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ROOMMATE WANTED

INDICAN PICTURES PRESENTS THE GROUP ENTERTAINMENT A FILM BY MICHAEL MCCARTNEY "ROOMMATE WANTED"

STARRING ANGELIQUE SABRINA WHITE • MJ GARCIA • JACK SHULRUFF • RICKY CRUZ • ISABELA VALOTTI

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY KONSTANTIN FROLOV PRODUCTION DESIGNER MELISSA SULLIVAN EDITED BY DMITRY LABZIN MUSIC BY TREE ADAMS ADDITIONAL MUSIC BY GRILWOOD

CASTING DIRECTOR PAUL HERTEL ASSOCIATE PRODUCERS JOE SIKORYAK • LUKE SWEENEY • JEREMIAH LUCAS • JADE TRUGLIO • MELISSA SULLIVAN

EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS MATT VERBOYS PRODUCED BY GILL HOLLAND • SHOLPAN MURABULDAYEVA • MICHAEL MCCARTNEY WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY MICHAEL MCCARTNEY

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LOGLINE

Roommate Wanted is an LGBTQ Horror/Comedy about Maria and her college housemates who think they find the “perfect” roommate in Dean, only to discover he’s an escaped mental patient with multiple violent personalities. It’s up to Maria to face her fears and save her roommates from a total massacre.

SYNOPSIS

After Maria and Ricky’s roommate mysteriously dies, they urgently need to replace him to cover their bills. After a frustrating series of interviews, they meet the perfect candidate: clean-cut, polite and quiet Dean. Now Maria has time to deal with her own troubles, with school, her girlfriend, and her own identity.

That peace is short-lived, however, when new roommate Dean starts acting strangely, changing his name, outfits and behaviors. Maria and her girlfriend investigate Dean but when they discover he is an escaped mental patient with multiple personalities—it’s already too late. Maria and Ricky are forced to fight for their survival as they find themselves faced with the multiple faces of White male rage—who refuse to let go of what they feel rightfully belongs to them.

TRAILER

<https://youtu.be/qlcGA8ZIWVk>





CAST



ANGELIQUE SABRINA (MARÍA) was born in Nassau, Bahamas and took an interest in all aspects of entertainment from a very early age. By the time she was 14, Angelique signed with White Ocean Entertainment, and released her first single. Later, she was selected by the largest cable provider in the Bahamas, 'REV' (aka Cable Bahamas) to become the face of the company in all advertising. Now relocated to Los Angeles (where she is recording her second album), Angelique Sabrina is represented by Stewart Talent and Station 3.

JACK SHULRUFF (DEAN) has appeared in *Nature Cat*, *Unusual Suspects* as well as commercial work for MSI Gaming, Cox Communications, Tito's Vodka, and *The Walking Dead*. He also creates short-form content as part of the comedy troupe Trifecta. With a B.A. from UCLA and a graduate of the Groundlings School core program, the Chicago native can be found performing improv and sketch comedy across LA. Jack has also produced and starred in a variety of award-winning short films. When this lovable redhead isn't cracking people up, he's usually eating or dancing. Often simultaneously.



MJ GARCÍA (KATE) was born and raised in the theater scene of Colombia, South America, and moved to Los Angeles to pursue a career in the film industry. Since receiving her degree in acting for film, she has had the privilege of performing in major projects including national and international commercials, viral music videos and a number of web series. She still enjoys moments on stage in the independent theater world of LA, including the Fringe Festival. MJ made her feature film debut on *Roommate Wanted* and couldn't be more excited about it!



RICKY CRUZ (RICKY) is a multi-award winning film producer, director, writer and actor. Born and raised in Johannesburg South Africa, Ricky Cruz currently resides in Los Angeles and has been actively involved in the entertainment industry in both countries.



ISABELA VALOTTI (LUCY) is an actress, painter and instructor. Born and raised in Brazil, she moved to Sao Paulo city to get her BA in journalism, where she also began her modeling career. Her passion led to a M.A. scholarship in acting for film in Los Angeles, where she has lived since 2015. Isabela has acted in more than 30 film and TV productions. She is a published model including the "Best of" *VOGUE Italia*. She is enjoying a winning streak with her short film "Ladybug" with 19 awards and 10 nominations. Isabela is excited to have three feature films being released in 2021: "The Lost End", "Safe House" and "Roommate Wanted".



CREW



MICHAEL McCARTNEY (WRITER-DIRECTOR) is a native New Yorker who has worked extensively as an actor, writer, producer and director. Film credits include: *The Last Survivors*, *Neal Cassady* and *Halloween: Resurrection*. Theater credits include: *Warriors*, *Pilgrims*, and *It Is Done*. TV credits include: *Conan O'Brien*, *Law & Order*, and *The Office*.

