



## Johnson Production Group Press Kit

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### **One-Liner**

After losing her job, a young woman travels to Greece to lick her wounds and ends up partnering with a mysterious young chef to rebuild his mother's old restaurant.

### **Synopsis**

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### **Producers**

Executive Producers  
TIMOTHY O. JOHNSON  
JOSEPH WILKA  
Co-Executive Producer  
LISA ALFORD  
Producer  
DAVID BOYLES

## Key Cast

<u>CHARACTER</u>	<u>ACTOR</u>
Abby	DANIELLE C. RYAN
Theo	RAFAEL KARIOTAKIS
Nikolas	ARGIRIS GKAGKANIS
Jackie	PERU KAVALIERI
Dimitris	NIKOLAS MAKKRIS

## Key Cast Biographies

### DANIELLE C. RYAN



Danielle Ryan Chuchran was born in Upland, California but moved to Utah shortly after. She started her career with some ads, before she had her first role at the age of seven in "Little Secrets." With her part as Thing One in "The Cat in the hat" she consolidated her position as child-actress and did several films and series afterwards. Since "Minor Details" she has frequently working with John Lyde and Mainstay Productions and appeared in most of their projects. Danielle is quite sporty. She is an accomplished rider, and besides several other hobbies she loves to go shooting, both guns and archery. She likes to perform stunts and fighting scenes for her roles on her own. That passion started already with

her role as Thing One and includes today also some serious rock climbing in her newer movie Survivor. She also loves animals and especially likes spending time with her horses and her dog.

### RAFAEL KARIOTAKIS



Rafael was born in Athens, Greece. He rose to fame as a Lip sync performer and model on TikTok who is widely recognized for his self titled account. His performances have received more than 21 million likes on the platform. He is also an actor and has appeared in 238 episodes of the Greek TV series I gi tis elias.

### ARGIRIS GKAGKANIS



Argiris was born in Hannover in Germany, grew up in Thessaloniki in Greece and studied drama in London.

He is a stage and screen actor and a voice over artist. He has most recently appearing in several films including Saison Morte, The Meaning of August, and Rise. He has had roles in several TV series including IQ 160, Zoi, Save Me, O ordos, Agapi paranomi, as well as recurring roles in Ilios and Aggeliki.

## PERU KAVALIERI



Peru Kavalieri is a successful American actress who studied acting in Stella Adler in New York. She played in NBC series "Days of Our Lives", in the film "American connection" next to Faye Dunaway, Daryl Hannah, Michael Madsen, in "God love's caviar" next to Catherine Deneuve & John Cleese ( Monty Python's ), in the Romanian film "Lubire Elena" with the great actress Maia Morgenstern. She had an establish career in USA and Greek tv and films , because she played in many famous tv series and films. Peru heritage is Greek, so she speaks fluent American and Greek language { without accent} ,and some Italian. She is a SAG member. Peru had already 12 Movies and 7 tv Series, both American and Greek. Her abilities in drama and comedy are incredible! The last years she works a lot in USA, and she appearance in many Film Festivals, like Cannes, Venice,

Toronto, Berlin, Sundance etc.

## NIKOLAS MAKRIS



Nikolas Makris is a greek actor and director, born in Athens. He studied Finance and Banking at the University of Piraeus. Graduated from the "Archi – Nelly Kara" drama school. While living in Los Angeles he studied acting at the "Beverly Hills Playhouse" and "New Collective LA" and took courses in Filmmaking at the "New York Film Academy LA". He got his bachelor with distinction in Filmmaking from "Queen Margaret University" of Edinburgh. He has been working as an actor since 2006 in many theaters, including the National Theater of Greece and major tv shows. He is known for his roles in Alithini Eroles (as Antonis), Hara Agnoeitai (as Nikolas), Zoi Mou (as Kostas), I

Tourta Tis Mamas (as Chester), Tria Milia (as Mihalis).

He has also written and directed theatrical plays and short films.

