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# THE LITTLE MILO SHORT FILM OFFICIALLY SELECTED FOR INTERNATIONAL FESTIVALS



LITTLE MILO is a powerful arthouse film about a young man who makes controversial choices in his personal life during the American presidential era set in June 16, 2015 to November 8, 2016. The USA political landscape has had heartbreak and divisions among its people in their relationships and environment since. This film reflects a restless and conflicted generation represented by its dynamic characters.

## A NEW GENRE

The genre of a red pill film (a term derived from *The Matrix*, about making tough life choices by taking two pills. Excerpt: "After this, there is no turning back. You take the blue pill—the story ends, you wake up in your bed and believe whatever you want to believe. You take the red pill—you stay in Wonderland, and I show you how deep the rabbit hole goes. Remember: all I'm offering is the truth...."

In LITTLE MILO, there are references to the red pill with the color red is symbolic of various instances used throughout the film. As a red pill film, there are no denials to painful truths. The question is, do we stay trapped in a blue pill world or do we dare to confront the issues that keep us from uncomfortable red pill. The new genre of film is a sign of the times.

Little Milo has been accepted and awarded for Best LGBTQ at the Hollywood Dreamz International Film Festival and The Xristos Award at the Action on Film Megafest. It was officially selected at the Jahorina International Film Festival in Pale, Bosnia in September 2018, and now has been selected for the Merlinka International Queer Film Festival in Belgrade, 2018.

**Length 28.19 minutes.**

**WRITER & DIRECTOR:** Drago Lazetich

**EXECUTIVE PRODUCER:** Michael Humphries

**PRODUCERS:** Marianne Kaulima

Dreamborn, Daniel Drescher

**DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY:** Andrej Iliev

**MAIN CAST:** Ian Slade, Jim Liu, Danielle LeClerc

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# A SIGN OF THE TIMES

OFFICIAL WINNER 2018  
**ACTION ON  
FILM MEGAFEST**  
XRISTOS AWARD

Winner 2018  
**HOLLYWOOD  
DREAMZ  
INTERNATIONAL  
FILM FESTIVAL**  
Best LGBTQ Short Film

# LITTLE MILO

**A RED PILL FILM**

STAY IN CHARACTER! AND DREAMBORN PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

A FILM BY DRAGO LAZETICH "LITTLE MILO" EXECUTIVE PRODUCER MICHAEL HUMPHRIES SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY IAN SLADE JIM LIU DANIELLE LECLERC WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY DRAGO LAZETICH

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY ANDREJ ILJEV LINE PRODUCER AND PRODUCED BY MARIANNE KAULIMA PRODUCED BY DANIEL DRESCHER EDITED BY DRAGO LAZETICH

PRODUCTION DESIGNER MARIANNE KAULIMA MUSIC BY DYLAN SKYE MAKE UP ARTIST CONY XIAOWEN HU AND DIDI DAI

**COMING SOON**



# DIRECTOR BIOGRAPHY



## DRAGO LAZETICH DIRECTOR | WRITER | ACTOR

Drago was born in Yugoslavia and grew up Germany, Canada and LA, USA. His extensive film career includes 15 Years in Shanghai, China as filmmaker, actor, writer, instructor, and acting coach.

- China based international lecturer at Shanghai Vancouver Film School, American International School, Dong Hu University and Beijing / Jiangxi University affiliated programs
- Actor and co-star lead in 70 and over China cinema and television shows
- Producer and lead actor Shanghai Story 2015 award winning short film 2019 feature film; lead for Voice Man 2017 and more
- Musical director for Rock On, Halloween! adapted from the Rocky Horror Picture Show
- Advisor for international and Chinese production companies, feature and online film projects
- Creator, director writer and lead actor of the popular international web series Wise Hit, filmed in Shanghai
- Pioneer of the first international viral video on reelplay.com on the internet, Speedball 2000
- Co-founder for STAY IN CHARACTER! Networking group supporting the independent film professionals community with industry connections
- Director Writer for the award winning short film, Little Milo at the Action on Film Megafest 2018 and Hollywood Dreamz International Film Festival 2018. Selected for Jahorina Film Festival and the Merlinka Film Festival in Belgrade 2018.
- UCLA filmmaking studies
- Fight Director and ranger for the popular Mighty Morphin Power Ranger International Tour
- Exclusive sparring partner for The Gracies, for their historical first Ultimate Fight in 1993
- Trainer for young students from Sacramento, California for the Junior Olympics
- 11 years world famous Gold's Gym, Venice Beach in California, emphasizing on martial arts
- Lifetime martial artist

# CAST

## IAN SLADE

Main - CHARLIE

Ian Slade, from Utah, USA is a professional actor with a demonstrated history in the performance arts industry and having a variety of lead stage roles, in theater productions as well as working on film. Little Milo is his first major lead film role. He completed a Master's degree focused in Intercultural Communication Studies from Shanghai Theatre Academy. He attended New York University and Portland State University. His experience includes being an advisor for university students in China television and media careers. Ian currently resides in LA.



