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SUNNY SIDE UP

**PRESS NOTES
BROOKLYN
FILM
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SYNOPSIS

A man overwhelmed by existential doubt transitions from married to divorced, exploring the inescapability of ordinary suffering.

Animation and live action are combined along with Persona-esque inserts to create a surreal world all its own. The main character, Simon, exists as a deer in headlights, frozen by life's questions that he can't seem to answer. His wife, Susan, exists as if the tangible world is all that matters. When Susan asks for a divorce over breakfast, Simon is forced to relive his failed relationship in purgatory.



WRITER & DIRECTOR

Marie Karkehabadi began writing “Sunny Side Up” as a short story, written in entirely internal monologue. As Marie adapted the story to film, she really wanted to push herself to strip down the spoken words and instead force the medium of film to communicate the same story, with a lot less talking.

Marie Karkehabadi is an aspiring writer and director who enjoys cooking, crafts, and hamsters. She has worn many hats on many films, both figuratively and literally, often production designing for her peers. Marie's favorite thing about film is assisting in the subtle tiddly bits that make the world of a film as layered as a zesty onion.

JONATHAN GIBBS

CRISTEN STEPHANSKY

SARAH KITTRING



MAIN CAST & CREW



LINDSEY OBLITEY

BIANCA MAE

BRITTNEY FLORES

CREW

Director	Marie Karkehabadi
Writer	Marie Karkehabadi
Producer	Lindsey Oblitey
Director of Photography	Bianca Mae
Assistant Camera/2nd Unit DP	Katherine Velle
Additional Cinematography	Nathan Taylor
Production Design	Darcelle Larkin
2nd Unit Production Design	Tiana Young
Wardrobe	Tiana Young Khaya Fraites
Hair and Make-Up Artist	Eleazar Stamper Khaya Fraites
Editor	Brittney Flores
Sound Design	Irem Dogancali
Color Correction	Tiana Young
Illustrator	Kendra Story Megan McClurg
VFX Supervisors	Nathan Taylor David Mason
Animation	David Mason Nathan Taylor
VFX/Compositor	Nathan Taylor
Assistant Director	Nick Canonico
Associate Producers	Zeyn Faddoul Tara Tung
Script Supervisor	Mary Clare Durel
Gaffer	Anne Outterbridge Saul
Key Grip	Kyle Van Dyke
Grip and Electric	Max Stempniewicz Nick Lewis Jamie Mahon
Sound Op	Irem Dogancali
Boom Op	Julian Nguyen
Production Assitants	Joseph Mitchell Miranda Waddy
Catering	Sharon Karkehabadi
BTS Video	Brooke Gorsica William Dickson Roberto De Cecco
BTS Video Editor	Mikayla Fridley
Still Photography	William Dickson Samantha Siewert
Web Design	Darion Cassel

FULL CAST & CREW

CAST

Simon	Jonathan Gibbs
Susan	Cristen Stephansky
Lawyer	Sarah Kittring

EXTRAS

Christylin Brown, David Douglas Johnson, Susanna Michelsen, Jevon Sales, De'Vanti Shouff, Gianfranco Vivanco, Michelle Wilkins, Robel Ameha, Darion Cassel, Khaya Fraites, Darcelle Larkin, Lindsey Oblitey, Lee Reneau, Eleazar Stamper, Ashley Vogel, Tiana Young, James Woolard



I WANT A DIVORCE.