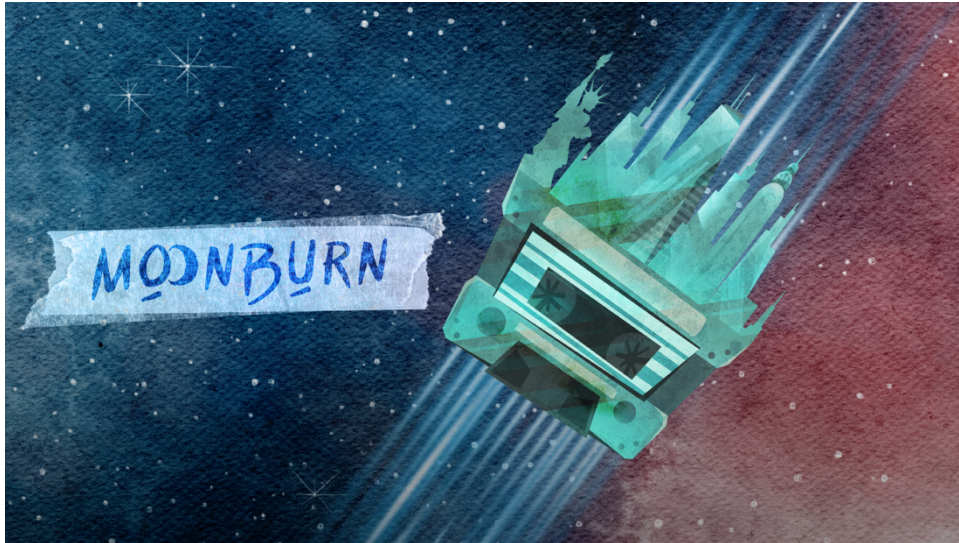


MOONBURN

Press Kit



ABOUT THE SHOW:

MOONBURN is a serialized, queer, YA audio drama podcast created, written and produced by Robbie Hyne, under his banner AUGUST YEAR ROUND PRODUCTIONS. It is a completely independent (“indie”) podcast— everything from writing, production, voice acting, editing and release are done on our own, not on behalf of any studio or corporation.

THE STORY:

When a down-on-his-luck 18-year-old named Lucas moves into a NYC boarding home for a fresh start, he discovers decades-old diary cassette tapes left behind by the room’s first occupant, Carter. The tapes foreshadow tragedy, but they also lay out a beautiful path for surviving in the city. With the heartfelt stories and invaluable advice contained within these tapes, Lucas embarks on his journey— through the trials and tribulations of life in a new city, accepting himself, creating lifelong friendships, falling in love, and even uncovering a few mysteries about his new home.

Season Two continues Lucas’ journey as he navigates the highs and lows of building a new life in New York City, heeding the guidance of a new set of diary cassette tapes, facing fresh challenges, forging the unbreakable bonds with his chosen family, and searching for a sense of purpose... all while confronting the unexpected difficulty of a brand new housemate at Bourbon St. Boarding.

LAUNCH & UPCOMING SEASONS:

The first season of MOONBURN first launched in May, 2024, and ran for 7 episodes released weekly. Season Two begins on Wednesday, April 2nd with new episodes released on a weekly basis, every Wednesday for another 7-episode run.

KEY THEMES:

Chosen Family: The series explores how the people we surround ourselves with can become just as— if not more— important than the families we're born into. Lucas' journey is about finding a home in people who truly accept him.

Self-Discovery, Acceptance & Identity: Lucas (and Carter before him) grapple with understanding who they are, not just in terms of their sexuality, but also in defining their own sense of self outside of the expectations placed on them.

Love, Heartbreak & Healing: Romantic relationships, both healthy and toxic, play a major role in our story. The series delves into first loves, betrayal, and the complicated emotions that come with it all.

Mental Health & Survival: Carter's tapes serve as both a lifeline and a warning. The show tackles mental health, loneliness, and the importance of finding support, showing how difficult moments don't have to define someone's story.

New York as a Character: The city isn't just a backdrop— it represents both possibility and struggle. It's where dreams are built, but also where reality hits hardest.

TONE:

MOONBURN is centered around heart, humor, romance, and even a little mystery.

It has the feel of an indie coming-of-age drama with a poetic edge, reminiscent of something between *Heartstopper*, *Tales of the City*, and *Emily in Paris* but with a darker, more introspective undercurrent. The series thrives on a mix of sharp, witty dialogue and deeply vulnerable moments, reflecting the highs and lows of being young, queer, and searching for belonging.

