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Off the Path

WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY
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KINKEAD PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS AN A476 PRODUCTION A KATE KINKEAD FILM "OFF THE PATH" KATE KINKEAD
JUSTIN TYLER BOWERS GINA NICOLE BROWN JENNIFER KINKEAD COSTUME KATE SHERIDAN MUSIC AN TRAN EDITED SOPHIE POTTS
PRODUCTION DESIGNER JAMIE LEE DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY L.J. GARCIA CO-PRODUCED BY OLIVIA CUNNINGHAM PRODUCED BY ALEX PURDY WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY KATE KINKEAD

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At the crux of two diverging paths, a young woman must choose between what is expected of her and who she wants to be.

We follow the journey of Valera, a girl yearning to forge her own path in life, to empower herself, and grow. Her mothers, Elena and Skalmae, would prefer that she follow in their footsteps to learn a traditional craft such as metalsmithing or running their family's apothecary. Their "encouragement" drives Valera further away from them. She meets often with a mysterious boy in the woods, Gerald, to secretly practice magic. As she grows in her abilities under his influence, and the tension at home reaches a breaking point, Valera lashes out and unintentionally wounds Elena. Terrified, Valera seeks comfort in Gerald. She ultimately decides to leave home and the two disappear into the woods.



*"You are capable of things far greater than what you know now."
- Gerald*



Kate Kinkead, Director

Kate Kinkead is a 23-year-old independent director and actress based out of Northern Virginia. “Off the Path” will be Kinkead’s third film that she has directed. She was selected to pitch “Off the Path” at George Mason University and was awarded the Best Lookbook scholarship.

Director’s Statement

Off the Path is a fantasy reimagining of the classic coming-of-age genre. When working within the scope of fantasy, there is a lot of room to play with the narrative, mise-en-scene, and character. The film incorporates mythical lore such as magic, Elves, Dwarves, and Gods that walk among men. At its core, my film is character-driven with a tight-knit cast of characters to drive the story. I was inspired by other works such as Lord of the Rings and Critical Role that are similarly focused on their characters to bridge empathy in the audience. That connection between my work and the audience is crucial for me. I want the audience to immerse themselves in the magical world that I’ve crafted while simultaneously discovering a part of themselves in the characters we follow.



Alex Purdy Producer

Off the Path is one of two films Alex Purdy is producing this semester. He will receive his BA in Film and Video Studies concentrating on Producing and a minor in Photography from George Mason University this year. Purdy specializes in cast and crew coordination, location management, and creative production.



Olivia Cunningham Co-Producer

Olivia Cunningham is a nineteen year old film producer based in Northern Virginia. They are expected to graduate from George Mason University in 2024 with a Bachelor's of Arts in Film and Video Studies, concentrating in Producing, with a minor in Women and Gender Studies. This year they co-produced their first two films at Mason; however, they have previously produced, written, and edited their own personal projects.





L.J. Garcia

Director of Photography

L.J. Garcia is a senior at George Mason University. He is majoring in film and video studies with a concentration in production (cinematography), and minoring in linguistics. L.J. loves to study languages, compose music, and work with his peers on set to capture and share meaningful stories.

Kate Sheridan

Costume Designer

Kate Sheridan is a sophomore at Mason, pursuing a degree in FAVS with a concentration in Directing and a minor in Social Justice and Human Rights. They've worked on a number of projects, including executive producing their highschools weekly talk show, helping other students with their video essays and projects by providing camerawork, creative direction assistance and editing, and writing, directing and producing their own short films. Kate is passionate about ethical and inclusive filmmaking and the impact media has on society.



Jaime Lee

Production Designer



Sophie Potts Editor

My name is Sophie Potts and I like to make art. I'm a freelance Video editor, sound designer, and motion graphics artist based out of Northern Virginia.

Dounia Sabah VFX Artist

Dounia Sabah is passionate about all forms of art which is why she pursued a double degree—a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design and a Bachelor of Arts in Production and Post-Production at George Mason University. She loves the magic of creating something that wasn't there before and is committed to delivering strong design solutions through her multiple perspectives.



Sujay Khona Colorist

Sujay Khona is a filmmaker from Chantilly, Virginia, and a freshman at George Mason University. He is majoring in Film and Video Studies as well as Business. He also competes on the GMU Forensic Speech team. He has loved working on Off the Path and can't wait to work on many more incredible projects during his time here.



Ah Tran Composer

An Tran is a classically trained pianist and violinist who currently attends George Mason University. He is currently pursuing music both in the fundamentals and technological aspects. While he does not have any distinct style of composition, he plans to pursue a well rounded education in as many genres as possible for his compositions.



Sophie Potts Sound Designer





"He promises to those he has chosen to
reveal their innermost strength and power
that lies dormant within them. With it, they
have the freedom to forge their own path"
- Elena





Kate Kinhead
as Valera



Justin Tyler Bowers
as Gerald

Justin Tyler Bowers is a 20 year old voice and film actor based out of Northern Virginia. In addition to his acting works, he is pursuing a BFA in Film and Video Studies at George Mason University with a concentration in post-production. Bowers portrays Gerald in the film, “Off the Path,” which will mark his debut acting role in an independent short film.





Gina Nicole Brown as Skalmae

GINA NICOLE BROWN is a storyteller that uses TV, Film, and Stage to bring words and characters to life. Currently, you can see her in the Netflix docuseries, “The Principles of Pleasure,” and on a billboard at various New York City bus stops for a TV/Print ad campaign for the Office of New York City Emergency Management and the Ad Council.



Jennifer Kinkead as Elena

Jennifer Kinkead is an independent actress based in Northern Virginia. She played an Irish immigrant in the upcoming “Unsinkable” feature film, portrayed Elena in “Off the Path,” and was a supporting actress in “Falling Behind.”



General Information

Genres: Fantasy/Coming-Of-Age

Runtime: 10:44

Dimensions: 1920 x 1080

Aspect Ratio: 16:9

Locations: Spotsylvania Courthouse, VA



Website: [View Here](#)

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Debuting at:



Mason Film Festival

Saturday, May 7th

4pm-8pm

Johnson Center Cinema, Ground Floor, Johnson
Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030