## JIM LIU

Main - EUGENE

Jim Liu was born and raised in Taiwan. In 2010, he was awarded a 3 year scholarship to pursue a PhD degree in Film Studies at the University of Southampton. Mandarin Chinese as his first language and is fluent in English and Taiwanese. He began acting in various independent films when studying at National Taiwan University of Arts. Jim has appeared in several China produced television commercials and shows among film performances in a selection of roles.



## DANIELLE LECLERC

Main - DOLLY

Danielle is a Canadian actor and writer best known for her stage work and as a spoken word performer. She is currently based in Shanghai, has most recently performed for DreamWeaver Theater Productions (Titanic) and The Shanghai Literary Review (spoken word). Other recent past productions include That's Shanghai's Erotic Fiction; and HALiterature's Dragon Burn, Girls on Top, and BardFight. In addition to acting, Danielle both designs and leads workshops in acting, speech, and creative writing. Little Milo is her debut into film acting.



# PRODUCTION

## MICHAEL HUMPHRIES

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

Michael is British who has a love of the performance arts, acting, film and theatre. His professional background is a medical director and scientist with Masters from the University of Cambridge and Honors at the University of London.

## MARIANNE KAULIMA

PRODUCER | ART DIRECTOR

Marianne is from New Zealand, born in Alofi Niue (the Rock of the South Pacific) a special projects design publicist experienced in media, publishing books, magazines and newspapers (China, Australia and NZ), a graphic designer (Little Milo graphics amongst others). 10 years and more of marketing and business development for SME's and start-ups. She is currently working in Shanghai, China as a mentor and special projects educator for creatives and students. She produced a 45 member musical for Rock On Halloween! and has also appeared in various small roles for China cinema and television shows. Marianne has also created events for festivals, charity and animal welfare armed with sponsorship expertise. She is the co-founder for STAY IN CHARACTER!

## DANIEL DRESCHER

PRODUCER | ACTOR

Daniel Drescher is a sales and marketing professional with extensive experience in China, Asia Pacific and the US. His passion soars in the industries of eCommerce, Film, Blockchain, Travel, and F&B. Daniel has more than 11 years of experience working in dynamic and global business environments, from both B2B and B2C sales points. His competencies include Mandarin Chinese, Asian to Latin-based linguistics, Asia Pacific business culture and a solid IT background. Daniel is originally from the US and travels often back and forth to meet international requirements of global clientele.

## DREAMBORN

PRODUCER

Dreamborn is of China descent, and a graduate from Shanghai Vancouver Film School, Shanghai and is the owner of Dreamborn Production house. His portfolio include feature films, online media and television commercials and shows. Dreamborn enjoys combining forces with talented industry folks and working with an international team.

## ANDREJ ILIEV

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Andrej is from Slovakia and is a professional cinematographer with an impressive portfolio experience of films and China commercial projects for L'Oréal, Schwarzkopf, General Motors, Apple, Disney, Mobil, Johnson & Johnson. He wrote and directed award winning film festival short films such as Shanghai Story 2015 and The Killing Game 2017. He attended London Middlesex University and University of Bedfordshire for TV Production.

## TIMOTHY GIOVANNI

TECHINICAL SPECIALIST

Tim is from the USA and specializes in animation, illustration and designer and is the owner of Crashdown Studio for commercial and independent projects, Tim also runs his own education and publishing business for the Chinese market. For his love of film, Tim is a co-partner for STAY IN CHARACTER! Production while he engineers the website and talent database business development for social media and film industry networks.

## DYLAN SKYE

MUSIC DESIGNER

Dylan attended Philadelphia University with a Bachelor's degree in Architecture and a minor in Photography in 2016. Dylan is a designer, filmmaker, singer, songwriter, and guitarist. He has had live performances on Philadelphia University's campus and radio station and KILI, the Lakota Nation radio station in Porcupine, South Dakota, The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio, Bruno's Bar & Grill in Banff, Canada and throughout Delaware, Pennsylvania and Maryland for three years with the Wilmington School of Rock. Dylan is a recording artist and lyricist and he composes and records his own music in his home studio. He is currently working on a solo album.

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## Little Milo

Writer-director Drago Lazetich discusses his latest film.

BY MICHAEL THEDE 7 JULY 2018

*Little Milo* looks into the lives of a group of fictional characters during the 2016 US presidential election and takes a look at some of the debates (and divisions) it opened up. We talk with writer-director Drago Lazetich about developing his latest project and coming up with a whole new genre of film.

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Another favorite of mine was **Little Milo** starring Ian Slade, produced by Daniel Drescher, directed by Drago Lazetich and Marianne Kaulima producer and manager. All did a splendid job in bringing the message of free speech, positivity, and hope. Ian Slade was outstanding and I knew it was a winner. The film won for best LGBTQ award.

<http://lasvegas.informermg.com/2018/08/31/action-on-film-megafest-celebrates-14-years-honoring-film-makers-and-writers/>