Michael has written screenplays either in development and/or accepted by festivals including the Nicholl Fellowship, Austin Film Festival and the Beverly Hills Film Festival. He wrote, produced and directed the popular web series, *The Millionaires*. *Roommate Wanted* is his first feature film as writer-producer-director. Michael is also the Artistic Director of the Sleepy Hollow International Film Festival and a full-time faculty member at the New York Film Academy.

GILL HOLLAND (PRODUCER) was born in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He is a Spirit Award nominee for producer of the year and produced the first film ever to win three awards at the Sundance Film Festival: Morgan J. Freeman's *Hurricane Streets*.

Other productions include Spirit Award winner *SweetLand*, Emmy nominee *Dear Jesse*, *Were the World Mine* and *Dot the I*, SXSW winners *MaidenTrip*, *Look and See: A Portrait of Wendell Berry*, and LA Film Festival winner *Beauty Mark*. He has been married to Augusta Brown since 2005 and has three children. He is also a real estate developer and community builder in his adopted home-town of Louisville, Kentucky and owns sonaBLAST! Records, a music company that has placed many songs in movies and TV shows.



KONSTANTIN FROLOV (CINEMATOGRAPHER) is Creative Director of PressPlay Media Production Company, creating commercials and music videos. He formally entered the film industry in Moscow in 2009, but technically started as a student video and sound engineer years earlier. He graduated to independent DP on short films and music videos.

Projects include features like *Angel of Death*, *The Demo*, *Nothing Can Stop us* (documentary), *Q13: Zhalgyzym* (TV movie) and *Crime Cleaners* (TV series). Konstantin has collaborated with famous artists such as Domingo Zapata, musicians such as Orgy, Ookay, Florian Picasso, YouTube artists such as Rudy Mancuso, Anwar Jibawi & Simon Rex, and Big Nik—with close to 60 million total views.

MELISSA SULLIVAN (PRODUCTION DESIGNER, ASSOCIATE PRODUCER) is an American actress, director, producer and musician. Sullivan grew up on Air Force bases around the world and now resides in Los Angeles. Her artistic multi-hyphenate was nurtured at CalArts where she received her BA in theatrical studies. She is also is a proud lifetime member of the renowned Actors Studio. Her film & TV credits include *Finding Redcloud*, *S.F.W.*, and the award-winning comedy *Follow The Bitch* as well as stints on *Shameless*, *Hawthorne*, *Dragnet*, and *E.R.* Most recently, she has appeared on the Odyssey Theater as Stella in *Streetcar Named Desire*, winning Los Angeles Ticket Holders Best Supporting Actress. Melissa Sullivan's album *Late Last Night* is currently streaming, and she is a full-time faculty member at the New York Film Academy.



DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

I've always loved horror films because they are the perfect combination of escape, artistry and subversion—but I can't abide excessive violence. Consequently I've written and developed character-driven horror that usually has a strong comedic component. I love the challenge of telling a story that has mixed tones, as well as delivering larger social themes masked with laughs and thrills

Roommate Wanted is a film about identity. It is a film about a young Black woman who is struggling with her sexual identity and fearful of disclosing her truth to the world. When she is faced with the threat of a disturbed individual whose multiple personalities are desperately clinging to his White male entitlement and rage, she is forced to stand up for who she really is and defend the multi-colored world she inhabits. It is a story about fighting to become yourself even in the face of murderous rage.

With this diverse cast and crew, made up of people from the whole spectrum of sexual orientations and representing from all over the world including; Brazil, the Bahamas, South Africa, Russia, Kazakstan, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Australia, China, amongst others, we've worked to create a funny, unique and diverse film that's grounded in universal themes and packs a punch. Everyone involved brought their rich background to help bring this story to life and we all worked impossibly hard for very little to create this truly independent film.



PRESS CLIPS

“An edgy cocktail of shocks, suspense and knowing, timely satire, *Roommate Wanted* is a comedic thrill ride showcasing a fresh and diverse cast that post Maria, a strong-willed Black heroine facing an uncertain future and her own identity crisis, along with her carefree college roommates against their seemingly perfect new tenant, Dean, who is actually an escaped mental patient with multiple homicidal personalities”
—*Josh Millican, DREAD CENTRAL*

“*Roommate Wanted*, written and directed by Michael McCartney, is a nifty new horror comedy that recently had its world premiere at the Salem Horror Film Festival. Featuring a terrific cast and a killer balance of both laughs and disturbing scares, it’s a movie that should find a wide audience once it’s unleashed upon the horror movie nerd world.

It’s amazing how the tone of *Roommate Wanted* switches at roughly halfway. Before the switch it was a goofy, funny movie with some sinister undertones as you didn’t know what Dean’s deal was. After the switch happens, the movie becomes a sinister endurance test for both the characters and the audience.