## Production Credits

### Full Cast

Actors	Role
DANIELLE C. RYAN	Abby
RAFAEL KARIOTAKIS	Theo
ARGIRIS GKAGKANIS	Nikolas
PERU KAVALIERI	Jackie
NIKOLAS MAKRIS	Dimitris
VANGELIS PAPADAKIS	Yannis
CHRISTINA BARLOGIANNI	Cassia

**Casting**

JEFF HARDWICK CASTING

**Composer**

RUSS HOWARD III

**Costume Designer**

PEGGY CHAIDEMENATOU

**Editor**

ROB PALLATINA

**Production Designers**

IOULIA KOTSIFAKI

**Co-Director of Photography**

ALEXANDER YELLEN

BRANDEN MAXHAM

**Written by**

KEITH HEMSTREET

KATIE KERR

COLIN THEYS

**Directed by**

COLIN THEYS

**Full Crew**

SARRI ELLI

First Assistant Director

CHRYSSA COSMIDOU

Greek Casting

DOUNIAS EMMANOUIL

Producer

DIMITRIS ZOGRAFAKIS

Line Producer

PETROS MANTOUVALOS

Production Coordinator

RITA PASCHALINOPOULOU

Production Manager Assistant

ELEFThERIA PASXALINOPOULOU

Production Manager Assistant #2

MARIZA PSIXOGIOU

Production Accountant

ASIMINA CHAMPA

Office PA

ANNA KATI

Key PA

CRISTOS - SOTIRIS CHAMPAS

PA

GIANNIS MALLIS

PA

MARIZA PSICHOGIOU

CAST PA

GEORGIOS TSIROGIANNIS

Production Designer

IOULIA KOTSIFAKI

Set Dresser

MANINA TRIANTAFILOPOULOU

Props Master

MICHALIS KOTSIFAKIS

Art Director Assist

MARIA-EIRINI TRIANTAFILLOPOULOU

Art Director Assist

MARGARITA CHALAKATEVAKI

PEGGY CHAIDEMENATOU	Costume Designer
RENA EPISKOPOY	Wardrobe Assistant
SAPFO VARIA	Wardrobe Assistant
ALEXANDER YELLEN	Director of Photography
BRANDEN MAXHAM	
ALEXANDER YELLEN	A Camera Operator
BRANDEN MAXHAM	
SOFIA GIVISI	Focus Puller
NIKOLAS NIKOLAIDIS	Camera OP
APOSTOLOS NALMPATIS	Camera OP
ELVIA MEGA	DIT and DAILY
ELVIA MEGA	Stills Photographer
IOANNIS KARAMITROS	Gaffer
NIKOS BOURBOS	Best Electric
NIKOLAS MOUSAFIRAKIS	Electrician
NIKOLAOS MPOURMPOS	Electrician
STELIOS PANAGIOTAKIS	Key Grip
DIMITRIOS KALOMOIRIS	Sound Engineer
MANOLIS MAKRIDAKIS	Sound Engineer
RAFAEL DARIO LE BARS	Boom Operator
PETROS THANOU	Boom Operator
TOMMY SKLAVOS	Location Manager
SPYROS DRAKOPOULOS	Location Manager
VICTORIA CHALIOTOU	Makeup-Special Effect
KONSTANTINA GALANOPOULOU	Key Hair Stylist
KONTINOS PANAGIOTIS	Drivers
GIANNIS TZITZIRAS	Drivers
VASSILIS NIKAS	Caterers
HOLLYWOOD SCRIPT RESEARCH	Script Clearances by
GREGORY K. BOONE	Legal Services
HOLLYWARE LLC	Business Affairs
MOMENTOUS INSURANCE BROKERAGE	Insurance
BRITTANY RUSSELL	Post Production Supervisor
BLUELINE FINISHING	Post Production Services
ANDRES BOULTON	Sound FX Editors
ANDRES BOULTON	Re-Recording Mixer
LUIS MIGUEL HENAO	VFX Artist
BRITTANY RUSSELL	Colorist
BRITTANY RUSSELL	Project Manager
PONDS5	Stock Footage

## **Producer Biographies**

### **TIMOTHY O. JOHNSON – Executive Producer**

Timothy O. Johnson is among the most active and reliable producers in the business thanks to top rate productions and global distribution appeal. He is the managing partner of Johnson Production Group, a Canadian based operation that produces over 100 hours of dramatic television annually with hundreds of programs running internationally. The company is the leader supplier to Lifetime, Hallmark and other international outlets.

A graduate of the Marshall School of Business at the University of Southern California, he served as President of the USC Entertainment Management Association and a member of the Advisory Committee of the Center for Entrepreneurial Studies.

Johnson is also responsible for producing the international hit series, DR. QUINN, MEDICINE WOMAN for CBS for over 5 seasons. During his 100-episode tenure, he also developed and produced the original docu-drama COLD CASE for CBS network, which was the very first program to integrate television with the Internet.

