

A TENTH OF MERCY

LOVE IS A GREATER POWER THAN HATE



LOGLINE

Shortly after the Civil War, a twist of fate enables a former slave to inherit a small town in West Virginia — igniting a firestorm among the racist members of the community, he must fight to establish equality in a town divided.

West Virginia Journal

July 26th, 1865

WEALTHY PLANTATION OWNER MURDERED!

Samuel Cabell was shot to death last night at his home. The killers remain at large. According to Sheriff French, they may have

West Virginia Journal

July 27th, 1865

WHO IS THE MYSTERY HEIR?

Rumors abound that the murdered man had no living kin and has left his vast estate to a resident of our town. The county clerk has

West Virginia Journal

July 29th, 1865

FORMER SLAVE INHERITS ALL!!

In a shocking turn of events, Samuel Cabell's estate, which includes thousands of acres of land, has been willed to his former slave. Never before has

West Virginia Journal

August 1st, 1865

CHAOS REIGNS!

The town of Industry, which is now owned by Samuel Cabell's former slave, has descended into anarchy as many residents refuse to



Inspired by a true story...

After the Civil War, a former slave named Sam is a star baseball player in the negro leagues in the north. He receives a letter from his mother telling him his former master, the plantation owner, has been murdered under mysterious circumstances.

The same day he receives the letter, the negro league runs out of money and Sam's dreams of playing pro ball are shattered. Devastated, he comes back home to West Virginia, where he receives the shock of a lifetime...

Sam learns that the murdered plantation owner, a white man name Samuel Cabell, was his biological father and he has now inherited thousands of acres of land, including a small town. When the racist members of the community learn that the land they live and work on is owned by a former slave, the town devolves into chaos and Sam's very life is in danger.

Through the advice of his mentor and friend Cletus Hammer, he learns a simple truth: **LOVE IS A GREATER POWER THAN HATE**. Armed with this truth, and with the help of the honest sheriff, Sam sets out to save a town on the verge of implosion. And in the midst of it all, he sees a one in a million chance to play baseball again...



PROPOSED CASTING

MARY

Sam's mother, Mary, is the wisest person in the community. It's her belief that true wisdom comes when a person realizes just how little they know. Even though she's experienced great hardship and pain in life, her spirit is indomitable and she lives by a very high moral code.

CLETUS HAMMER

Cletus Hammer is more than just a baseball coach, he's also a mentor, teacher and father figure to his star player, Sam. He's a no-nonsense disciplinarian who works hard to keep the volatile personalities on his team from fighting each other. Through their long talks and time spent together, Cletus teaches Sam a truth that changes his life; love is a greater power than hate.



MARY J. BLIGE

ALTERNATE CASTING



Queen
Latifah



Alfre
Woodard

ALTERNATE CASTING



Snoop
Dogg



Ice-T



GIANCARLO ESPOSITO

PROPOSED CASTING

SHERIFF FRENCH

On the surface, Sheriff French appears to be laid back, easy going and simple. He often speaks in homilies and folksy anecdotes. He cleverly uses this to his advantage, as he knows that lawbreakers always underestimate him. In truth, Sheriff French is a shrewd judge of character and knows exactly what is going on in his town. He's a good man who works with Sam to help bring order to a community that is on the verge of anarchy.

SAM

Sam is a dreamer. He's a humble young man who has a high sense of values instilled into him by his mother and he's not afraid to believe the world can change for the better. In the beginning of our story, the only dream he has is playing professional baseball, but he learns that equality, love and compassion for others are far greater and nobler aspirations.



