

Distributed by Indican Pictures

a Kino Park Films production

Starring:

Naomi Winders, Sadie Veach,
Susan Walker Gehring, McKay Fritz, Caleb Hafen,
and Chad Gehring

in

LUCY AND WHITNEY



Composer: Ethan Knowlton and Parker Gehring

Editor: Parker Gehring

Director of Photography: Maximillian Wright

Production Design and Costuming by: Sheridan Shepherd

Produced by Susan Walker Gehring

Written, Produced, and Directed by Parker Gehring

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Runtime: 127 minutes

Synopsis:

Filmed in the beautiful backdrop of writer/director Parker Gehring's hometown in Washington State, sisters Lucy (Naomi Winders) and Whitney (Sadie Veach) must together confront new realities of their relationship after Whitney's marriage. Home from college for the summer and living with their mother, Melinda (Susan Walker Gehring), Lucy accepts a job offer from her local church leader, Bishop Reed (Chad Gehring). While working there, she discovers a new passion and meets newly returned Mormon missionary, Evan (McKay Fritz). Whitney, elated by her new marriage to Jacob (Caleb Hafen), finds things to be not always as dreamlike as she'd imagined, though she remains committed as ever to making things work. Further complications arise as revelations from all involved parties throw their delicate balance into jeopardy. As both sisters face the challenges and consequences of life, they must learn to rely on each other more than ever to move forward.

Tagline:

I've got your back, no matter what
It's a beautiful little place we live in
It was so good at the beginning
Everything was perfect

TECH SPECS:

LUCY AND WHITNEY

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Format: 4:3 HD

Sound: Dolby 5.1

Rating: N/A (PG-13 equivalent)

Country: USA

Language: English

Genre: Drama/Comedy

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Trailers: Available

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THE PLAYERS:



NAOMI WINDERS plays the lead role of Lucy Johnson. Her credits include cast member on hit sketch comedy series *Studio C*, as well as roles in *High School Musical: The Musical: The Series* and *Echo Boomers*. She will be featured in the upcoming film *Horizon* directed by Kevin Costner.



SADIE VEACH plays the role of Whitney. Adding to a myriad of short films and several successes on the stage, this is Sadie's debut feature film.



SUSAN WALKER GEHRING plays the role of Melinda and is also a founding member of Kino Park Films. She served as a producer for the film as well.



McKAY FRITZ plays the role of Evan. McKay has worked extensively in the Utah comedy scene with appearances on *Freelancers* as well as a leading role in sketch comedy trope *Divine Comedy*.



CALEB HAFEN plays the role of Jacob. Caleb's credits include *The Boy in the Tiny House* and *the Monster who Lived Next Door* as well as the upcoming *Devil's Men*. He has also worked successfully in advertising.



CHAD GEHRING plays the role of Bishop Reed. Generally recognized as one of the best actors of his generation, Chad Gehring needs no further biography.

THE CREW:

PARKER GEHRING wrote, produced, edited, and directed the film. This is his feature directorial debut.

MAXIMILLIAN WRIGHT, a capable and accomplished director in his own right, served as the film's director of photography.

SHERIDAN SHEPERD worked as both production and costume designer, a near impossible task that she accomplished to stunning effect.

ETHAN KNOWLTON co-composed the music for the film and also worked as the film's first assistant director.

A STATEMENT REGARDING PRODUCTION:

Lucy and Whitney, funded exclusively through crowd sourced fundraising and filmed primarily in Washington State, was only afforded a narrow window of two weeks for their production due to schedules of actors and budgetary constraints. Thus, the film only exists thanks to the dedicated efforts of the entire crew as well as many local volunteers from the cities of Steilacoom and Dupont, Washington as well as Provo and Springville, Utah. These resources included lodging for the crew members, elements of production design and locations, serving as extras in the film, as well as even helping out with production. No film is ever made by one person, yet *Lucy and Whitney* specifically deserves the praise of our small dedicated crew.

AWARDS:

-*Lucy and Whitney* won Third Place in the Feature Film Category at the LDS FILM FESTIVAL 2022

-Although incorrectly referred to as a documentary by the Deseret News, a Utah based publication, *Lucy and Whitney* was featured in their article about the 2022 LDS Film Festival:

‘Lucy and Whitney’

Writer and director Parker Gehring’s documentary follows the relationship of two sisters after the older sister is married, in the context of the Latter-day Saint faith. Gehring is a graduate of Brigham Young University.

<https://www.deseret.com/entertainment/2022/2/28/22945775/duke-kahanamoku-documentary-olympic-swimmer-surfer-waterman-lds-film-festival-movies>

REVIEWS:

LETTERBOXD USER REVIEWS:

From user larkinsabby: “Round of applause for Lucy and Whitney!! Not only was the film thoughtful, clever, and nuanced in a way most movies about the church aren’t, but hearing about its production inspired me to execute my own creative ideas as well.”

From user KeenanPanti: “Mormon cinema has lagged behind mainstream cinema for several years now. The cinematography, acting, and writing always floating somewhere around Hallmark and Lifetime content. Watching *Lucy and Whitney* had me questioning several times: has Mormon cinema finally elevated? The writer/director Parker Gehring and this excellent cast have me hoping it's just around the corner.”

From user Andrew Knowlton: “What a good film”