

SNEAK PREVIEW ENTERTAINMENT presents in association with WILD BLUEBERRY ENTERTAINMENT a XAQUE GRUBER film



Written and Directed by Xaque Gruber

Produced by Steven J. Wolfe

Starring

Sally Kirkland, Tyler Steelman, Tom Connolly, Eric Roberts, Lenny Von Dohlen, Kay Lenz, Michael Lerner, Maria Conchita Alonso, Angeline-Rose Troy, Nikki Tuazon, with Keith Carradine, and Jennifer Tilly

Run Time: 95 minutes

LOGLINE

Based on a true story. A young writer inspired by actress Sally Kirkland's movies as a child musters the courage to drive to Hollywood to pursue his dreams. A chance meeting with Sally ends up with him hired on the spot as her personal assistant, and so much more.

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SYNOPSIS

Based on the true story of a 20-something writer from rural Maine. Inspired by actress SALLY KIRKLAND's performance in the sleeper hit, ANNA (Oscar nominee, Independent Spirit Award and 1988 Golden Globe winner), Zack takes the leap to pursue his ambitions of a Hollywood Career. After driving cross country, in a chance encounter he meets his lifelong idol the week he arrives. Sally hires him on the spot to be her assistant, where he quickly learns her career is a shambles. He dedicates himself to finding a way to land her back on the red carpet where she belongs

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

At age nine, I saw my first independent feature film, "Anna" starring Sally Kirkland. It changed my life. "Anna," the traumatic journey of a depressed middle-aged Czech actress struggling to resurrect her faded career may seem like an odd favorite for a child, but I watched it again and again – memorizing each scene and dreaming that someday I might meet Sally Kirkland, who was nominated for a Best Actress Academy Award for her performance and won the Best Actress Golden Globe. "Anna" inspired me to become a screenwriter so I could create memorable, vulnerable, complex characters like this.

Decades later, I moved from my small town in Maine to Hollywood to pursue a writing career. Once in Los Angeles, I happened to meet Sally Kirkland. Without even knowing my name, she hired me on the spot to be her personal assistant, but she was far from living the glamorous movie star life that I imagined. Sally was a broken, lonely, depressed, unemployed actress writing her obituary and living in an apartment no fancier than mine. I became her only true friend. I helped navigate her way back to living a full life, and she helped me, a naïve newcomer in town, navigate my way through Hollywood. This is the multi-generational story at the heart of "Sallywood."

Part comedy, part drama, this film chronicles my adventures working for Sally, and how we forged a lifelong friendship. Working with Sally, I saw firsthand how difficult it is for actors to land good roles, let alone great roles, especially for older actresses - so I decided to write one for her, and "Sallywood" was born. Sally, at 78, plays herself in a performance that is raw, touching, hilarious and authentic. Keeping things as true to life as possible, we even filmed Sally's apartment scenes in her actual apartment. I brought to life the colorful and unusual conversations and situations that I experienced with Sally when I was her assistant. Rounding

out the cast is a dream list of actors: Jennifer Tilly, Eric Roberts, Keith Carradine, Michael Lerner, Maria Conchita Alonso, Kay Lenz, Tyler Steelman and Tom Connolly.

I grew up on a steady diet of warm-hearted, intelligent comedies for adults, which seem to be in short supply these days. "Sallywood" is a descendant, not only of "Anna" (with elements of "Sunset Blvd"), but also of "Harold & Maude," "The Purple Rose of Cairo," "When Harry Met Sally," and "Ed Wood." I hope my story with Sally touches audiences with its message of how, with true friendship, there can be a path to success — no matter at what age.

