

## “WAFFLES”

### Full Cast & Creative Team

#### Foster Wilson (Director / Co-Producer)

Foster is a Los Angeles-based filmmaker and actor. She earned her BFA from NYU's Tisch School of the Arts, where she studied for 3 years with the Atlantic Theater Company. In 2015, Foster co-founded Detroit Street Films, an independent film production company intent on building a robust community of filmmakers to collaborate on low-budget films. In DSF's inaugural year, the company produced over a dozen films including Foster's directorial debut: a gritty short about possessions and priorities titled *Brick & Mopsie*. In the spring of 2016, she produced a self-help web series titled *The Noise in Your Head*, comprised of six comedic videos about coping with anxiety.

Her most recent short film, *Waffles*, held its world premiere at the 2017 Inside Out LGBT Film Festival in Toronto, followed by a stateside premiere at the 2017 Brooklyn Women's Film Festival. The film is a raw exploration of morality and sexuality starring Jeanine Mason and Leslie Stevens. Foster's most recent projects include *Platypus*, a dark tragicomedy about honesty and intimacy, as well as the pilot presentation *Love Scenes LLC*, a fictional, feminist take on the adult film industry. She has several projects in development, including two features and a pilot.



#### Brian Leahy (Writer / Co-Producer)

Brian is a Los Angeles-based writer and director. His screenwriting credits include the web series *The Junior League of Super Heroes*, which premiered at the Comic-Con Film Festival in San Diego; *Waffles*, a short film completed in October 2016; and the short *Ransom*, a which he also directed. In the spring of 2016, Brian wrote and directed a 6-part comedic video series titled *The Noise In Your Head*, in which a young woman learns to cope with her nagging anxiety.

Brian's produced plays include the political satire *Sketch*, the one-woman play *Cranberry*, and the one-man play *A Night of Dialogue*, which he co-produced and performed in New York City. Brian is a graduate of NYU and the Atlantic Theater Company Acting School, a member of the Detroit Street Films production company, and the author of the now-retired *The Groom Says* blog. His upcoming projects include the short films *About the Poop* and *5 Stages of Grief*.



## Jeanine Mason (“Gina”)

Jeanine Mason is an actor and dancer born and raised in Miami, Florida. After winning Season 5 of FOX’s *So You Think You Can Dance* and earning the title of America’s Favorite Dancer, her acting career began.

Jeanine was last seen in ABC’s biblical drama *Of Kings and Prophets* opposite Ray Winstone and in the feature film *Default* opposite David Oyelowo. She has also appeared in TV series such as *Bunheads*, *You’re The Worst*, *Awkward*, *NCIS: LA*, *CSI*, *The Secret Life of the American Teenager*, and *Big Time Rush*.

She resides in Los Angeles and is a Co-Founder and Co-Artistic Director of Creative Works Theatre Company, where she is regularly seen performing in staged readings and productions. Jeanine is a proud Bruin who graduated cum laude from UCLA in 2014.



## Leslie Stevens (“Wendy”)

Leslie loves the diversity in performance and creative work. She moves between acting on-camera to singing/dancing in Broadway musicals to acting in classic and contemporary plays onstage. She was formerly a soloist in classical and contemporary dance companies, and uses that skill choreographing for stage and teaching dance to young artists. Leslie also writes original librettos for LA Opera’s excellent outreach programs and was acknowledged by the LA County Supervisor for her contribution to the arts programs of Los Angeles.

Feature films: *Troubled Child* (Best Actress, NYLA International & Women’s Independent Film Festivals) and *Threshold*, which took Best Feature honors at First Glimpse in Philadelphia. Leslie has acted in many festival-winning short films, including *She Who Excels In Solitude* and *Charlie Thistle* (Best Supporting Actress, Action on Film Festival). Currently in festivals are the short films *The Fog*, *From Here* and *Waffles*. TV guest appearances: *True Blood*, *Criminal Minds*, *Private Practice*, *The Fosters*, *Revenge*, and recurring roles on *The Young & the Restless* and *Bosch*.

In 2016, Leslie was onstage in leading roles at noted LA theatres, including *Colony Collapse* at Boston Court, *Vanya Sonia Masha & Spike* at ICT, and *Lend Me A Tenor* at La Mirada Performing Arts Center. She got to carry on as the “Steam Heat” girl Gladys in *Pajama Game* and the bar fly in an Owl coat, in *Promises, Promises* with Musical Theatre Guild.



## George Su (Cinematographer)

George earned his MFA in Cinematography at the American Film Institute in Los Angeles and his BFA in Film & TV at New York University. Feature credits: *Marin Blue*, *Home James*, *Comeback Dad*, *For the Love of Ruth*, and *To Hell and Back*. Brand clients: Best Buy, LG, McDonalds, Shakey's, Coca-Cola, Sam Adams, Zacapa, Olay, Dyson, Toyota. His television work can be seen on MTV, VH1, BET, TV One, UP TV, Viceland, Discovery, History, Animal Planet and the Food Network.



George teaches Cinematography at the New York Film Academy's Los Angeles campus. He is a proud member of IATSE Local 600.

## ADDITIONAL CREDITS

Production Sound Designer	Gavin Farnsworth
Editor	Brian Leahy
Assistant Director	Lola Noh
Make-Up Artist	Jen Grable
Music Supervisor	Patrick Wilson

Music:

**"KISSYFACE"**

Written by Psalm One, Drew Mantia

Performed by Psalm One (feat. Kyle Miller)

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## TAGLINE

A young, gay millennial discovers she's slept with the enemy and has to choose between swallowing her pride and standing by her principles.

## FILM INFORMATION

Year Completed	2016
Format	Short Film
Run Time	4:31
Language	English
World Premiere	Inside Out LGBT Film Festival Toronto, Canada June 3, 2017