DIRECTED BY CURNAL AULISIO



DEADLINE

STARRING RAHEL STONE KYLEE LAWSON JAYOHN SIRMA'AM CESAR BECERRA
ANTONIO DE LA CRUZ IZAGUIRRE & KEVIN PAUL
WRITERS ADAN OCEGUERA ALEXANDER LAWRENCE HARRIS BOBBIE RAE PATTON
CARLOS BRITO MATIALENA EDGAR ROJAS EILEEN CONTRERAS RAHEL STONE SHAOLIN LEE
DIRECTOR CURNAL AULISIO DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY RYAN DOODY
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER KIDS IN THE SPOTLIGHT INC. TIGE CHARITY PRODUCERS CURNAL AULISIO NOEL BRIAN
PRODUCTION DESIGNER NATHALIE NEURATH CASTING KIDS IN THE SPOTLIGHT & KIMBERLY SPARKS
KITS PRODUCTION CHARISSA KENNEDY TYRIN NILES ED BROADDUS NEHEMYAH GRAY WYNTON JONES

Kids In The SPOTLIGHT

LIGHT KEY MEDIA

THE FILM

THE WORLD IS ENDING.

THE FINAL ISN'T CANCELED.

LOGLINE

When a meteor threatens to destroy Earth, three college students clash over how to spend their final hours: partying, studying for a Latin final, or completing one last to-do list.

SYNOPSIS

When news breaks that a meteor is heading straight for Earth, a perfectionist college student finds her carefully planned day spiraling into chaos. One friend wants to party like there's no tomorrow. Another refuses to abandon the Latin final - or the dream of becoming valedictorian.

Caught between responsibility and reckless abandon, she struggles to complete her checklist as campus hysteria erupts into a full-blown anti-Latin rebellion. With the clock ticking toward extinction, the three friends must confront one final question: Is it more important to get everything done - or actually live?





THE CREATIVE VISION

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

What drew me to DEADLINE was its wonderfully absurd premise: the world is about to end, and three college students are still arguing about whether they should study for their Latin final.

But beneath the comedy is something relatable. We spend so much of our lives chasing deadlines, checking boxes, and worrying about what comes next that we sometimes forget to appreciate what's happening right in front of us.

Working with the young writers and performers through Kids In The Spotlight was an opportunity to help bring their comedic vision to life. As director and mentor, my goal was to support their creativity while giving the film a cinematic style, strong comedic timing, and an emotional foundation.

I believe the best comedies do more than make us laugh. They reveal something about ourselves through ridiculous circumstances. DEADLINE is about friendship, expectations, and learning to let go - and the terrifying possibility that even the apocalypse won't get you out of a final exam.



CURNAL AULISIO | DIRECTOR & MENTOR

BEHIND THE PRODUCTION

MADE WITH PURPOSE

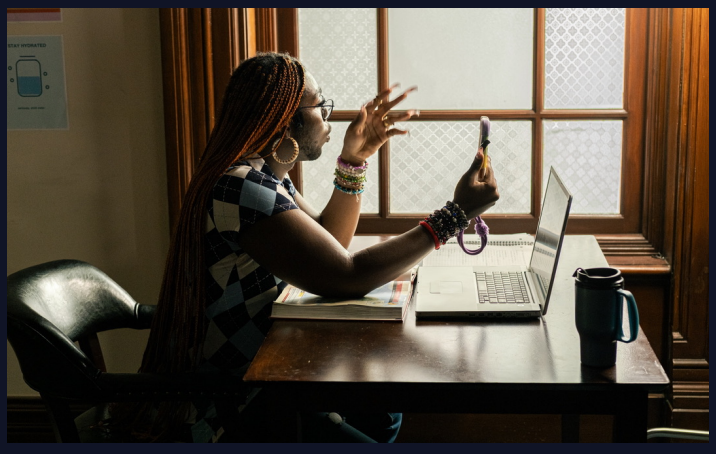
DEADLINE was written and performed by young filmmakers participating in Kids In The Spotlight (KITS), with Curnal Aulisio serving as director and mentor. The film was produced through KITS, with Light Key Media also credited as producer.

The collaboration pairs the creative voices of young storytellers with professional production guidance. Its deliberately outrageous premise provides room for character comedy, visual storytelling, and a playful look at the pressures of getting everything right.



ON SET / COLLABORATION, CAMERAWORK & COMEDY





CAST & CREATIVE TEAM

CAST

Rahel Stone	Keisha
Kylee Lawson	Angelique
Jayohn SirMa'am	Dominic
Cesar Becerra	Brock Rockman
Antonio De La Cruz Izaguirre	Dr. Graves
Kevin Paul	Professor Roetem

WRITERS

Rahel Stone / Edgar Rojas / Antonio De La Cruz Izaguirre /
Bobbie Rae Patton / Shaolin Lee / Adan Oceguera /
Alexander Lawrence Harris / Carlos Brito Matialena / Eileen Contreras

KEY CREATIVE CREDITS

DIRECTOR	Curnal Aulisio
PRODUCERS	Curnal Aulisio / Noel Brian
EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS	Kids In The Spotlight, Inc. / Tige Charity
DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY	Ryan Doody
EDITOR & SOUND DESIGNER	Curnal Aulisio
PRODUCTION DESIGN	Nathalie Neurath
CASTING	Kids In The Spotlight & Kimberly Sparks
WRITING / ACTING MENTORS	Brandy E. Palmer / Christopher Benitez

Produced through KITS | Light Key Media also credited as producer

FILM INFORMATION

TITLE	DEADLINE
GENRE	Apocalyptic comedy / dark comedy
RUNTIME	9 minutes, 22 seconds
COMPLETION	2026
DIRECTOR	Curnal Aulisio
WRITTEN & PERFORMED BY	Kids In The Spotlight youth
PRODUCTION	Kids In The Spotlight (KITS)
ADDITIONAL PRODUCER	Light Key Media

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Festival selections and screening details will be added as announced.