



CHIMERICAL

EVERYTHING YOU IMAGINE IS REAL

FOCAL RHYTHM PRODUCTIONS AND JOHNNY PICKAVANCE PRODUCTIONS PRESENT 'CHIMERICAL'
STARRING JACK WALDOUCK INGEBOG RIEDMIER NIKOLA TRIFUNOVIC DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY ROBIN WHENARY PRODUCER DEREK ABEL
SOUND & MUSIC BY FOCAL RHYTHM PRODUCTIONS WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY JOHNNY PICKAVANCE

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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Production Company: Focal Rhythm Productions

Completion Date: February 2014

Country of Origin: England [GB]

Shooting Format: 5k HD

Screening Format: Full HD (1920x1080)

Running Time: 11m 58sec

Genre: Suspense/Thriller

Language: English

Ratio: 16:9

Sound: 2.1

TAGLINE

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LOGLINE

An ex-couple discuss the perfect murder over a competitive game of chess.

SHORT SYNOPSIS

CHIMERICAL is a short, suspense thriller that explores friendship, obsession and stopping at nothing to achieve your desires. What begins as a playful game of chess between an ex-couple soon becomes an unexpected love triangle saga with shocking revelations.

LONG SYNOPSIS

Ethan and Maria have been friends since university and know each other inside out. They had a long, platonic relationship until recently they briefly dated. Their relationship is like a game of chess and constantly try to outwit one another at anything. Maria and Ethan mutually agreed to end their romance as they knew that they were better friends than lovers. Latently, Maria has kept Ethan around while she searched for her perfect man. One lonely night she met a tall, handsome stranger, William.

Maria introduces William to Ethan expecting a reaction, however Ethan is unconcerned. He invites Maria round for company as they both suffer from insomnia. Ethan hates losing at anything and has yet to beat Maria at chess. They play throughout the night. Maria plays Ethan's muse and helps him with his writer's block by sharing one another's knowledge on planning the perfect murder.

CHIMERICAL is a mystery, suspense thriller with Biblical themes of temptation, mindfulness and deceit. A calculating tale of an insomniac who will stop at nothing to be with the one he loves.

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

JOHNNY PICKAVANCE

With *Chimerical* I wanted to take the whole love triangle saga to the very next level. As this was my first short film and self-funded, I knew that all boundaries could be pushed. More importantly, I wanted to put the viewer through an unusual, emotional journey from one of absolute amusement to that of total shock horror in such a short space of time. I also wanted to explore appearances and how people are perceived - what appears on the outside is not always the true representation of someone's inner-self.

JOHNNY PICKAVANCE

DIRECTOR/WRITER/EXECUTIVE PRODUCER



Born in St. Helens, Merseyside, Johnny Pickavance earned his Masters Degree in Screenwriting from Liverpool John Moores University and also holds a diploma in Filmmaking from the New York Film Academy in Los Angeles. His goal is to make a film in every genre.

Johnny recently set up his own production company – Johnny Pickavance Productions Ltd – and is already in pre-production on his second short film, *El Aurens*.

DEREK ABEL

PRODUCER



Derek has worked on television, film, advertising and music and is constantly in search for an interesting challenge. His goal is to show his audience that there are at least two sides to every story however hard it maybe to accept, and if he can make them laugh all the better. He has studied film but the important things that he has learned came from life itself and all its curiosities and its strangeness. He currently resides in Sydney, Australia where he has setup a branch of his London based production company Focal Rhythm.

ROBIN WHENARY
DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY



Freelance cinematographer with experience in fiction, documentaries, commercials and music videos. Robin enjoys working on a variety of projects in many different styles. Recent credits include Jamie Stone's award-winning BFI sci-fi short 'Orbit Ever After', the official music video for Boy George's single 'King of Everything', and Martin Stitt's upcoming feature 'Love Me Do'. Robin is a graduate of the National Film and Television School, and is represented by McKinney Macartney Management.

MARTINA CARLUCCIO
SOUND SUPERVISOR



By working in music, audio for film and productions, the biggest lesson she has learned has always been that detail is what helps a global view to become a great view. This is how she perceives her work; this principle helps her appreciate all the shades of sound without losing track of its unity and it reminds her that life is not black and white, but that there are an infinity of colours and gradients in between.

STEFANO TORE
COMPOSER



Stefano Tore's formation is strongly focused on classical and traditional knowledge about composing which he is always integrate and enrich with personal taste and creative necessities. He has composed soundtracks for art performances, theatre companies and short films and directed various instrument ensembles such as string quartets and woodwind bands. His background is made of ancient suggestions blended with new art dimensions and techniques.

JACK WALDOUCK

ETHAN



Born and raised in Hammersmith, west London, Jack is an enthusiastic and professional actor proud to be part of the production that is Chimerical. Jack has played the lead role in multiple short films portraying a variety of characters ranging from the brother of an AIDS patient to a drug-pushing boyfriend. Jack received his first feature film credit in 2013 playing Kelly Brook's on screen boyfriend for comedy 'Taking Stock.' While working as an actor, Jack studies at Sam Rumbelow's East London method acting studio and continues to work on his craft.

INGEBORG RIEDMAIER

MARIA



After graduating top of her class, Ingeborg was cast straight out of university as the lead in an international three year tour of the children's musical theatre productions of *Barney and Friends*. Ingeborg became the first proudly South African actress to be accepted on scholarship to the prestigious Australian Institute of Performing Arts *Masterclass Series* and starred in the highly anticipated feature film *Expiration*. Ingeborg's success prompted a move from South Africa to London where she has gone on to shine as a popular audiobook

voiceover artist for Audible, working on an international bestseller trilogy for SL Grey – *The Mall*, *The Ward* and *The New Girl*.

NIKOLA TRUFONIC

WILLIAM



Nikola is a Swiss/Serbian actor who grew up in Costa Rica, trained in Switzerland, Austria and London, and works mainly in London on Stage, Film and Voice Over. Theatre credits include *The Tailor Made Man* (Arts Theatre), *The Sweet Smell of Success* (British Premiere L'Arcola Theatre), *The Amazing Mr Berlin* L'Cabaret (Jermyn Street Theatre), *Tempus* (Tristan Bates Theatre), as well as a guest appearance in the renowned Steven Brinberg's *Simply Barbra* (Crazy Coqs). He is currently building up a large screen portfolio with numerous short films with presence in international film festivals in the coming year and professional workshops with renowned screen personalities.

Cast

Ethan: Jack Waldouck
Maria: Ingeborg Riedmaier
William: Nikola Trifunovic

Crew

Director/Writer/Executive Producer: Johnny Pickavance
1st Assistant Director : Ben Davidson
Director of Photography: Robin Whenary
Producer: Derek Abel
Production Manager: Stevy Bachtalia
Script Supervisor: Michelle Bennett
1st Ass. Camera: Alessandro Ugo
2nd Ass. Camera: Bruno Teves
D.I.T.: Mariusz Majchrowski
Sound Recordist: Charlie Cristiani
Boom Operator: Declan Chew
Gaffer: Ed Riley
Spark: Ross Lusted
Set Designer/Props Master: Christopher Pigott
Make-up Artist: Billie Kermack
Costume Supervisor: Carrie Walsh
Stills Photographer: Alex Sweetman

Post Production

Supervising Editor: Derek Abel
Colourist: Stefano Battarola
Sound Supervisor/Editor: Martina Carluccio
Sound Designer/Mixer: Charlie Cristiani
Music Composer: Stefano Tore
Titles & Poster: Mdhamiri A Nkemi