

# BusyBees Productions

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## The Buzz

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A lot has happened in the last 6 months so we thought we would update you through our newsletter "The Buzz." Our individual careers are moving forward. Both of us have had a number of auditions and have secured several roles in commercials, on TV and in music videos. Last July we were approached to participate in the production of a short film. This initial project did not progress but we made a number of valuable contacts and are moving ahead with an alternate film. The 12<sup>th</sup>, is a story about a man who is haunted by his past and leads to terrible consequences. Sorry but I cannot tell you more. Don't want to spoil it.

## Crew and Cast

We think we have a great cast and crew. Let us introduce you.

### Patrick Hodgson –Director

Patrick has accomplished a lot in his short career. He won awards as best editor at Los Angeles Independent Film Festival and LA Shorts Awards for his short film "Getting Ready for a Lunch Date" His film "Aidon" was nominated for Best Film at the International Filmmaker Festival of World Cinema. Visit his website to see the shorts.

[www.patrickhodgson.com](http://www.patrickhodgson.com)

### Dylan Macleod –Director of Photography

Dylan has extensive experience in film and television. His films have premiered at Tiff and Sundance Film Festival. Recently he won a Gemini award for Best Photography in a Variety or Performing Arts Program or Series Visit his website.

<http://www.dylanmacleod.com/>

### Ali Helnwein-Composer

Ali has agreed to do our musical score. He has worked on the musical scores of a number of Hollywood movies which have starred Brad Pitt, George Clooney and Glenn close to name only a few. He also worked on the Grammy winning album Draco Rosa "Vida". His haunting musical compositions can be heard on his web site.

[www.alihelnwein.com/bio/](http://www.alihelnwein.com/bio/)

### Blayre Ellestad- Editor

Blayre specializes in cinematography, editing, and is a colourist; He trained at the prestigious ICA recognized by the Academy of Motion Pictures. He is a 2015 Juno Award Winner for Best Video of the Year, and is nominated for 3 MMVA awards in 2015. Blayre has worked alongside Kiesza, Shawn Mendes, Gene Simmons, Brett Wilson and other public figures. His combined view count on YouTube is close to half a billion.

<http://thebritelab.com/>

### Angela Joyce-Principle Role (Young Connie)

Angela began her career as a dancer at a very young age at the National Ballet School. She has performed in Musicals; Cabaret, Spamalot and CATS. Angela has made leading appearances in and choreographed for many 2015 Productions including; Elsa in a Very Frozen Musical, Choreographic Works and The New Voices Theatre Festival. In 2014, Angela was featured in Robert Glumbeck's renowned work, Shifting Silence. Angela has starred in shorts like Tiny Dancer, and many national commercials.

### Jeff Hanson- Principle Role (Young Liam)

Jeff began his career as a classical Shakespearean stage actor but is now moving to TV and Film. We welcome him to the team.

### Stephanie and Michael (Connie and Liam)

You might be wondering why everyone else is hanging around us! We hope to have a Demo reel ready for you to view for the next News Letter. We also think the skills we developed in our previous careers such as rigour, focus and discipline will serve us well. With your help we plan to make this project a success.

## Our Investor's

Due to the generosity of a number of family and friends we will start filming in the spring. We would like to thank Matt Brister, Trish Steele, Wayne Gibson, Lorne and Tanya Atkinson, Len and Dianne Marino and Rod and Barb Maxwell. Special thanks to Len and Marisa Crispino of Foreign Affairs Winery who kindly donated wine for our August fund raiser.

## Next Steps

Over the next several months we will be organizing the film shoot which we hope to start early in April 2016. We are also working on raising more funds to help with post production costs. We are currently working with Innovate Niagara to organize a crowd funding campaign which we plan to launch in March. More on that in the next News Letter.

