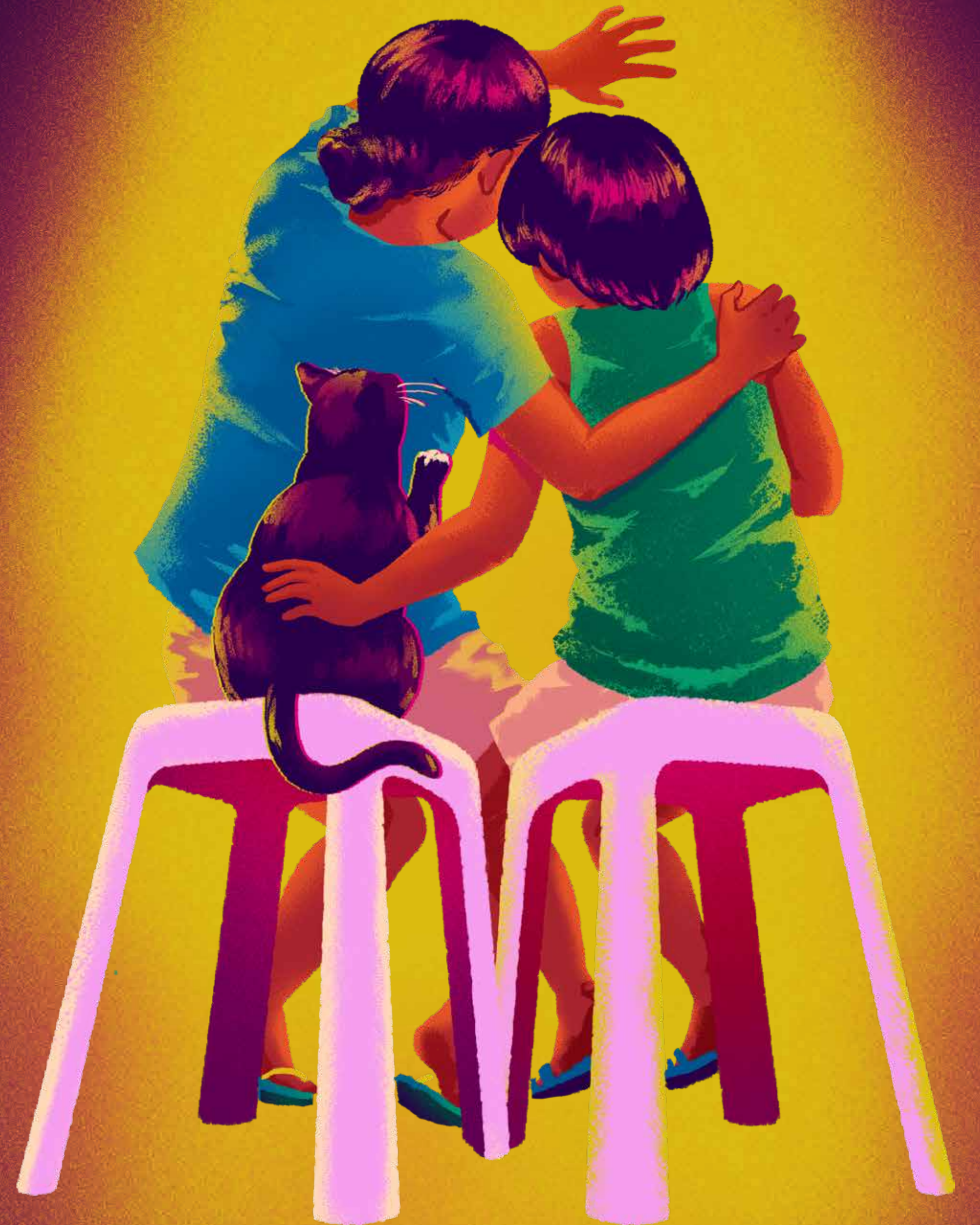
Total Running Time: 13 minutes 15 seconds
Language: Filipino with English Subtitles
Genre: Drama, Comedy

Official Facebook: facebook.com/hotseat.shortfilm
Trailer: bit.ly/hotseatshort-trailer



Synopsis

In the CCTV footage, siblings Kat-Kat and Poy are caught entering a sari-sari store together, to retrieve their lost cat, Poknat. However, Aling Tess, the store owner, caught and accused them of theft. Placed in the hot seat, they must navigate the accusations and the trauma of being yelled at by adults in both the store and their home. Through their coping mechanisms, they overcome these challenges and realize the importance of supporting each other to create a loving safe space.



