



KASSIE THORNTON

TREVOR PENICK

Chasing **SUNSHINE**

**WHAT
ARE YOU
CHASING?**

PINE LANE PRODUCTIONS AND SYNCRETIC ENTERTAINMENT PRESENT "CHASING SUNSHINE"
STARRING KASSIE THORNTON AND TREVOR PENICK DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY KATIE WALKER
EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS CASEY KEEGAN MICHAEL ARNOLD ANDREA PENNINGTON
SHAWN ILG RACHAEL FEIGELSON TREVOR PENICK CHRISTY THORNTON
PRODUCED BY ERICH HOVER CHAD BISHOFF KASSIE THORNTON DARREN COYLE
SCORE BY DAVID RICARD MUSIC PERFORMED BY FIREDRILL!
WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY DARREN COYLE



CHASING SUNSHINE

SYNOPSIS

"Chasing Sunshine" is a feature-length, odd couple, buddy comedy that follows Darcy and Jack as they journey through the San Fernando Valley solving clues on a scavenger hunt. At the end of the hunt is Darcy's secret admirer and perhaps true love. Jack is her unwitting, skeptical accomplice.

FILM INFORMATION

PRODUCTION COUNTRY:	USA
COMPLETION DATE:	April, 2018
RUNNING TIME:	63:20
LANGUAGE:	English
PICTURE:	Color
ASPECT RATIO:	16:9
SHOOTING FORMAT:	24 fps 1080
MOVIE SOUND:	Stereo

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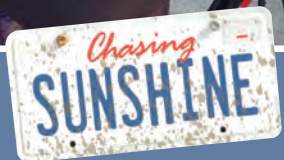
DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

We really tried on this project to celebrate diversity both in front of and behind the camera. Our two main characters are an African-American man and a Lesbian. And our crew was mostly female. I think diversity is an important thing to embrace and promote. Different and diverse voices in cinema is something that I hope this project helps to foster.

I hope you like it!

– Darren Coyle





CAST AND CREW



DARREN COYLE

Writer & Director

Darren has been working in television for over a decade, and has made the leap to feature films with "Chasing Sunshine". Hailing from New England, Darren has been acting, writing and directing theater and film since he was in 4th grade. Darren has lived in New York, Washington, D.C. and most recently Los Angeles.



KASSIE THORNTON

"Darcy" & Producer

Kassie Thornton is an actress, producer, and director who grew up on a farm in southeast Kansas in a tiny town of 500 people. She came to California on a theatre scholarship to Cal State Long Beach after she googled "beach colleges." After college, she moved to New York City where she directed and produced television for 7 years. However, Kassie knew she wanted to be in front of the camera instead so she moved back to Los Angeles to pursue her dream of acting.

Kassie has studied and performed with The Groundlings and UCB in LA and NYC, IO West, was taught by the legendary Wynn Handman in his master class, and now currently studies at AMAW. As a stand-up comic, Kassie has made appearances at The World Famous Comedy Store's Main Stage, Flappers, and the Ice House in Pasadena. Kassie has appeared in various TV shows such as NBC's "About a Boy" and "Bad Judge." She is repped across the board with KMR for theatrical and VO, and BrickHouse for commercial. She hopes this project inspires people to be open to connecting to other people for friendship or love. You can currently see Kassie in CBS's "Strange Angel".

Visit Kassie's website: <http://www.kassiethornton.com>



TREVOR PENICK

"Jack" & Executive Producer

Trevor Penick is an actor/entertainer from Rancho Cucamonga California. Trevor is most known for his early 2000's success with the boy band O-town, who just released their new album "The OTWN" and is on an on-going worldwide tour, reuniting with their fan base in England, Germany, Canada, the United States and many other countries around the world. Trevor studied acting in college at Cal State University, Fullerton, for 3 years and at the John Kirby Studio for the last 10 years. "Chasing Sunshine" is his first lead role in an independent feature but he has also been in "Killing Lazarus" (2015) where he played the Dad role and was the male lead in the short film "Inverse" (2014).



CAST AND CREW



JEREMY GUSKIN

“Jack #2”

MFA Carnegie Mellon; MFA Moscow Art Theatre School – Jeremy was born and raised in New York City and Now Lives in Los Angeles. Film: Art School Confidential, Pulse, Bunyon & Babe, The Hero Of Color City, Get Dead, Simone. TV: Just Add Magic (recurring), The Orville, 'Til Death (recurring), Rizzoli & Isles (recurring), General Hospital (recurring), Roswell (recurring), Raising Hope, The Mentalist, Life, NCIS, Alias, NYPD Blue, Angel, Six Feet Under, E.R., King Of Queens. Theatre: Figaro (A Noise Within), Shakespearience (Alex Theatre), The Curse Of Ravensdurn (Barnsdall Gallery Theatre), Nothing Sacred (South Coast Rep), 6 RMS RIV VUE (Sierra Madre Playhouse-Winner Best Performance By An Actor), You Can't Take It With You (Antaeus), The Lower Depths (MXAT). Jeremy currently teaches at the Los Angeles County High School for the Arts (LACHSA). He is also the co-creator and star of Shakespearience at the Alex Theatre in Glendale.



