

#### **Presents**

# **TRACKTOWN**



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# A Film by Jeremy Teicher and Alexi Pappas

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### **SYNOPSIS**

#### **SHORT:**

A young long-distance runner twists her ankle during her first Olympic Trials and must do something she's never done before: take a day off.

#### LONG:

Plumb Marigold (Alexi Pappas) is a famous but lonely distance runner preparing for the biggest race of her life: The Olympic Trials. But when an injury forces her to take an unexpected day off, Plumb wanders into a bakery where the aimless boy behind the counter catches her eye. In this story that captures the experience of a young Olympic hopeful, many of the actors are actual Olympic athletes -- including co-writer/director and lead actor Pappas.

#### **ABOUT THE FILM**

# Alexi on how her real life inspired the story for the film:

TRACKTOWN's story is inspired by my real-life experience and observations as a professional runner chasing the Olympic dream. The film is not directly based on one individual story or person. Rather, it is a patchwork quilt of personalities and occurrences woven together to capture a truthful emotional core -- the feeling of being young and trying your hardest to pursue a dream, at the expense of everything else... and at the same time, questioning if your dream is really what will make you happiest.

# Jeremy on how he and Alexi began to collaborate:

Alexi and I first met in undergrad at Dartmouth -- Alexi was more focused on poetry and playwriting (and running), while I was focused on filmmaking. A mutual admiration brought us together, and we started collaborating (and dating) in 2009. Alexi co-wrote the script for my first feature film (TALL AS THE BAOBAB TREE) and I edited Alexi's first full-length play. Our collaboration has continued from there -- and when Alexi decided to pursue her Olympic dream in Oregon, we knew we had also found the setting for our next film together.

#### On the significance of shooting in Eugene, Oregon:

TRACKTOWN was shot entirely on location in Eugene, Oregon -- Eugene is home to many of the world's best track athletes, with world-class athletic structures at every turn. The first Nike shoe was created here, Steve Prefontaine ran here, and the US Olympic Trials are held here every four years. People in Eugene are passionate about running the same way other towns might are passionate about football. Eugene is also home to a vibrant counterculture and alternative culture movement. This is the magic of our location: Olympic track athletes will run past barefoot drum circles on a daily basis. In TRACKTOWN, Eugene's special energy is a character unto itself. Shooting here was incredible on many levels: we had access to the best athletic facilities and runners in the world, local business supported us during production, and the town itself embraced our production with open arms.

#### Alexi on working with Rachel Dratch and Andy Buckley:

Jeremy and I began speaking with Rachel and Andy several weeks before we started shooting. Working with Rachel has been a dream of mine since I went to Dartmouth! -- I was a member of the same improv group that she was in when she was a student. I got a copy of the script to her through a mutual Dartmouth friend and somehow managed to meet her for coffee. When we met in person, we bonded over the female coming-of-age elements in the film. It was also such an honor and incredible to work with Andy Buckley! We were introduced to Andy through our executive producer Chris Bender, who had worked with Andy on previous projects. Andy has run a few marathons in his day, and he was intrigued by the prospect of shooting a project in Eugene with real-life professional runners. He brought his son Benny up to Oregon for production and they went to a Ducks football game! We all got along really well and I fell in love with my TRACKTOWN movie parents. It also helps that I uncannily resemble Rachel and Andy.

#### On sticking to the script vs. improvisation:

Certain scenes ended up being faithful to the script and others definitely incorporate improvisation. We tried to always make time for improvising on set, and often we would improvise more heavily during rehearsals and then make decisions to incorporate that into the performances.

#### On the greatest challenge of telling this story:

Blending fiction with reality by working with real Olympic athletes in the cast and shooting on location in their training facilities was both an incredible gift and also a fun challenge. We had to work around training schedules and make sure to limit takes, especially when we were asking the athletes to do things like run around in circles or hang upside-down from walls. We also had to make sure we were stocked with enough healthy food on set!

#### On their fondest production memory:

All of production, even the hard parts, feels like a fond nostalgic memory. But one day that stands out in particular is the day we filmed the racing scene at Hayward Field -- the big track stadium in Eugene. We had nearly 200 extras come out that day and the atmosphere was electric. Zooming around the track in golf carts was pretty fun, too.

# **ABOUT THE CAST**

#### Alexi Pappas ("Plumb Marigold"

TRACKTOWN marks Alexi's debut starring role in a feature film. She is also the film's co-writer/director and producer.

#### Chase Offerle ("Sawyer")

Chase Offerle began acting at a young age performing in television and film. Most recent Appearances include roles in "Grimm" and "Portlandia."

# **Andy Buckley ("Burt")**

Andy is best known for his role as David Wallace on NBC's "The Office." More recently, Andy is series regular on Bravo's new series "Odd Mom Out" and has appeared in JURASSIC WORLD and "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia."