Xaque Gruber

ABOUT THE CAST

SALLY KIRKLAND ('SALLY KIRKLAND')

TYLER STEELMAN ('ZACK')

TOM CONNOLLY ('TOM')

ERIC ROBERTS ('CLEM THE AGENT')

LENNY VON DOHLEN ('DAVE')

KAY LENZ ('KATHRYN CORRIGAN')

MICHAEL LERNER ('NED LEVITT')

MARIA CONCHITA ALONSO ('VENETIA BOYD')

ANGELINE-ROSE TROY ('POUNDCAKE')

NIKKI TUAZON ('BIBI')

KEITH CARRADINE ('GEORGE CORRIGAN')

JENNIFER TILLY ('JOANN')

ABOUT THE FILMMAKERS

XAQUE GRUBER | WRITER AND DIRECTOR

Xaque Gruber's first television writing credit came with reuniting the cast of his favorite 80s soap, "Dynasty," for the 2006 CBS special "Dynasty Reunion: Catfights & Caviar." His TV credits have included "The Michael Jackson Memorial Service," the launch of the Oprah Winfrey Network, "E! Live From The Red Carpet," and "Hollywood Squares," where he was not only Executive Assistant to Henry Winkler and Michael Levitt (the show's Executive Producers), but he was also the final contestant ever on the long running game show.

Xaque appeared for several seasons on "Hell's Kitchen" as Francisco The Party Planner. He has worked behind the scenes on a wide variety of awards shows including the Oscars, the Emmys, the Golden Globes, the Billboard Music Awards, the World Music Awards, the TV Land Awards, the Teen Choice Awards, and others. As a hand model, he has been the hands of Target stores, and Joe's Crab Shack Restaurants. As a journalist, he has written hundreds of pieces for The Huffington Post, The Miami New Times and other news outlets. As Senior Publicist for AEFPR, he represented a variety of AList celebrity clientele and companies.

"The Pistol," the first short film he wrote/directed premiered at the 2018 Cannes Film Festival. Xaque's first feature length film as writer/director is "Sallywood," an autobiographical comedy starring Sally Kirkland, Jennifer Tilly, Keith Carradine, and Eric Roberts. Xaque is the author/illustrator of the book A Big Adventure In Smallest State: A History of Rhode Island for All Ages. When he isn't writing or making films, he is painting. His fine art has been seen in galleries across the country. He has been teaching art to all ages nationwide since 1990 – including at Alzheimer's/Memory Care homes. He is the first art therapist in the State of Florida to work with chemotherapy patients in the Arts & Medicine Program in Vero Beach. In 1999 he was nominated for Massachusetts Art Teacher of the Year.

Xawue holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Drawing from Pratt Institute as well as two graduate degrees: one from Tufts University in Art Education, and a second from Boston University in Television Production.

STEVEN J. WOLFE | PRODUCER

Steven J. Wolfe is a seasoned film producer and president of Sneak Preview Entertainment, the Production and Talent Management Company he founded 30 years ago, where he continues to develop and package new projects.

With an eclectic list of films under his belt, Wolfe gravitates towards stories that examine the human condition, often in a less than conventional manner. He has produced a diverse range of films throughout his career including Fox Searchlight's Golden Globe® "Best Picture" nominee and sleeper hit, 500 DAYS OF SUMMER, (starring Zooey Deschanel and Joseph Gordon-Levitt); Searchlight's, OUR FAMILY WEDDING (with Forest Whitaker and America Ferrara), David E. Talbert's BAGGAGE CLAIM, the Mo'Nique starrer, PHAT GIRLZ (both for Searchlight); A DENNIS THE MENACE CHRISTMAS for Warner Premiere; Sony Classic's, TWIN FALLS IDAHO, (the debut feature of the Polish Brothers) and the multi-award winning Sundance Film Festival hit, RELAX, IT'S JUST SEX! (with Jennifer Tilly, Lori Petty and Mitchell Anderson).

