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THAT FRIEND



A BOLD PRODUCTION IN ASSOCIATION WITH STRAW HUT MEDIA "THAT FRIEND" HARVEY GUILLÉN BILLIE LOURD JOSH BRENER MILES GUTIERREZ-PILEY
ROSE ABOOD LAUREN LAPIKUS MARY HOLLAND WITH NEA BROWN JR. AND BETTA MUSIC BY DILLON BALDASSERO EDITED BY JOSH LAND
DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY MICHAEL AMICO PRODUCED BY RYAN TILLOTSON WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY ALEX WALL AND WILL STERLING

THAT FRIEND

GENRE

Comedy / Bromance

RUNTIME

90 min

PRODUCTION

Bolo / Straw Hut Media

IMDB

tt33041195

Logline

When Paul crashes his best friend Henry's romantic weekend in Palm Springs with his new girlfriend Penny, what starts as an innocent visit spirals into mayhem after Paul's drug-laced cigarettes disappear into a stranger's hands.

Synopsis

That Friend is an indie bromance comedy about Paul (Harvey Guillén) — you know, that friend whose invitation for “one drink” seems harmless but inevitably leads to chaotic consequences.

When Paul crashes his best friend Henry's (Josh Brener) romantic weekend in Palm Springs with his new girlfriend Penny (Billie Lourd), what starts as an innocent visit spirals into mayhem after Paul's drug-laced cigarettes disappear into a stranger's hands.

Written and directed by the filmmaking duo Alex Wall and Will Sterling in their feature debut, this film explores the hilarious and complex dynamics of friendship, loyalty, and the chaos we create for the people we love most.



Directors' Statement

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Filmmakers



Alex Wall

WRITER / DIRECTOR

That Friend is the debut feature from Alex Wall (writer/director). His prior collaborations with Will Sterling have placed and been featured in The Academy Nicholl Fellowships in Screenwriting, Newport Beach Film Festival, Paris International Film Festival, Austin Film Festival, Blue Cat Screenwriting and more. Wall edits and produces unscripted television for HBO, MAX, NBC, A&E and Netflix.



Will Sterling

WRITER / DIRECTOR

That Friend is the second film from Will Sterling (writer/director). His prior collaborations with Alex Wall have placed and been featured in The Academy Nicholl Fellowships in Screenwriting, Newport Beach Film Festival, Paris International Film Festival, Austin Film Festival, Blue Cat Screenwriting and more. Sterling is also a novelist who recently published his first book.



Ryan Tillotson

PRODUCER

Ryan Tillotson is the founder and CEO of acclaimed podcast house Straw Hut Media that partners with Hulu, Netflix, Universal, Rotten Tomatoes, among several other companies.



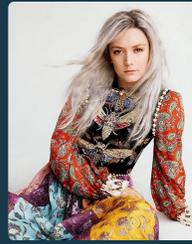
Cast



Harvey Guillén

PAUL

Emmy-nominated for his beloved role as Guillermo in “What We Do in the Shadows.”



Billie Lourd

PENNY

Star of “American Horror Story,” “Scream Queens,” and “Booksmart.”



Josh Brener

HENRY

Known for “Silicon Valley” and “The Internship.”



Retta

CHRISTINE

Known for “Parks and Recreation” and “Good Girls.”



Neil Brown Jr.

BILL

Known for “SEAL Team” and “Straight Outta Compton.”



Miles Gutierrez-Riley

SPENCER

Known for “The Wilds” and “Gaslit.”



Lauren Lapkus

JESSA

Known for “Orange Is the New Black,” “The Wrong Missy,” and “Good Girls.”



Mary Holland

MICHELLE

Known for “Happiest Season,” “Booksmart,” and “The Afterparty.”



Rose Abdoo

MARYANN

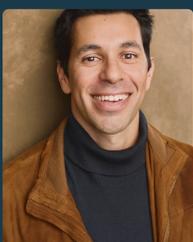
Known for “Gilmore Girls,” “Reno 911!,” and “People of Earth.”



Alok Vaid-Menon

BLAIR

Acclaimed author, poet, and performer known for their comedy specials and bestselling books.



Paul Guzman

PHILLIP

Actor and comedian known for his versatile performances.



Will Sterling

PASTOR KEVIN

Co-writer and co-director of “That Friend,” also appearing as Pastor Kevin.

