

a film by Jon Garcia

Love in Dangerous Times

A Socially

Distanced Romance





Project Description

Narrative Feature Film:
Love In Dangerous Times

Total Run Time: 1hr 35min

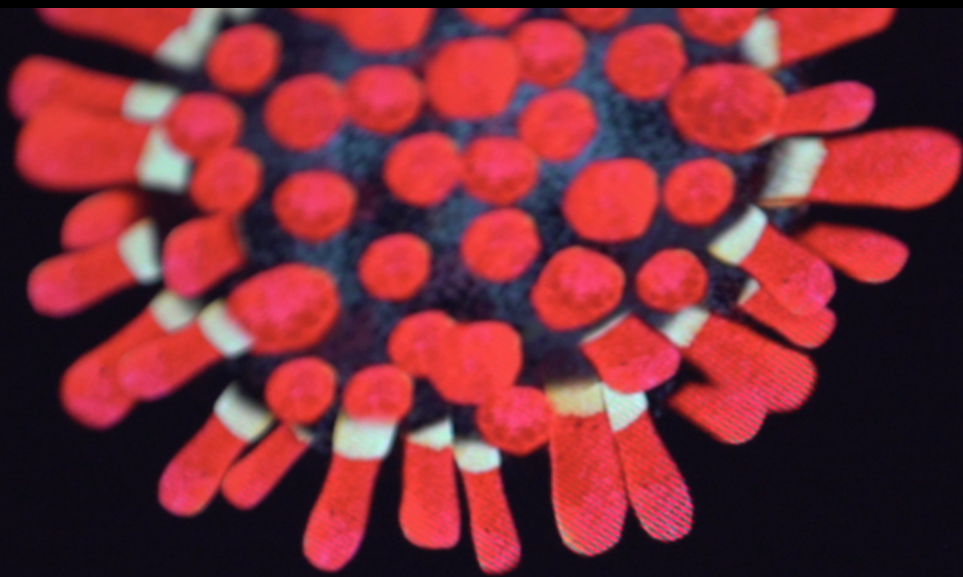
Logline:

With the world in a pandemic, Jason and Sorrel meet on a dating app and build a romance as the situation gets worse.

Why make a movie now?

In February of 2020, it was becoming clear that much of the world was in a panic.

With so many unknowns and the threat of physical and financial crisis, writer/filmmakers Jon Garcia, Ian Stout, and Steven Avalon Gardner began to collaborate on a film project that delved into the complexity of emotions percolating through many as a result of COVID-19.



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The Initial Idea



We wanted to tell a story about people looking for love during the pandemic, and not just romantic love, but people looking to preserve and repair broken relationships that only desperate times can mend.

Meet the filmmakers



Writer / Director

Jon Garcia is an accomplished musician and Emmy-nominated filmmaker. He has released 7 feature films in varying genres , including the cult trilogy of The Falls, The Falls: Testament of Love, and The Falls: Covenant of Grace. Currently he runs his company, Lake Productions, a full service production company that creates feature films, commercials, and music videos.

Steve Avalon Gardner is a producer with films thriving in festivals, foreign and domestic. His collaborative spirit makes him invaluable on set. Since this film needed a small footprint, Steve stepped up as 1st AD, Gaffer, Grip, Sound Recordist, and Boom Operator. A truly incredible crew of one!



Producer / Crew

Story Development

This story was conceived at the start of the pandemic, echoing what the filmmakers were feeling at that time; fear and distance from those they love.



The feelings of uncertainty fueled many of the sentiments that went into the production. The story would often change in real time according to what was happening in the world and in their own lives during the process.

Meet the Leads



Ian Stout is an actor/writer/director and award-winning filmmaker. Classically trained in the Meisner technique, he brings openness and vulnerability to his work in front of the camera.

Tiffany Groben is a proud 2013 graduate of the Portland Actors Conservatory. With much of her acting career spent performing on stage, her theater chops bring a noticable depth and big picture awareness to the characters she plays on screen.



Supporting Actors



Jimmy Garcia is a professional actor of over 15 years in film, tv, and theater across the United States. This is Jimmy's second appearance in a Jon Garcia film and he was the obvious choice for the best friend to the lead in "LIDT."

Marian Mendez started her acting career in Los Angeles and has appeared in several featured films, TV commercials and theater productions. She studies with acting coach and prolific Hollywood actor Ted Rooney.



Keeping it safe

Safety was definitely a concern for this production as universal filming protocols had not yet been put in place for filming during a pandemic.



There was an open communication about how best to prevent risk of exposure to the Coronavirus before, during, and after filming.

The Production

The focal crew and cast quarantined for two weeks; then utilizing masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer donated by friends and family.



With Jon Garcia operating camera and directing, Steven Gardner doing nearly everything else, and filmmaker Ian Stout in front of the camera, they finished the feature length film in 22 days!

Original Score



Michael Sempert has composed original scores for award-winning feature films: Roads to Olympia, Sex Weather, A Room Full of Nothing, as well as Nickelodeon's TV movie, Bixler High Private Eye.

His original songs have been licensed for television by ABC's Grey's Anatomy, Netflix' Bloodline and many more.

Film Completion



We are so proud to announce that our film has been picked up for distribution by **Dark Star Pictures** and will be coming out November 3rd, 2020 on iTunes, Amazon Prime, Google Play, YouTube (transactional), Vudu and Fandango!

Let's collaborate!



To receive a link to a screener copy of
Love In Dangerous Times
to be considered for your festival,
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