MEET THE SEASON TWO CAST:



ANTHONY KEYVAN as “LUCAS”

- *Known for:* XO, Kitty (Netflix), Love, Victor (Hulu)
- *Social Reach:* Instagram – 1.2M followers, Tiktok – 1.4M followers

KEVIN MCHALE as “ZACH”

- *Known for:* Glee (Fox), American Horror Stories (FX)
- *Social Reach:* Instagram – 1.1M followers, Tiktok – 550K followers



ALEXANDRA DANIELS as “SADIE”

- *Known for:* What If...? (Disney+)
- *Social Reach:* Instagram – 16.1K followers



KELLY LAMOR WILSON as “CARINA”

- *Known for:* A Man Called Otto (Sony)
- *Social Reach:* Instagram – 18.7K followers





CHRIS RENFRO as “AUGUST”

- *Known for:* Queer as Folk (Peacock), Oh, Mary! (Broadway)
- *Social Reach:* Instagram – 20.8K followers

TEALA DUNN as “OLIVIA”

- *Known for:* Good Trouble (Freeform)
- *Social Reach:* Instagram – 6.6M followers, Tiktok – 4M followers



ANTHONY TURPEL as “RYAN”

- *Known for:* That 90’s Show (Netflix), Love, Victor (Hulu)
- *Social Reach:* Instagram – 191K followers



OTHER CAST & CREW:

Our Team:

Created, Produced & Edited by: Robbie Hyne

Produced by: Anthony Keyvan

Intro & Outro Music by: Noah James

Podcast Artwork by: Brendan Haley

Season One – Lead Cast:

Anthony Keyvan

Alexandra Daniels

Kelly Lamor Wilson

Joshua Colley

Teala Dunn

Chris Renfro

Adam Faison

Anthony Turpel

Season One – Supporting Cast:

Benita Nall

Ingrid Solano

Matthew Bridges

Kate Godfrey

Connor Street

Rachel Leigh

John Brodsky

Owen Virgin

Jenna Jimenez

Kyle Kamphaus

Alex Quijano

Robbie Hyne

Cortney Radke

Austin Zajur

Norma Torrey

Tyler Santana

Season Two – Supporting Cast:

Lexi Simonson

Lilah Richcreek Estrada

Russell Lewis

Joshua Colley

Zackry Colston

Vaune Suitt

Adam Faison

Joey Rudman

Matthew Bridges

Kate Godfrey

Eliza Helm

Courtney Perdue

Jenna Jimenez

Lyo Reneau

ABOUT THE CREATOR:

Robbie Hyne is an imaginative LGBTQ writer from the Berlanti Television camp. Most recently, he served as a Story Editor for the CW's STARGIRL under the mentorship of legendary writer/producer Geoff Johns. Robbie's journey began as an assistant at Scott Free Productions before transitioning to Berlanti Productions where he supported prolific creator Greg Berlanti on hit shows like YOU, ALL AMERICAN, DOOM PATROL, CHILLING ADVENTURES OF SABRINA, and more. After being promoted to Writers' Assistant and Script Coordinator on STARGIRL Season One, he quickly rose through the ranks to become an integral part of the writing team for Season Two and Three. Robbie's work also spans other major projects, including a stint as Writers' Assistant on Scott Free's RAISED BY WOLVES for HBO Max. In the midst of the 2023 strikes, Robbie channeled his entrepreneurial spirit to launch AUGUST YEAR ROUND PRODUCTIONS, a scripted podcast production company dedicated to writing and producing diverse fiction series such as MOONBURN, (UN)LIKEMINDED: A SCI-FI AUDIO ANTHOLOGY, and more. A proud native of Madison, Wisconsin, Robbie is a lifelong hard-of-hearing individual who, after several surgeries, now lives and thrives without hearing aids. His unique perspective—growing up as a gay, hard-of-hearing Midwestern boy—shapes his passion for crafting authentic, character-driven stories with strong, distinct voices.



THE REVIEWS ARE IN:

A MUST LISTEN

“Incredibly written, amazing performers and so well put together. A must listen.” – TheBeesKnees81

ONE OF THE BEST PODCAST STORIES I’VE HEARD

“Great script, top quality voice actors, realistic characters. The story was completely compelling and the pacing kept the plot moving. It’s story is unique and captivating. More of this please!” – WndyCty_Guy

CASSETTES AND GAYS

“*buys cassettes because of this pod*. Ah yes, playlists. Love this pod :D” – cosmo’s stars

FALLING IN LOVE

“Absolutely loving this series!! My heart cannot with how sweet this story is!” – norm2020

STARY EYES

“So well put together, and honestly makes you feel like you’re right there with them.” -- Notchly

CONTENT:

MOONBURN falls in the TV-14 range with some strange language, and alcohol and weed use.

Mental Health Themes: MOONBURN touches on loneliness, depression, and suicidal ideation (though Carter ultimately survives). These topics are handled thoughtfully but could be triggering for some listeners.

LGBTQ+ & Diversity:

From day one, our most important mandate is to lift up diverse voices, with a particular focus on the LGBTQ community. As LGBTQ+ creators, we believe representation matters. We want to tell meaningful stories where queer characters and those from other marginalized groups have prominent, positive roles. We hope to push toward this goal with every project.

ABOUT AUGUST YEAR ROUND PRODUCTIONS:



Birthered during the WGA & SAG dual strikes of 2023, August Year Round Productions is a podcast production venture built from the ground up— led by creatives, for creatives.

Our goal is simple— create a playground for writers, actors, directors, and other creatives to come together and do what we love: tell stories & make art.

We work completely independently, having raised our initial funds via the love and support of friends, family & other generous donors. From day one, our most important mandate is to lift up diverse voices, with a particular focus on the LGBTQ community, and tell meaningful stories.

Our official launch began in January 2024 with the release of our sci-fi, short story anthology podcast— (UN)LIKEMINDED. Followed soon thereafter with our first queer, YA audio drama— MOONBURN.

This is just the beginning, and we can't thank everyone enough for joining us on this journey.

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