Most recently, Johnson has produced the THE NOEL DIARY, being the #1 Film on Netflix's Top 10 list in December of 2022. He was also at the helm of the successful GIRL IN THE SHED: THE KIDNAPPING OF ABBY HERNANDEZ, as well as the V.C. Andrews series of films, to date including TWILIGHT'S CHILD, MIDNIGHT WHISPERS, and DAWN, all produced for Lifetime..

Johnson has produced over 400 movies and 15 globally released series for every major US network - including Netflix, Lifetime, Hallmark, ABC, Disney, CBS, NBC, Netfly, FOX and Sony.

### **JOHNSON PRODUCTION GROUP**

The Johnson Production Group contracts globally to produce television content for international networks, studios and distributors. Based in Los Angeles and Vancouver, British Columbia, the company manages production, facilitates development and financing, procures distribution and guarantees quality and timely execution of its programs. While costs have gone up, so has the demand for quality. No longer is good enough, good enough. Johnson Production Group serves that segment when a show needs to be "A" quality, but produced efficiently enough to meet a locked budget. JPG specializes in value, protection of creative elements, and delivery of a quality finished product.

### **JOSEPH WILKA – Executive Producer**

Joseph Wilka is the Head of Production for Johnson Production Group. Los Angeles-based, Joseph had already produced and directed several feature films before serving as the senior marketing executive for Gravitass Ventures. While at Gravitass, Wilka helped pioneer new distribution models for independent films including day-and-date theatrical releases. It was also at Gravitass where Joseph first worked with Johnson Production Group to facilitate the release of their films to the worldwide Video On Demand audience. After serving as the Director of Distribution and Production for Viva Pictures, where he produced English-language versions of foreign animated titles for DirecTV, Wilka officially joined

Johnson Production Group. As Head of Production, he oversees the development, production, and distribution of films from multiple production units for release on broadcast and streaming platforms.

### **LISA ALFORD – Co-Executive Producer**

Lisa Alford is a development executive at Johnson Production Group. A Massachusetts native, Lisa has lived and worked in Los Angeles for over a decade, always in support of excellent storytelling. Prior to joining Johnson Production Group, Lisa worked as an executive at TriStar television where she specialized in identifying IP that supported TriStar's mission to feature diverse, authentic characters and champion underrepresented voices. Lisa came up at Sony Pictures Television where she worked as a production coordinator in the Television Movies and Miniseries department and in the writers room on the WGN hit series OUTSIDERS. In her current role, Lisa shepherds projects from the concept phase through story development, production, and post.

### **DAVID BOYLES – Producer**

David is the primary producer for Hollyware LLC. He has over two decades of experience in developing, implementing and producing award winning projects in the entertainment industry. (Concept through Distribution) His extensive experience in international production of Film, Television, Commercials, Games, and mixed media enables him to deliver timely, on budget, and magical visuals mixed with compelling content.

**Billing Block**

Hallmark Channel Presents in association with Johnson Production Group

“A GREEK RECIPE FOR ROMANCE”

starring DANIELLE C. RYAN RAFAEL KARIOTAKIS ARGIRIS GKAGKANIS PERU KAVALIERI  
NIKOLAS MAKRIS Casting JEFF HARDWICK CASTING CSA Composer RUSS HOWARD III  
Costume Designer PEGGY CHAIDEMENATOU Editor ROB PALLATINA Production  
Designer IOULIA KOTSIFAKI Co-Directors of Photography ALEXANDER YELLEN BRANDEN  
MAXHAM Co-Executive Producer LISA ALFORD Executive Producers TIMOTHY O.  
JOHNSON JOSEPH WILKA Producer DAVID BOYLES Written by KEITH HEMSTREET  
KATIE KERR COLIN THEYS Directed by COLIN THEYS

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## Meta Data

### LONG (max 3000 characters) synopsis

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### MEDIUM (max 500) synopsis

When Abby is laid off from running a New York City hotel, she heads to Greece where she meets Theo, a mysterious young chef with an incredible passion for food. In a bid to win her job back, Abby teams up with Theo to help reopen his mother's old restaurant. They make an amazing team, despite mounting pressure from Theo's wealthy family to give it up. As their grand opening approaches, they realize they're cooking up more than just mouthwatering Greek delicacies, but also an epic romance. (494)

### SHORT (max 100 characters) synopsis

Abby travels to Greece and partners with a talented chef to rebuild his mother's old restaurant.

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### 5 KEY WORDS

Culinary experience, family restaurant, foodies