Director's Statement

As the youngest in the family, I am quite sensitive to what my parents say, especially when their words are hurtful resulting in some of my childhood trauma. There are times when I interpret it as their way of expressing love – thinking it's normal. I find joy in the presence of a cat that frequents our front yard, which I adopted and named Taiga. Through him, I found my loving safe space. One day, he went missing, and upon his return, he was visibly injured. Despite my efforts to save him, I failed. This memory resurfaced during a brainstorming session for our film, possibly the most personal piece we've written. It revealed why I have an affinity for cats and emphasized the importance of our friendship as a safe space, where we're free from judgment, harassment, or discrimination. Like Poy and Katkat, we are still navigating the world and dealing with the traumas it brings. Despite our age, we continue to heal our inner child and break the cycle of abuse.





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CHAKTOMUK SHORT FILM FESTIVAL



Cast



Poy

Kian Co



Katkat

Miel Espinoza



Poknat

Pothos

Cast



Aling Tess

Teri Lacayanga



Nanay Minda

Maria Giovanna Soriano



Tatay Dong

Ferdinand Cabalhin

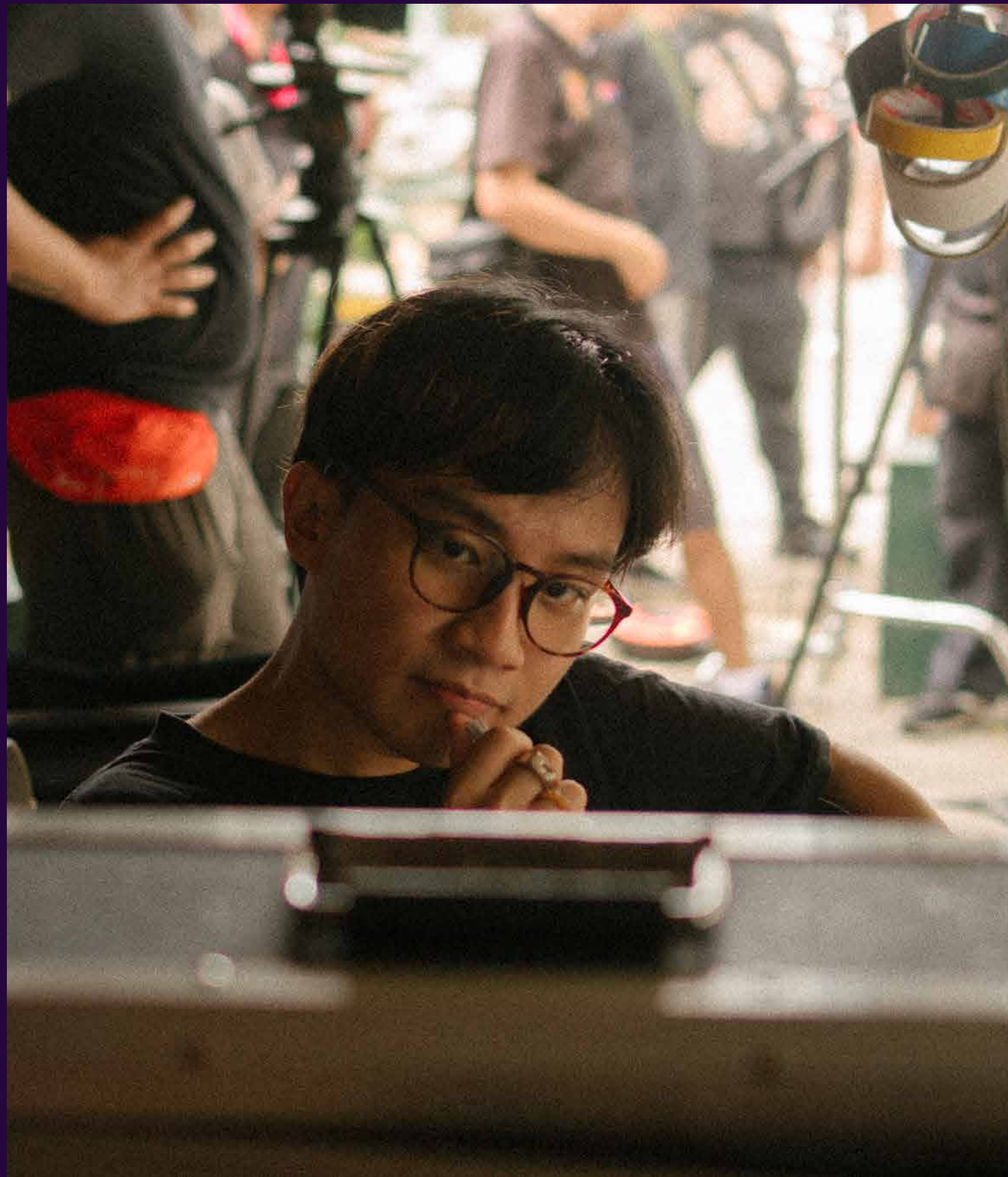
Director Biography

Johmar Damiles

Johmar Damiles, a multimedia specialist from Quezon City, is a graduate of AB Communication Arts from the University of Santo Tomas. He is highly dedicated in the fields of filmmaking, video production, photography, and advertising. He aims to tell stories through various media where he can learn and utilize his skills, and actively collaborate with people in the same industry.

He is the Director of Photography, and co-writer of Heist School, a Cinemalaya 2019 Shorts entry, which won Audience Choice Award, and has been exhibited in various local and international film festivals. He also directed a travel and business online series, Highway Harvest, for iWantTFC. The 6th Sinekabataan Short Film Festival, organized by FDCP, funds his most recent short film, "Hot Seat," where he serves as the director, co-writer, and editor. Also, He is a co-founder of Gate 11 Collective, a collective of like-minded young filmmakers who engage in filmmaking while balancing their regular jobs.