Wolfe's recently completed film, **THE PRANK** stars E.G.O.T. winner Rita Moreno alongside Connor Kalopsis, Ramona Young, Keith David, Kate Flannery, Meredith Salinger and Jonathan Kimmel. Directed by Maureen Bharoocha, the comedy-thriller debuted in the Narrative Spotlight section of the 2022 SXSW Film festival and opened in theaters nation-wide March 15th. He produced the MGM musical, VALLEY GIRL (a reimagining of the 1983 indie classic) as well as acclaimed writer-director Alan Rudolph's, RAY MEETS HELEN and re-teamed with Nnegest Likke' for her multi award winning, EVERYTHING BUT A MAN. He is currently prepping the indie comedy DESIGNATED DRIVERS.

His vast list of producing credits include Fox Atomic's MISS MARCH, THE SECRET LIVES OF DORKS, (Wolfe's third film with director Salomé Breziner and his seventh film with Academy Award® nominated actress Jennifer Tilly), the off-beat romance TOLLBOOTH, FAST SOFA, (Lions Gate), the dysfunctional family comedy, WHEN DO WE EAT? (ThinkFilm), BEAUTIFUL LOSER, David Beaird's award winning THE CIVILIZATION OF MAXWELL BRIGHT; HELLBENT; CIRCUIT; THE CLEAN & NARROW; BIRD OF PREY, (with Richard Chamberlain and Academy Award® Nominee, Lesley Ann Warren); ONLY YOU, (starring Andrew McCarthy, Kelly Preston and Helen Hunt); David Beaird's SCORCHERS, (starring Faye Dunaway, James Earl Jones, Emily Lloyd, Denholm Elliott, Jennifer Tilly and James Wilder) and the teen comedy, MY MOM'S A WEREWOLF for Crown International Pictures, where Wolfe originally started his producing career.

Wolfe's ongoing packaging and development roster include a dark coming of age thriller, IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MONSTER, H.Y.D.E. with writer/director Jacob Chase (Larry), as well as LIFE & LIMB, THE YOUNG ONES, FATHERLAND, THE HEARSE, RELAX IT'S JUST MORE SEX!, THREE FACES OF EVIE, QUEER FEAR, DEAR TURING, ARROW MAN, HELLBENT 2, THIRTY FIVE SUNSET AVENUE, LOVE MOST DEADLY, LOVE & MEDICINE and MOON IN JASMINE.

He is a member of the Producers Guild of America, Director's Guild of America, Film Independent and the Los Angeles Conservancy. Mr. Wolfe served as President of the Whitley Heights Civic Association for multiple years and was also CFO and a board member of NewFilmmakers LA for 14 years, a non-profit 501(c) 3 dedicated to showcasing innovative works by diverse emerging filmmakers from around the world.

SALLY KIRKLAND | EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

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VALERIE MCCAFFERY | CASTING DIRECTOR

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SALLYWOOD

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CAST

(in order of appearance)

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Young Zack LUCAS KRYSTEK

Dave LENNY VON DOHLEN

Joann JENNIFER TILLY

George Corrigan KEITH CARRADINE

Clem ERIC ROBERTS

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Poundcake ANGELINE-ROSE TROY

Bibi NIKKI TUAZON

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Officer Loverboy LARS NORDGAARD

Len MAGGIE WAGNER

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Ned Levitt MICHAEL LERNER

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Written by FREDERIC AUSTIN
Performed by JIM COVELL
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"LOVE, PEACE, & JOY"
Written by KEITH CARRINGTON
Performed by KEITH CARRINGTON
Courtesy of Keith Carrington (ASCAP)

"O'TANNENBAUM"

Written by ERNEST ANSCHUTZ, MELCHIOR FRANCK,
& AUGUST ZARNACK
Performed by JIM COVELL

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Written by Tom Strahle
Performed by Tom Strahle
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Written by RUFUS WAINWRIGHT
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Performed by NEVADA RED
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Performed by JIM COVELL
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"QUESTION MARK"
Written by Tom Strahle
Performed by Tom Strahle
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Performed by RUFUS WAINWRIGHT
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