The cast is phenomenal. Angelique Sabrina White is terrific as Maria... Ricky Cruz is hilarious as Ricky... And Jack Shulruff is amazing as Dean...”
—*Bryan Kristopowitz, 411MANIA.COM*

“From the identity crisis Maria faces to the relatable, care-free Ricky, *Roommate Wanted* captures the spirit of college life, and adding a cast from different parts of the world only adds an attractive accent to the film.”
—*Ethan H. Gaines, VOCAL MEDIA*

“...comedic, horror, thrill ride.”
—*Grace Detwiler, RUE MORGUE*

“... a surprisingly sweet look at a young woman coming to terms with her sexuality while the world around her falls apart.”

—*Eric Anders, THE QUEER REVIEW*

“Schulruff effectively slides between the disparate personalities inhabiting Dean’s disordered brain and he and Angelina Sabrina White have a fascinating on-screen anti-chemistry.

The script is crisp, with witty, contemporary-sounding dialogue, and Michael McCartney, a twenty year-plus veteran in front of and behind the camera, directs the blood-soaked festivities with a sure hand, balancing horror and social satire with seeming effortlessness.”
—*Jim Dixon, JIM-DIXON.COM*

“*Roommate Wanted* (2020) is a horror movie with millennial sensibilities and comedy to boot. Unabashedly queer with a plethora of likable gay characters at differing stages of being “out,” *Roommate Wanted* gently explores queerness while the slasher rather bluntly knocks off its characters.

Roommate Wanted is a fun, young, horror flick that had great characters, a rocking soundtrack featuring scream-pop band GRLwood, and also addressed social issues of white male anger and LGBT identity.”

—*Adrienne Reese HORRORBUZZ.COM*

“*Roommate Wanted*, written and directed by Michael McCartney, is about a killer roommate that aims to make you laugh and shudder equally. The film blends several tones, traverses multiple themes, and is packed to the brim with campy outrageousness and slasher gore. It mixes these elements in order to provide commentary on issues related to LGBTQ identity, white male privilege, and incel culture.”

...*Roommate Wanted* is a fun film that packs a few laughs and some decent scares.”
—*Niko Pajkovic FILM THREAT*

Your new roommate has a killer personality.
Pray you don't meet his other ones.



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MOVING IN SOON

FILM FESTIVALS

2021

10th Annual HORROR HOTEL

- *Official Selection*

CRIMSON SCREEN HORROR FILM FESTIVAL

- *Official Selection*

BAHAMAS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

- *Official Selection*

2020

LGBT UNBORDERED INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

- *Best In Show*

- *Excellence In Acting*

- *Outstanding Excellence In Directing*

SALEM HORROR FEST

- *Official Selection*

CREDITS

Writer/Director

Michael McCartney

Producers

Gill Holland
Sholpan Murabuldayeva
Michael McCartney

Co-Producer

Matt Verboys

Associate Producers

Joe Sikoryak
Melissa Sullivan
Jeremiah Lucas
Jade Truglio
Luke Sweeney

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Konstantin Frolov

Gaffer/DIT

Dmitry Labzin

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Andy Johnson
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Makarya Santilla Diaz

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Michael Gum
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Natalia Flotska

1st Assistant Director

Joud Alamri

2nd Assistant Director

Wilmer Diaz

Script Supervisor

Luke Sweeney

Production Designer

Melissa Sullivan

Art Director

Portia Perry-Schaeffer

Costume Designer

Shon Le Blanc

Ass't Costume Designers

Noel Corbin
Azhar Taizhan

Art Department Assistant

Rose Hayes

Set Decorator

Alexandra Olson

Production Design Assistants

Rhea Pereira
Shirley Guo
Lead Set Dresser
Jeremiah Lucas
Set Dresser
Jade Truglio

Production Sound

Cory Zembower
Andy Miller
Fady Garas
Petar Zabic

On Set Photography

Thando Mbhele
Javier Lima
Natalia Flotska
Marco Marchiori

Key Make Up & Hair Artist

Lisa O'Neal

Make Up

Sierra Tevebaugh
SFX Make Up Artist
Dina Sultanova

Intimacy Coordinator

Yehuda Duenyas

Stunt Coordinator

George Savvidis

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Ginevra Atti

Petar Zabic

Marco Marchiori

FIDM Intern Coordinator

Cynthia Patino

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Dmitry Labzin

Editing Assistant

Alberto Guterrez
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VFX Consultant

