

The Grace of Jake

written and directed by

Chris Hicky



Revenge on his mind.

Forgiveness in his heart



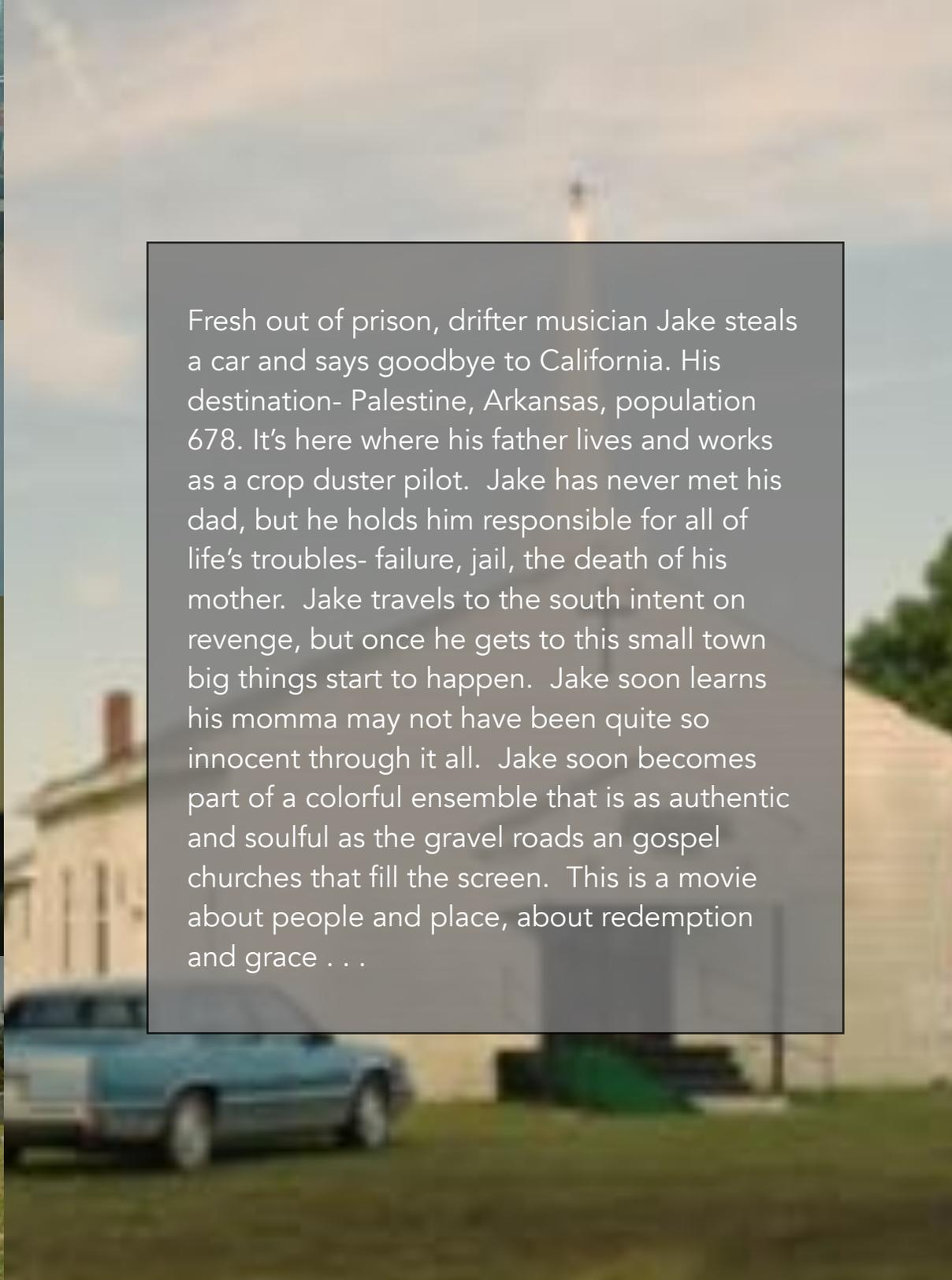


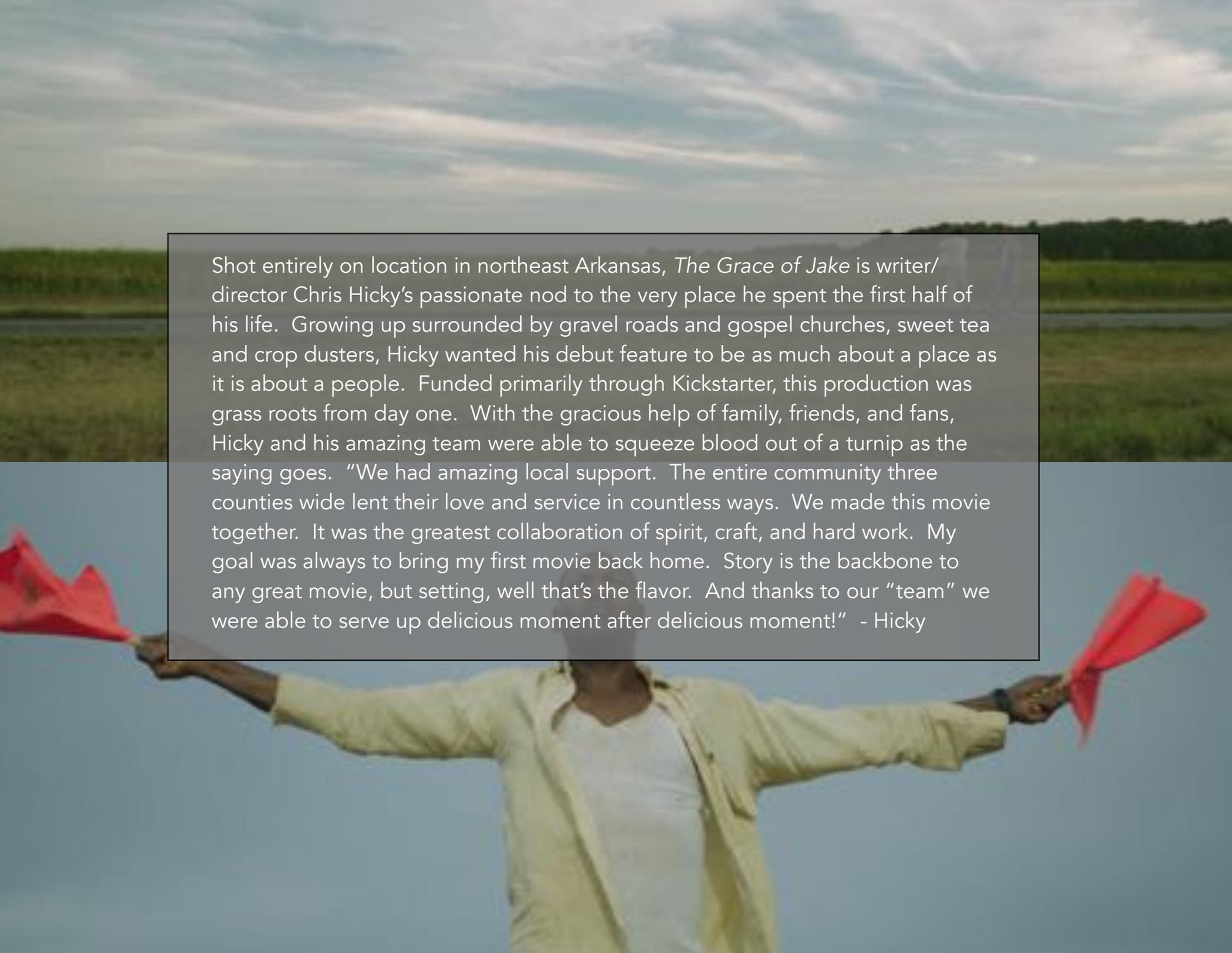
Ex-inmate and wandering musician Jake Haynes travels to a small town in Arkansas to find a father he's never met. Seeking exacting revenge for all of his life's problems, Jake soon begins to unravel a complicated and sultry family history. As he mixes with the locals this dramedy from Grammy nominated director Chris Hicky takes us on a redemptive musical trip through the rural south. Here, amidst nothing, Jake finds everything- life, love, and a gospel record contract.