MONA MIRA

“Kendra”

Mona Mira is a Persian-American actress, writer, and stand-up comedian from Atlanta, Georgia. While she loved theater and acting from an early age, Mona decided to pursue a career in medicine as a doctor. She attended Emory University in Atlanta where she received a Bachelor's degree in Neuroscience and Behavioral Biology. After realizing that her true dream was to become an actress, Mona moved to Los Angeles to pursue acting full-time. She will next appear as a lead in Sherman's Showcase (TruTV), additional credits include Criminal Minds (CBS), and Scandal (ABC).



HELEN HONG

“Bianca”

Helen Hong plays "Janet Fung" in the Coen Brothers' "Inside Llewyn Davis" and recurs as "Mrs. Song" in Starz' "Blunt Talk." She also has a recurring guest star role as "Mrs. Wong" on Nickelodeon's "The Thundermans." In addition to her numerous acting roles, Helen has performed standup comedy on "The Arsenio Hall Show," "Last Call with Carson Daly," and "Comics Unleashed".



CAST AND CREW



DAVID GORYL

“Señor Chicken”

David Goryl has been an actor in LA for the past 22 years. Recent TV appearances include recurring roles on The Night Shift and American Crime. He recently wrapped the new CBS All Access show Strange Angel, as well as leading roles in the films Project: Puppies for Christmas and The Dawn, both scheduled for release later in 2018. Come on down to Señor Chicken for a 2 Bucket Fiesta. Bok Bok!



JESSICA MERA

“Naomi”

Born and raised in El Paso, TX. Jessica is known for her work on “Major Crimes”, “Drunk History” and “Chasing Life”. Her first professional acting gig was a guest star role on ABC Family’s series “Greek”. She has also appeared in ABC Family’s “Baby Daddy” and ABC’s “Suburgatory” and “Newsreaders”. She is also in the You Tube Red series “Life Stinks”. Jessica is a graduate of the University of Southern California, is fluent in Spanish and loves salsa dancing.



ADAM LAZARRE-WHITE

“Libertine Bartholomew”

Adam grew up in New York City, graduated from The Fieldston School went on to graduate from Harvard University. Known early as an actor for Living Single, Will & Grace, The Parkers, and as “Flynn” in the EMMY winning mini-series, The Temptations, Adam was nominated for an NAACP Image Award as ‘Nathan Hastings’ on The Young & Restless.



EMILY BELL

“Volunteer”

Emily Bell was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She is an actress, writer, and producer, known for “Future Boyfriend”, “Wet Dreams: One Woman’s Chance at Touching Gold”, and the web series “Hill Yes”.



CAST AND CREW



ERICH HOVER

“Blaster” & Producer

Erich's first movie break came acting alongside Brad Pitt & Philip Seymour Hoffman in MONEYBALL. Hover has spent the last fifteen years acting and producing films and TV and has produced features such as IT SNOWS ALL THE TIME, a true story about his family and his father's battle with early onset dementia, Lionsgate's THE TURKEY BOWL set to release fall of 2019 and film noir LA FLAMME ROUGE. Erich Co-Produced M.F.A. the SXSW premiered feature which released October 2017 theatrically with a simultaneous release bought by Amazon.



JONATHAN ROOT

“Cowboy”

Jon began his career in theater in Nashville, Tennessee, and was featured in Time Magazine for his work with the Nashville Children's Theater. He also performed in the Broadway and Las Vegas productions of the musical Avenue Q.



KATIE WALKER

Director of Photography

A Los Angeles native, Katie has shot a variety of different films: from her first feature, "Bread and Butter," a dark comedy about female sexuality, to her most recent project "She Must Count," a documentary about the struggles young girls face in rural India. Recently, the web series she shot called "Angry Black Women" was accepted to the Sundance New Voices Lab and the New York TV Festival. She loves sci-fi movies, tall trees, and collaborating with passionate filmmakers to bring unique perspectives to the screen.



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FIREDRILL!

Music

Firedrill! was founded by 7 former Hyannis Sound members during the cold blustery winter of 2004-2005 in Boston, MA. Since that time the group has undergone several transformations, put out a buzzworthy EP, released a CARA-award winning album, taught workshops and led masterclasses at numerous a cappella festivals (like SoJam and N.E. Voices), and performed for many great audiences around the country.

Firedrill!'s focus is on the music. We strive to entertain with the strength of our voices and arrangements, which is a good thing because none of us can dance, and if Nate tries to make "jazz hands," he spontaneously dislocates both of his thumbs.

PRESS AND ACCOLADES

"a sweet little film... this is a gem..."

– Steve Kopian, UNSEENFILMS.NET

"light and quirky, with an upbeat and fun-natured tone... Coyle's script touches on both the bizarre and the introspective"

– Bryant Dillon, FANBASE PRESS



PRESS AND ACCOLADES



Winner - Best Director
Winner - Best Indie Feature



Winner - Best Actress
Winner - Best Supporting Actor
Winner - Audience Award



Winner - Best Comedy



Winner - Best Actress
in a Comedy Feature