Full Credits

WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY ALEX WALL & WILL STERLING
PRODUCED BY RYAN TILLOTSON
EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS TROY HOFFMAN, LEVI CHAMBERS, STEPHEN MARKLEY
EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS HARVEY GUILLÉN, BILLIE LOURD, JOSH BRENER, RETTA
PRODUCERS ALEX WALL & WILL STERLING
CO-PRODUCER KRISTI LUGO
DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY MICHAEL AMICO
EDITED BY JOSH LAND
MUSIC BY DILLON BALDASSERO
PRODUCTION DESIGNER LUCIA LOPEZ
WARDROBE BY DANIELLE BAZAN & MADELINE BOREHAM
CASTING DIRECTOR KRISTI LUGO
1ST ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ASHLEY ROSENBERG

Cast

PAUL HARVEY GUILLÉN
PENNY BILLIE LOURD
HENRY JOSH BRENER
CHRISTINE RETTA
BILL NEIL BROWN JR.
SPENCER MILES GUTIERREZ-RILEY
JESSA LAUREN LAPKUS
MICHELLE MARY HOLLAND
MARYANN ROSE ABDOO
BLAIR ALOK VAID-MENON
FREDRICK JIM HOFFMASTER
PASTOR KEVIN WILL STERLING
PHILLIP PAUL GUZMAN
CHRIS ALAN PETERSON
TIFFANY AISHA HOLDEN
OTHER HENRY VANCE LOVETT
BABY HENRY ALEX WALL

Additional Cast

PARTYGOER	KATHARINE MANGOLD
PARTYGOER	EDWARD HONG
PARTYGOER	ANAND RAMPRASAD
PARTYGOER	SOFIANE AÏT-KACI
PARTYGOER	JASE ALAN
PARTYGOER	JOSEPHINE CHANG
BONFIRE GUEST	MADISON CROSS
BONFIRE GUEST	CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG
BONFIRE GUEST	DILLON BALDASSERO
BONFIRE GUEST	MAGGIE BOLES
BONFIRE GUEST	BRIANNA WONGSUPHAKPHAN
LIQUOR STORE CLERK	EDGAR
PAUL'S RIDESHARE DRIVER	ASHLEY ROSENBERG
PENNY'S FOOT	MAGGIE BOLES

Crew

1ST ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	ASHLEY ROSENBERG
SCRIPT SUPERVISOR	KRISTIN RAPINCHUK
PRODUCTION COORDINATOR	VANCE LOVETT
2ND UNIT DP	CAMERON OWEN
CAMERA OPERATORS	ARTURO OCHOA, CAMERON OWEN
1ST CAMERA ASSISTANTS	JAKE O'CONNOR, CECILIA HUBBARD, ANDRE FERNANDEZ
DRONE OPERATOR	MALIN HILES
DIGITAL IMAGING TECH	JOSH LAND
KEY GRIP	LANCE BROWN
2ND UNIT KEY GRIP	KEVIN RAMIREZ
PRODUCTION SOUND MIXER	DANIEL MCCOY
PRODUCTION DESIGNER	LUCIA LOPEZ
WARDROBE	DANIELLE BAZAN, MADELINE BOREHAM
HAIR DEPARTMENT HEAD	JILL CORP
KEY HAIR STYLIST	CONNIE AGAWIN
KEY MAKEUP ARTIST	ROMIE MACEDO
MAKEUP ARTISTS	KEAGHLAN ASHLEY, JAY QUINTANA
PRODUCTION ASSISTANTS	RAELLE VARGAS, BRIANNA WONGSUPHAKPHAN
ASST. TO HARVEY GUILLÉN	AMADA SANCHEZ
BEHIND THE SCENES	EDWARD SANDOVAL, MATT CARVER
SET PHOTOGRAPHER	JORDAN REED
HEAD OF TRANSPORTATION	ERIC DANSAK

Post Production

EDITED BY JOSH LAND
ASSISTANT EDITOR JOSH LAND
COMPOSER DILLON BALDASSERO
MUSIC SUPERVISOR SCARLETT MCDONALD
DIGITAL INTERMEDIATE FOTOKEM CREATIVE SERVICES
FINISHING COLORIST ALASTOR ARNOLD
FINISHING PRODUCER EMILY VAIL
VISUAL EFFECTS BENJAMIN NICHOLS

Sound — MelodyGun Studios

SOUND SUPERVISOR HAMED HOKAMZADEH, MPSE
SUPV. SOUND EDITOR / RE-REC MIXER THOMAS OUZIEL, MPSE
DIALOG EDITOR KEVIN KHOR, MPSE
FOLEY ARTIST REECE MILLER
FOLEY MIXER KRISTOPHER BRECKON
SOUND EFFECTS EDITOR AMENDA LEE

Musicians

TRUMPET KAE MURPHY
FLUTE & CLARINET KAREN NG
DRUMS & PERCUSSION MARK BALLYK
DRUMS ZACH SUTTON
BASS & GUITAR BRAD LABELLE

Catering

ANNA MARIE UGAPO
GWEN MARLOWE CATERING
LEO'S TACOS

Music

“Shake Your Groove Thing”