David James

VFX Artist

Aliza Chameides

Music Composer

Tree Adams

Additional Composition

GRLwood

Music Editor

Andrew Schuyler

Soundtrack available on

SonaBLAST! Records

Post Production

Sound Supervisor

Tree Adams

Dialogue Editor

Dyami Wilson

Re-Recording Mixer

Walter New

Sound Design

Andrew Schuyler
and Dyami Wilson

Development Consultant

Sumaia Radwan

Breakdown Services

Casting Support
Services

Titles

APOLOG Films

C A S T

Maria

Angelique Sabrina

Kate

MJ Garcia

Dean

Jack Shulruff

Ricky

Ricky Cruz

Lucy

Isabella Valotti

Det. Gonzales

Sienna Benton

Det. Murphy

Michael Connors

Eddie

Luke Sweeney

Francesca

Laura Altenor

JoAnn

Melissa Sullivan

Andre

Kirk Lacy

Stew

Kris Salaah

Guillermo

Wilmer Diaz

Buckley

Brandon Koen

Peter

Stefan Leach

John

Mathew Haviland

“Devil Girl”

Jade Truglio

Faye

Carol Stanzione

Nurse

Sierra Tevebaugh

Coroner

William Brown

Student 1

Drake Hagar

Student 2

Gianna Salazar

Student 3

Paula Neves

“Charlie Chaplin”

Sunny Amara

Medic 1

Jeremiah Lucas

Medic 2

Jacob Douglas Wolfe

Police Officer

George Savvidis

Mover 1

Jonathan Neal

Mover 2

Dmitry Labzin

Partygoers

Aleks

Andrea Vakana

Berta Sigridardottir

Brandon Swanson

Colin Zyrek

Danel Azimov

Elizabeth Frolich

Gabriel Tejada-Benitez

Gioia Geiler

Jason Han

Jawuan Jalen Hunter

Justine Maust

Kenneth Lee Tolbert

Kuanysh

Luke Taylor

Martina Menini

Matt Coulson

Modiyar

Niki J Borger

Pedro Winter

Sierra Tevebaugh

Sofia Hansen

Sophia Aguano

Vlada Kov

Trick-or-treaters

Nelle Reason

William Reason

Georgi Conti

Shepard Renshaw

Pippa Renshaw

M U S I C

“Bisexual”

Written by Rej Forester
and Karen Ledford

Published by Rej Forester
Songs / Karen Ledford

Songs / Nulublast
(SESAC)

Performed by Isabela
Valotti, Ricky Cruz
and Kris Salah

“Get Shot”

Written by Rej Forester
and Karen Ledford

Published by Rej Forester
Songs /Karen Ledford
Songs / Nulublast
(SESAC)
Performed by GRLwood

“Stackin”
Written and performed by
So Sincere
Published by sonaBLAST!
Songs (ASCAP)

“Romantic”
Written and Performed by
Rej Forester/GRLwood
Published by Rej Forester
Songs

“Nice Guy”
Written by Rej Forester
and Karen Ledford
Published by Rej Forester
Songs / Karen Ledford
Songs / Nulublast
(SESAC)
Performed by GRLwood

“I’m Yer Dad”
Written by Rej Forester
and Karen Ledford
Published by Rej Forester
Songs / Karen Ledford
Songs / Nulublast
(SESAC)
Performed by GRLwood

“Dean Freakout #1”
“Dean Freakout #2”
“I Could Stay Up All
Night With You”
“Roommate Wanted”
Written and Performed by
Rej Forester/GRLwood
Published by Rej Forester
Songs

Songs Courtesy of
sonaBLAST! Records

“Mean to Me”
Written by Melissa
Sullivan, Performed by
Isabela Valotti / Daring
Sparrow BMI Publishing

THANK YOU

Adam McKay
Alex Goldberg
Alison Friedrich
Andrea Guckes
Andy Armstrong
Anna Salles
Anna Traggio
Anne Koch
Audrey Brashich
the Aussie Bro
Brian Cunningham
Carlo Honrado
Chris Cass
Claudio Santoro
Cristof Laputka
Dana Breitman
Daniel Watts
Dareh Gregorian
David Rosenberg
Dean Rispler
Ernesto Ruvalcaba
Gabriel Igarashi
Gladys Perez-Mojica
Herb Hall
Jacob Forman
Jason Kuperman
Jaxon Lee Swain
Jen Caputo
John Apicella
John Hoberg
Johnny Rosenthal
Kasey Weldon
Kiersten Skog

Konrad Tree
Leo Costello
Leonard Maresco
Leonaro Pineda
Liza Keith
Mark Shanahan
Mathew Fogleson
Melissa Ryan
Miguel Cruz
New York Film Academy
Nick Keene
the Niles Clan
Raiyah Brown
Raoul Bhavnani
Richard Ryan
Romy Selati Loseke
Russell Montgomerie
Sarah Yapelli
Shepard and Leona
Forman
Simon Petrie
Stephen McLaughlin
Sumaia Radwan
Suzanne Kent
Tom Beaujour
Tom Hammock
Winship Cook
Zeke Minaya

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