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NATALIE MAHONEY PRESENTS "CUPCAKE" LILLIAN MEAGHER GIANNA ROMANO  
CONNOR BROST ASSISTANT DIRECTOR SHER BAUTISTA DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY JASON McCLUSKEY WRITTEN BY NATALIE MAHONEY

# Cupcake

**Logline:** A young girl trying to impress the popular girls at a birthday party becomes an accomplice in a devilish plot against them.



Once upon a time, a sweet and innocent young woman named Delani finds herself at the 21st birthday party of the incredibly popular and pompous birthday princess, Julianna. Delani, not being very well liked and subjected to bullying by the other partygoers, is sent off by Julianna to go and pick up the cupcakes for the party, Delani does so with a smile in the hopes that she'll finally be accepted. Delani arrives at the bakery and the Baker takes notice of who the order is for and notices right away that Delani is being used by Julianna. Fed up with this, and seemingly familiar with Julianna's behaviors, he gives Delani the cupcakes that are specially made for Julianna. Delani leaves the bakery and heads back to the party. Along the way, she suspects that someone may be following her through the woods, but shrugs it off as she can't find anyone around her. As she comes closer to the house, Delani accidentally trips from her excitement. The cupcakes get smudged from rustling around. Delani trips as she notices the house in the distance, smudging and smushing the cupcakes. Delani stands at the front door then hands off the cupcakes to Julianna, who notices that they've been ruined. She takes a bite of one of the cupcakes, then reveals that Delani doesn't have a chance of ever getting back into the party, slamming the door in her face. As Delani walks away in disappointment, she hears the sound of Julianna choking. She looks back and sees Julianna struggling to breath from the window, but nobody helps her. Julianna then collapses onto the floor. The Baker stands behind Delani, observing the chaos unfolding before them both, caused by him. Delani must then make a choice, she could either stay to help Julianna and those who made fun of her or just leave them all to reap what they've sown.

## Genres:

Horror, Comedy

## Director & Producer Contact:

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## Lillian Meagher

### *Delani*

Lillian Meagher is an actress from Staten Island, NY, and she is thrilled to be playing Delani in 'Cupcake'! She is currently a third-year Speech Pathology & Audiology student at St. John's University (SJU), but pursues acting on the side. This past October, she portrayed the title role in *Carrie: The Musical* with Chappell Players Theatre Group at SJU. Some other recent roles include Shelly in *Almost, Maine*, Ensemble in *Catch Me If You Can*, and Aunt March in *Little Women*.

## Connor Brost

### *The Baker*

Connor Brost is a Filmmaker/Actor based out of Newark Delaware. He has been a part of many short films in the past decade and even some theater productions. Connor is best known for his ability to create suspense which is what he does as the Baker in the film 'Cupcake.'



## Gianna Rose Romano

### *Princess Julianna*

Gianna Rose Romano is an actress from Staten Island, NY. Her previous acting credits include, 'Entity', 'Corpse Date', 'The After World', 'Cupcake' and 'Cherry Blossom's Elegy' Gianna is also the lead singer in the band Bleeding Rose which has become a Staten Island sensation!

**Ladies in Waiting:** Dominique DeSilva, Angie Mekki & Hannah Sutherland

**Party Voice-Over:** Snow Mahoney, Ruby Leonard & Sophia Serafino

## Production Crew

**Directed by:** Natalie Mahoney

**Written by:** Natalie Mahoney

**Director of Photography:** Jason McCluskey

**Editor:** Natalie Mahoney

**Producer:** Natalie Mahoney

**1st Assistant Director:** Sher Bautista

**Camera Operators:** Jason McCluskey  
& Connor Brost

**Assistant Camera:** Connor Brost, Hannah  
Sutherland & Dominique DeSilva

**Still Photographer:** Dominique DeSilva

**Sound Mixer:** Daniel de Bruyn

**Script Supervisors:** Ysabelle Galvez & Sher  
Bautista

**Gaffer:** Hannah Sutherland

**Grip:** Dominique DeSilva

**Hair & Make-Up:** Emily Kirk

## Full Cast Credits

**Delani:** Lillian Meagher

**The Baker:** Connor Brost

**Princess Julianna:** Gianna Rose Romano

**Ladies in Waiting:** Angie Mekki, Dominique DeSilva & Hannah Sutherland

**Party Voice-Over:** Snow Mahoney, Ruby Leonard & Sophia Serafino





## Natalie Mahoney

### *Director, Writer, Producer & Editor*

Natalie Mahoney is the writer & director of *'Cupcake'*. She's an award-winning photographer and filmmaker from Staten Island, NY. She has experience in both filmmaking and helping young creatives conceive, construct, and produce their own projects. Natalie wants to be able to inspire and encourage others with her work, and watch others tell their own stories through the many mediums of the arts!