Peaches & Herb • Courtesy of Polydor Records / Universal Music Enterprises

“It Keeps You Running”

The Doobie Brothers • Courtesy of Rhino Entertainment / Warner Music Group

“It Keeps You Running”

Michael McDonald • Courtesy of Kobalt Music Publishing

“When They Fight, They Fight”

Grant Widmer & Edward Joyner • Rough Trade Publishing / Bank Robber Music

“Time”

Angelo De Augustine • Courtesy of Secretly Publishing / Asthmatic Kitty Records

“I Can't Explain”

Maggie Glass • Produced by Dillon Baldassero

“This Is It”

Maggie Glass • Produced by Dillon Baldassero

“Modern Love”

Maggie Glass

“True Romance”

Maggie Glass • Performed by Squarefish

“I'm That Girl”

Danielle Carr

“MP3”

Danielle Carr

“She Noticed”

Pregnant

“Wyd”

Grebes

“Time With My Baby”

Tino Drima

“Infinito Tren”

Amos Ever Hadani ft. Tula Ben Ari • Courtesy of Artlist

“Where's The Magic Gone”

Kyle Cox • Courtesy of Artlist

“Le Bon Temps”

Retrophonics • Courtesy of Artlist

“Lever De La Lune”

Dan Zeutine feat. Loren Noyman • Courtesy of Artlist

“Limitless ZISO Remix”

Ziso • Courtesy of Artlist

“Harmony Rush”

Alex MakeMusic • Courtesy of Artlist

“Hi”

Kawauso • Courtesy of Artlist

“Miss Lindy”

Larry and The Lamp Lighters • Courtesy of Artlist

“End Of The Line”

Roy Young • Courtesy of Artlist

“Your & I”

Benjamin Esterlis • Courtesy of Artlist

“Positive Persistent Pluck Sequence 2”

Artlist Music Logos • Courtesy of Artlist

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Tech Specs

COUNTRY OF PRODUCTION — United States

RUNNING TIME — 90 Minutes

ORIGINAL LANGUAGE — English

SHOOTING FORMAT — Digital, Color — Two Arri Alexa Minis

Filmed on Location

Palm Springs, California

San Bernardino County, California

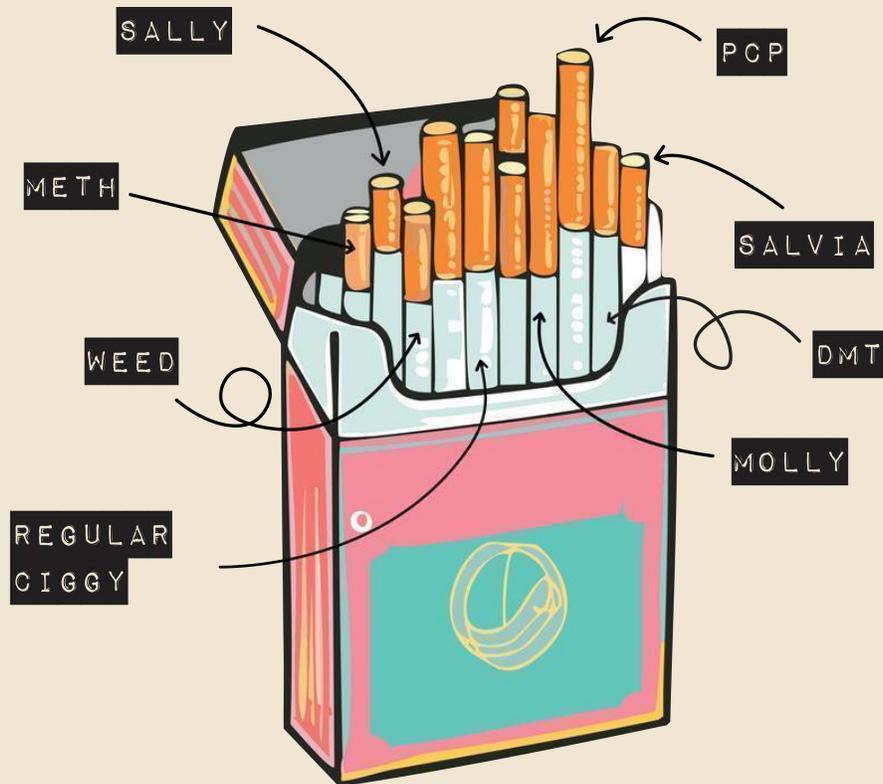
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Los Angeles, California

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