Beyond his involvement in filmmaking, he works in the digital marketing industry, taking on roles as a motion graphics designer and video editor.



Major Credit Roles

Director

Johmar Damiles

Assistant Director

Teresa Urmatam

Writers

Julius Renomeron Jr.

Johmar Damiles

Kim Renomeron

Director of Photography

Akie Yano

Producers

Anna Velario

Nicole Valientes

Executive Producers

Runt Collective

Prime Productions

Creative Producers

Julius Renomeron Jr.

Akie Yano

Supervising Producer

JL Fernandez

Production Designer

Iks Icay

Sound Designer

Ranier Vlademir Intal

Post Sound Supervisor

JL Fernandez

Musical Scorer

Jose Paulo Dela Cruz

Offline Editor

Julius Renomeron Jr.

Online Editor/VFX Artist

Johmar Damiles

Production Associate

Jerus Uy

Camera Operators

Mark Remolacio

Gunther De Guzman

Assistant Cameramen

Gunther De Guzman

Ely Echalas

Art Director

Michael Obejera

Jaydee Reyes

Setman

Kim Kenneth Blames

Live Sound Recordists

Carlo Picache

Alexis Tomboc Jr.

Colorist

Jeremiah Ronquillo

Johmar Damiles

Original Music

The Purest Blue

Pauline Rana

Akira Medina

Jared Lim

Behind The Scenes



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Film Stills



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SINE KABATAAN 6 PRESENTS A GATE 11 COLLECTIVE PROJECT "HOT SEAT"

STARRING MIEL ESPINOZA KIAN CO POTHOS TERI LACAYANGA FERDINAND CABALHIN MARIA GIOVANNA SORIANO PRODUCTION ASSOCIATE JERUS UY

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR TERESA URMATAM SOUND DESIGNER JL FERNANDEZ FILM EDITORS JULIUS RENOMERON JR. JOHMAR DAMILES ART JAYDEE REYES

JEREMY ROSALES PRODUCTION DESIGNER IKS ICAY DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY AKIE YANO SUPERVISING PRODUCER JL FERNANDEZ CREATIVE PRODUCERS

JULIUS RENOMERON JR. AKIE YANO PRODUCERS ANNA VELARIO NICOLE VALIENTES EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS RUNT COLLECTIVE PRIME PRODUCTIONS

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