Fresh out of prison, drifter musician Jake steals a car and says goodbye to California. His destination- Palestine, Arkansas, population 678. It's here where his father lives and works as a crop duster pilot. Jake has never met his dad, but he holds him responsible for all of life's troubles- failure, jail, the death of his mother. Jake travels to the south intent on revenge, but once he gets to this small town big things start to happen. Jake soon learns his momma may not have been quite so innocent through it all. Jake soon becomes part of a colorful ensemble that is as authentic and soulful as the gravel roads an gospel churches that fill the screen. This is a movie about people and place, about redemption and grace . . .



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Shot entirely on location in northeast Arkansas, *The Grace of Jake* is writer/director Chris Hicky's passionate nod to the very place he spent the first half of his life. Growing up surrounded by gravel roads and gospel churches, sweet tea and crop dusters, Hicky wanted his debut feature to be as much about a place as it is about a people. Funded primarily through Kickstarter, this production was grass roots from day one. With the gracious help of family, friends, and fans, Hicky and his amazing team were able to squeeze blood out of a turnip as the saying goes. "We had amazing local support. The entire community three counties wide lent their love and service in countless ways. We made this movie together. It was the greatest collaboration of spirit, craft, and hard work. My goal was always to bring my first movie back home. Story is the backbone to any great movie, but setting, well that's the flavor. And thanks to our "team" we were able to serve up delicious moment after delicious moment!" - Hicky

Starring the likes of Jake La Botz, Dorien Wilson, Lew Temple, and Jordin Sparks, the characters in this movie take on an authenticity that makes for a visceral journey. As our broken hero, Jake brings not only his chops but also his amazing gift of song. In fact, it was Jake's music that led to Hicky's seed of inspiration for the script. He heard Jake sing one day in church in south central LA and from there the seeds of the movie were born.

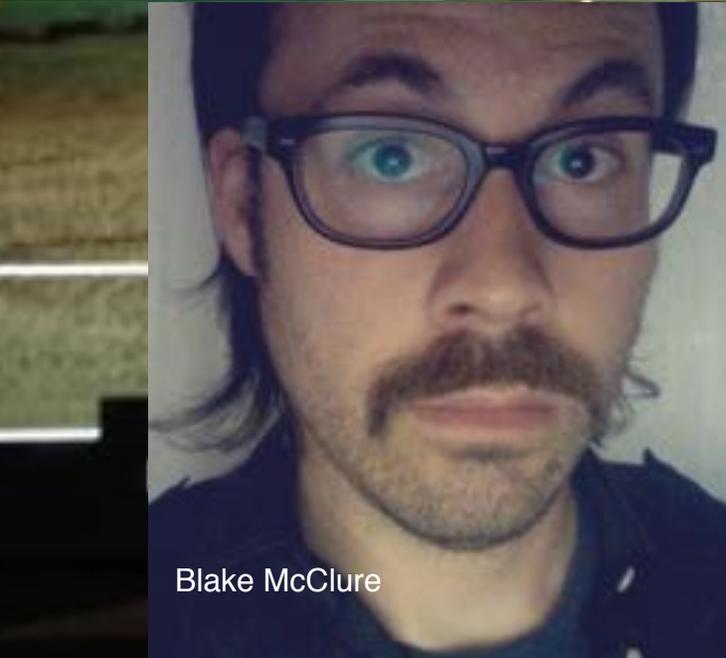
A dialogue heavy script, this movie is as rich in language as it is in dripping visuals. Thanks to the acting craft from seasoned pros including Michael Beck, Roy Lee Jones, Ravi Kapoor, and Matt Orduna- each and every scene rings true. Newcomer Andrew walker (BOOSTER) is an Arkansas native who brings a naiveté' to screen that embodies the heart and soul of the true meaning of forgiveness. No wonder Andrew was awarded the best actor award at the Little Rock Film Festival. The movie was also nominated for best indie feature at the Woodstock film festival.