**Director's Statement:** In this empty suburban fairytale, my goal was to complete an assignment in which we were asked to write a 4 page script and shoot it. This is what I was able to come up with and condense into less than 5 minutes.

## Jason McCluskey

### *Director of Photography*

Jason McCluskey is a director, cinematographer, and editor from Staten Island, NY. He received his B.S in Cinema, Television and Media Production at Kutztown University and has moved forward to get his MFA in Filmmaking at the City College of New York. Jason has been part of many award-winning films working as a cinematographer and editor. He has made a handful of his own films underneath his production company *'McCinema Films'* and has experience also helping others in writing, directing, acting and editing. He wants to entertain and make creative work flourish in all that he produces.



## Sher Bautista

### *1st Assistant Director*

Filmmaker Sher Bautista is a third culture kid whose work centers on themes of identity, memory, and migration. She co-produced the award-winning feature *Delia and Sammy (CineFilipino 2017)*, which went on to screen at international festivals including Austin, All Lights India, Ortigia, and Hanoi. A Tropfest finalist for her short film *Commune (2015)*, Sher also contributed as a writer to the television series *The Boston (2013)*. She is currently completing her MFA in Film and developing her thesis project, *Tales My Father Told*.

## Reviews & Interviews

### **IMDb Page:**

[https://www.imdb.com/title/tt35042396/?ref\\_=nm\\_knf\\_t\\_2](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt35042396/?ref_=nm_knf_t_2)

### **Letterboxd Page:**

<https://letterboxd.com/film/cupcake-2025/>

### **Staten Island Community Media Coverage on Staten Island Summer of Shorts Film Festival 2025:**

<https://reflect-sicommunitymedia.cablecast.tv/CablecastPublicSite/show/3892?site=4>

### **'Cupcake' Cast & Crew Interview with 'Happy Hour With Destiny':**

[https://www.youtube.com/shorts/5ukXO7p4Mjw?si=7HKSvYl7\\_A8-h31N](https://www.youtube.com/shorts/5ukXO7p4Mjw?si=7HKSvYl7_A8-h31N)











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| SCENETAKE | DIRECTOR | SOUND          | CAMERA          |
|-----------|----------|----------------|-----------------|
| 4A-1      | Grant 1  | Grant 1        |                 |
| 4E-1      |          | SNOW<br>George | met<br>for prep |
| 4E-2      | Good.    | Good           | Report<br>3 hrs |
| 4B-1      |          | 4B & 4C        |                 |

| #  | TA | W       | Description                             | Start      | End     | Duration      |
|----|----|---------|---|------------|---------|---------------|
| 8  | 4A |         | Delani approaching house                |            |         |               |
| 9  | 4B | OTS (D) | Juliana opens door grabs cupcakes       |            |         |               |
| 10 | 4C | OTS (D) | Juliana looking at disheveled cupcakes  | D & J      | 5 mins  | 9:00 - 9:05   |
| 11 | 4D | M       | Lady in Waiting appears to grab box     | Cupcakes   | 5 mins  | 9:10 - 9:15   |
| 12 | 4E | M       | Delani watches Juliana                  | J & L      | 5 mins  | 9:20 - 9:25   |
| 13 | 4G | CU      | Juliana slams door on Delani            | D/J/L      | 5 mins  | 9:30 - 9:35   |
| 14 | 4H | W/OTS   | Delani's reaction to slammed door       | Juliana    | 5 mins  | 9:40 - 9:45   |
| 15 | 4J | M       | Delani leaves, chaos ensues             | Delani     | 5 mins  | 9:50 - 9:55   |
| 16 | 4K | CU      | Chaos through the window                | D/J/L      | 15 mins | 10:00 - 10:05 |
| 17 | 4L | CU      | Juliana pressed on glass                | J & Ladies | 5 mins  | 10:15 - 10:30 |
| 18 | 4M | M       | Delani makes eye contact                | Juliana    | 10 mins | 10:35 - 10:45 |
| 19 | 4N | M       | Delani turns to face Baker              |            | 5 mins  | 11:00 - 11:05 |
| 20 | 4P | CU      | Baker stands behind Delani, then leaves | D & B      | 5 mins  | 11:05 - 11:20 |
| 21 | 4Q | M/Crab  | Baker nods approvingly                  | Baker      | 5 mins  | 11:25 - 11:30 |
|    |    |         | Delani turns back and forth             | Baker      | 5 mins  | 11:30 - 11:40 |
|    |    |         | Delani turns back and forth             | Delani     | 10 mins | 11:45 - 11:50 |
|    |    |         | WRAP ON ALL ACTORS                      |            |         | 5 mins        |
|    |    |         | CREW CLEANUP THEN WRAP                  |            |         |               |
|    |    |         |   |            |         | 12:00         |
|    |    |         |   |            |         | 12:30         |











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