

ADAM SAUNDERS

ACADEMY® AWARD NOMINEE
KEISHA CASTLE-HUGHES

FIND YOUR VOICE

"WHAKATOKANGA I TOTO"

How much would you give to find yourself?

"Kia pehea te nui e hoatu e koe kia kitea ai koe"



SHORETHING FILMS IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE STEVE JAGGI COMPANY PRESENTS "FIND YOUR VOICE" STARRING ADAM SAUNDERS KEISHA CASTLE-HUGHES
WITH MICHAEL LONG AND TAMA LUNNON ORIGINAL SCORE COMPOSED BY RHIANNON BANNENBERG FEATURING MUSIC BY IAN MOSS ADAM SAUNDERS MAX SCHNEIDER
HAIR AND MAKE UP MICHELE MCQUILAN EDITED BY ADRIAN POWERS EXECUTIVE PRODUCER STEVE JAGGI CHRIS HERO BEN RUPP
PRODUCED BY PATRICK ROHR AND ADAM SAUNDERS WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY CHRIS HERO

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The Story

Find Your Voice follows the improbable misadventures of an aspiring rap artist from the streets of Sydney, blessed with the minimum of talent and maximum of ego.

After an unexpected windfall, he returns to his Maori roots in scenic New Zealand, to search for his soul and his true voice.

He soon becomes lost on the road to fulfilment as love, culture and cash collide.

Find Your Voice is a celebration of family and culture in this comical yet spiritual odyssey.





ADAM SAUNDERS



Adam has worked in the Television and Film industry for over a decade. He started out as an actor and presenter on Australian Television (Blue Water High, Dance Academy, Creature Features) and has recently enjoyed working in International Films (TRUTH, HARD TARGET 2).

Adam has also immersed himself creatively behind the lens as a Director, Producer, Writer and DOP and Photographer. Putting all his skills to use, Adam has formed his own Production Company (Killa Kreative), and also now Co-Producing his first Feature Film (Find Your Voice).

KEISHA CASTLE-HUGHES

Keisha is a New Zealand actress best known for her Academy Award nominated performance in Whale Rider. She was also the youngest person nominated in the "Best Actress" category at the time. Keisha has starred in various films and TV shows, most recently, HBO's Game of Thrones, Roadies and Manhunt: Unabomber.



TAMA LUNDON



Tama Lundon is a renowned Kiwi Musician best known as one of the long standing members of the iconic New Zealand band Herbs.

The band was prolific throughout the 80s and 90s and took a strong stance against nuclear weapons.

Herbs were recently honoured nationally and were inducted into the New Zealand hall of fame.



CHRIS HERD

DIRECTOR



Chris Herd has enjoyed a colourful 25 years of film and television experience across 3 continents including filming with the BBC, ABC, Discovery Channel and National Geographic.

Highlights include filming Lonely Planet, BBCs Earth Report, (Leprosy in Brazil), BBCs Bombay Blush, (Popular culture in India) and Nat Geo's Voyage to the Planets.

After completing his first feature documentary Wheels to Wings, (the history of Qantas), Chris was ready to tackle his first feature film: Find Your Voice. The Film won the 2018 Maui (USA) Film Festival Audience award for World Cinema. Chris currently lives and works in Sydney with his wife and Son.

Director's Statement

This is a story about searching for your identity, which I believe is so important for young people these days. E, an Australian/Maori, wants to write a hit song, but has nothing really to say. It's not until he hits rock bottom that he realises what is truly important. His journey is like that of the Prodigal Son, where our hero falls wayward before finding himself and the respect of his family.

Adam Saunders who plays the budding pop star, understood the part immediately, and provided a wealth of information and ideas for the screenplay and lead character. Adam is one of those multitalented actors who can sing and dance, so playing the part as a musician was natural. Music also works on a metaphorical level as E strives to discover his voice and himself.

I've always been inspired by the Maori people and how they have kept their culture so vibrantly alive. There is also a great level of respect that exists within the Maori family unit which is something that seems to be disappearing in Western culture.

In this homogeneous and commercial world, fame seems so important to many young people. I believe family, and spirituality play a more important role today than ever. It's all about core values and respect. I would like to think the film is a celebration of this.



PAT ROHR – PRODUCER



Patrick has been active in the Film and Television industry for almost a decade, working on International Feature Films and Australian dramas alike, including: Baz Luhrmann's the 'Great Gatsby'; 'Mad Max: Fury Road'; Truth; and Sleeping Beauty; as well as Underbelly; Packed to the Rafters; and season two of Puberty Blues.

Find Your Voice is Patrick's Producer debut.

STEVE JAGGI – EXECUTIVE PRODUCER



Steve Jaggi studied film at Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia. His most recent title, the tween film RIP TIDE sits in the top 10 Australian box office for 2017 and was met with a rapturous reception at the 2017 Sydney Film Festival and CinefestOz. His other recent titles include the arthouse success Embedded from celebrated Australian playwright Stephen Sewell and the family film Spirit of the Game which was released theatrically in both Australia and the US and Canada via Samuel Goldwyn.

Other titles include young adult film Circle of Lies, the ADG Best Director Nominated and AWG Best Australian Screenplay nominated Skin Deep and the 4x4 action thriller Rough Stuff.

BEN RUPP – EXECUTIVE PRODUCER



Ben is the owner of Rupp Agency in the U.S.A. and is on several insurance companies' advisory boards. He is also the founder and a Board Member of Roy G Biv Gallery, for emerging artists; established in 1989.

Ben's passion for the arts and his entrepreneurial spirit has lead him from founding a 20+ year old non-profit art gallery to helping produce a travel/environmental television series and now Find Your Voice.



OVERVIEW

PRODUCTION COMPANY

Shorething Films

IN ASSOCIATION WITH

The Steve Jaggi Company

DIRECTOR

Chris Herd

WRITER

Chris Herd

PRODUCERS

Patrick Rohr Adam Saunders

EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS

Chris Herd Steve Jaggi Ben Rupp

EDITOR

Adrian Powers

CINEMATOGRAPHER

Chris Herd

CAST

Adam Saunders

Keisha Castle-Hughes

Michael Long

Tama Lundon

DURATION

96 minutes

GENRE

Family

LANGUAGE

English

COUNTRY

Australia / New Zealand

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OVERVIEW

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