#### Rachel Dratch ("Gail")

An SNL alum, Rachel's recent credits include Sisters, Parks and Rec, Broad City, and many other film and TV appearances.

# **Chris Berman ("Sports Announcer")**

Chris Berman's voice makes a cameo in TRACKTOWN as the Hayward Field race announcer. Chris is a legendary ESPN sportscaster and has been a fixture of American football for the past 30 years.

# ABOUT THE FILMMAKERS

#### Alexi Pappas – Co-Director, Co-Writer

Alexi Pappas is a filmmaker and a professional athlete training for the 2016 Olympics in the 10,000 meters. Alexi completed her thesis in poetry at Dartmouth College where she graduated magna cum laude before running off to compete in the 2012 Olympic Track & Field Trials. In 2011 Alexi co-wrote the script for the award-winning feature film TALL AS THE BAOBAB TREE. Alexi was also a member of the Dog Day Players improv theatre troupe at Dartmouth and is a graduate of the UCB Theater improv program in New York City. She is the co-founder of Film Fatales Portland.

### Jeremy Teicher – Co-Director, Co-Writer

Jeremy Teicher is an award-winning writer and director whose first narrative feature film, Tall as the Baobab Tree, garnered acclaim at festivals around the world and was distributed by Sundance Artist Services in 2014. In July 2013, Jeremy was named one of Filmmaker Magazine's 25 New Faces of Independent Film. Tall as the Baobab Tree is inspired by true stories from Jeremy's documentary short film, This Is Us, nominated for a Student Academy Award. Jeremy graduated from Dartmouth College where he studied Film, Theater, and English.

#### **Laura Wagner - Producer**

Laura Wagner, founder of Bay Bridge Productions, produces independent films and theatre projects. She is the recipient of the Sundance Institute's Creative Producing Fellowship, the San Francisco Film Society's Kenneth Rainin Foundation Fellowship, and the IFP/Cannes Marche Du Film Producer's Network Fellowship. She was nominated for a Film Independent Spirit Award for It Felt Like Love, the critically acclaimed feature film that premiered at the Sundance Film Festival and the Rotterdam International Film Festival.

#### **Jay Smith – Producer**

Jay Smith is a TV and Film producer and a 30-year industry veteran who has been involved with several award-winning productions around the US including Associate Producer on the Academy Award-winning short, Two Soldiers, and as an Associate Director on the Emmy Award-winning show, Portlandia. Additionally, Jay won the Directors Guild Award for Outstanding Television in 1996 as an Assistant Director. Among his AD credits are titles ranging from Touchy Feely, City Slickers, Young Guns, Major League, and Gettysburg to television series such as Greek, ER, Educating Mom, and The X-Files.

#### **CREDITS**

Written & Directed by Jeremy Teicher and Alexi Pappas

Produced by Laura Wagner

Produced by Jay Smith

Produced by Alexi Pappas and Jeremy Teicher

Executive Producers John Legere

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Cassandra Siegel and Stephen Siegel

Dan Giustina

Jon and Terri Anderson

Todd Remis and Robert Campbell

Associate Producers Sally DeSipio

Patty Brebner

First Assistant Director Zach Twardowski

# Cast

Plumb Alexi Pappas

Whitney Rebecca Friday

Steve Matt Miner

Sawyer Chase Offerle

Burt Andy Buckley

Coach Sasha Spencer Atwood

Race Announcer Chris Berman

Sports Doctor Kristina Haddad

Gail Rachel Dratch

Nick Nick Symmonds

Hippie Boy Jordan Smith

Jenny Remy Teicher

Coach's Daughter Cruz Donawa

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Joey Kranitz

Tristan Carpenter

Leora Kirtner

Treadmill Operator Jill Steele

Journalists Soh Rui Yong

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Ian Dobson

Matthew Barnhart

Ken Goe

Andrew Wheating

Bakers Lance Deal

Jon Anderson

Race Officials Jerry Jackson

Jody Miller

Jogging Family Jerry Schumacher

Joshua Schumacher

Makenna Schumacher

Ryan Schumacher

Eric Schumacher

Kesey Square Teenagers Maddy Francois

Jade Stewart

Laura Viviane Pederson

Darian Marsonette

Kelson Gorman

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Noah DeWitt

Corey Hill

Brynn Grossman

Genie Green

Kate Smith

Hayward Field Crowd

Jordan Gorman

Krista Shultz

Matt Ely

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Written by Mary Ann Hart (ASCAP), Erika Spring Forster (ASCAP), Heathe Anne D'Angelo (ASCAP) Published by House of Hassle

Publishing 0/6/0 Triple Keyboard action, Touch of Spring and Only

**Ponies** 

Somebody Who Au Revoir Simone

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Sad Song (Pacific! remix) Au Revoir Simone

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