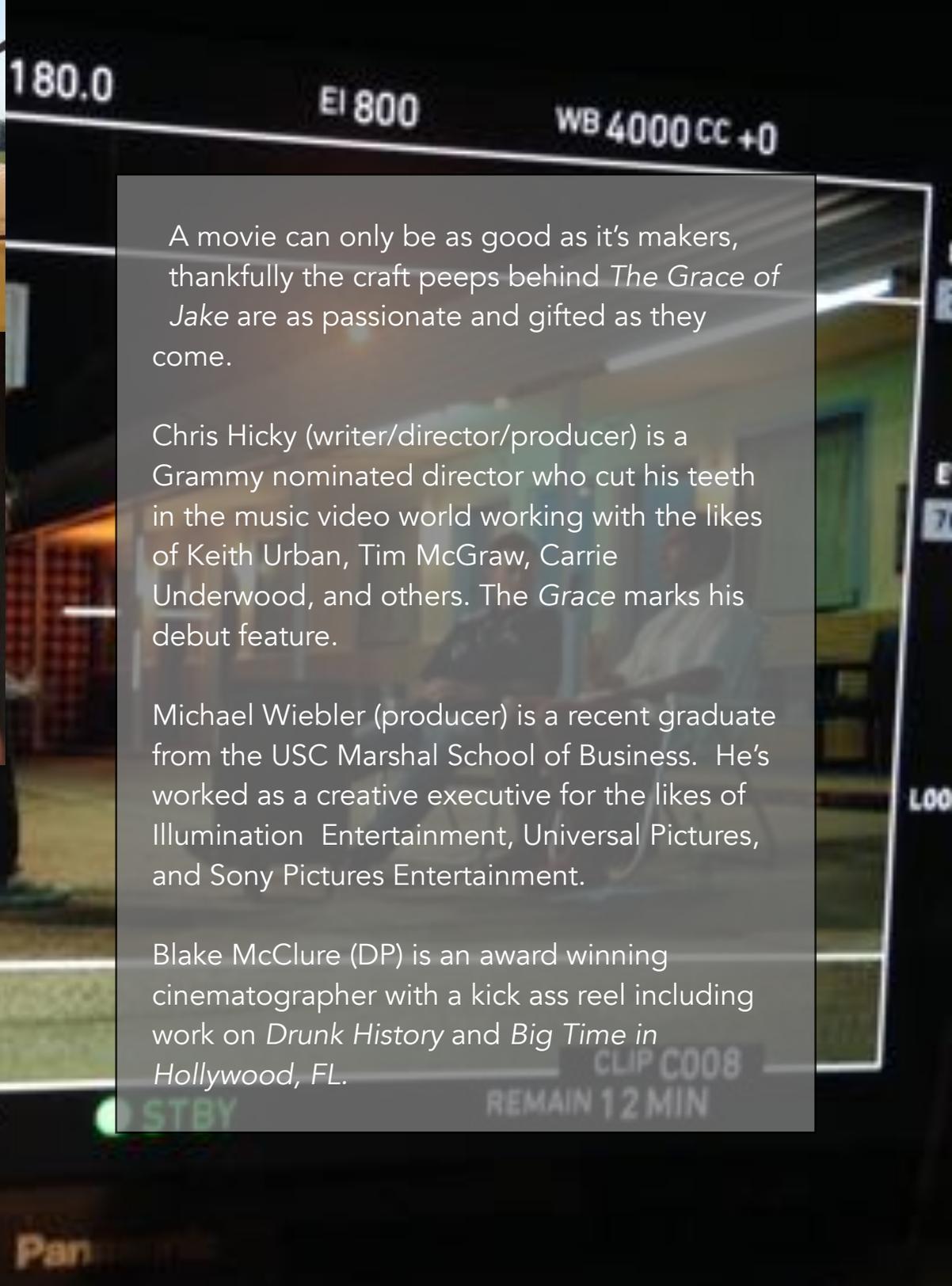


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Blake McClure



A movie can only be as good as it's makers, thankfully the craft peeps behind *The Grace of Jake* are as passionate and gifted as they come.

Chris Hicky (writer/director/producer) is a Grammy nominated director who cut his teeth in the music video world working with the likes of Keith Urban, Tim McGraw, Carrie Underwood, and others. *The Grace* marks his debut feature.

Michael Wiebler (producer) is a recent graduate from the USC Marshal School of Business. He's worked as a creative executive for the likes of Illumination Entertainment, Universal Pictures, and Sony Pictures Entertainment.

Blake McClure (DP) is an award winning cinematographer with a kick ass reel including work on *Drunk History* and *Big Time in Hollywood, FL*.



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