ROBERT REDFORD

ALTERNATE CASTING



Michael
Keaton



Billy Bob
Thornton

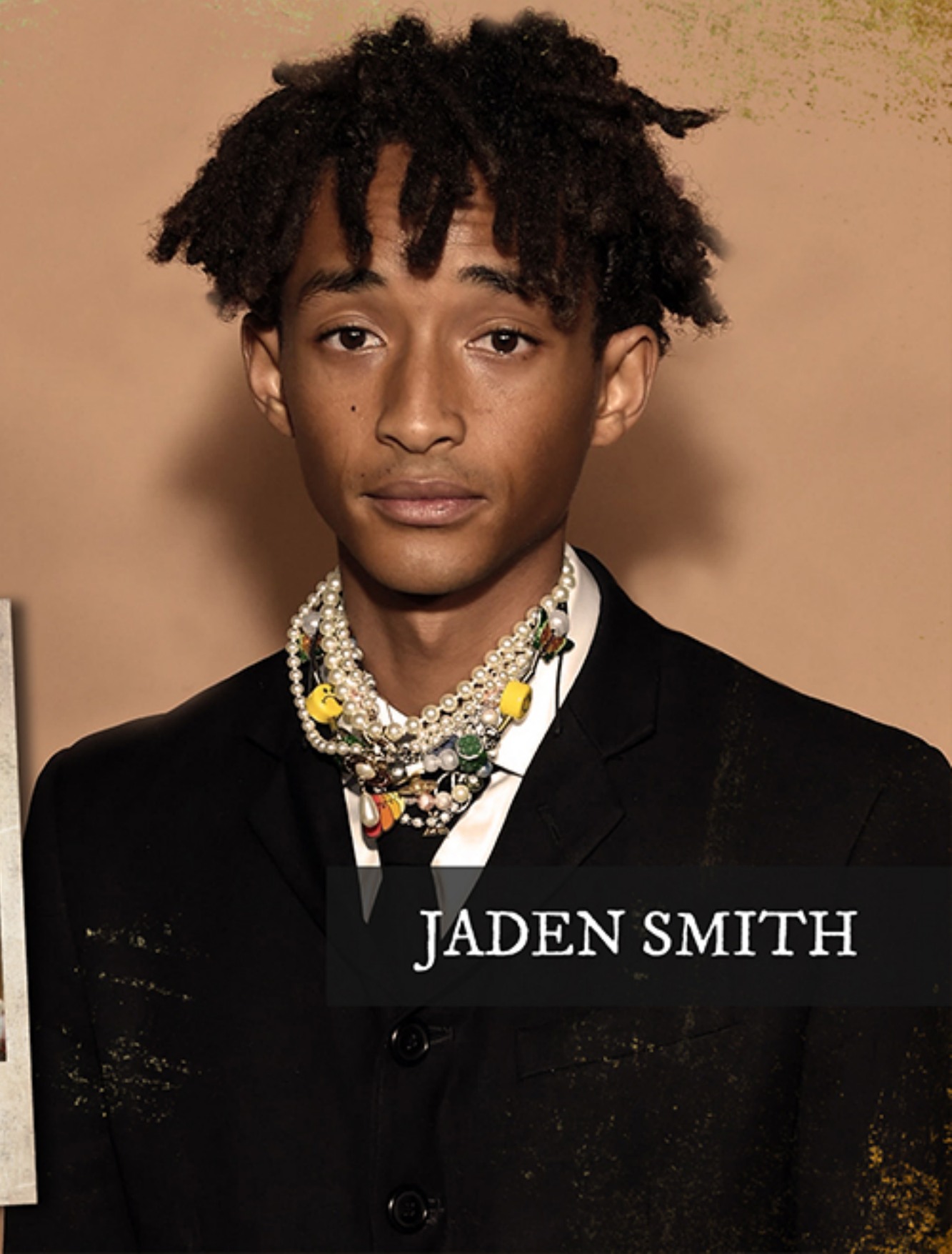
ALTERNATE CASTING



DC Young
Fly

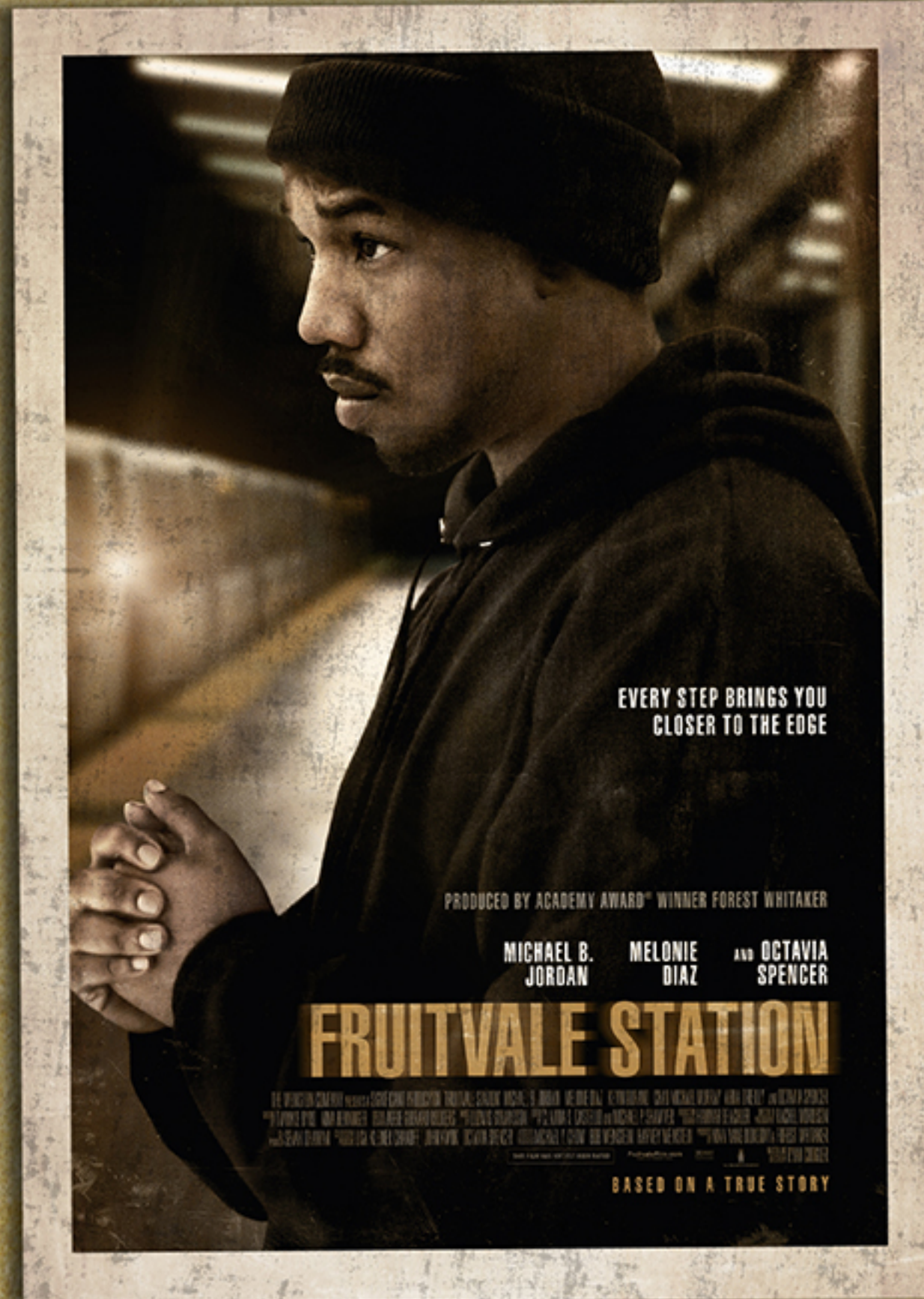


Tyler James
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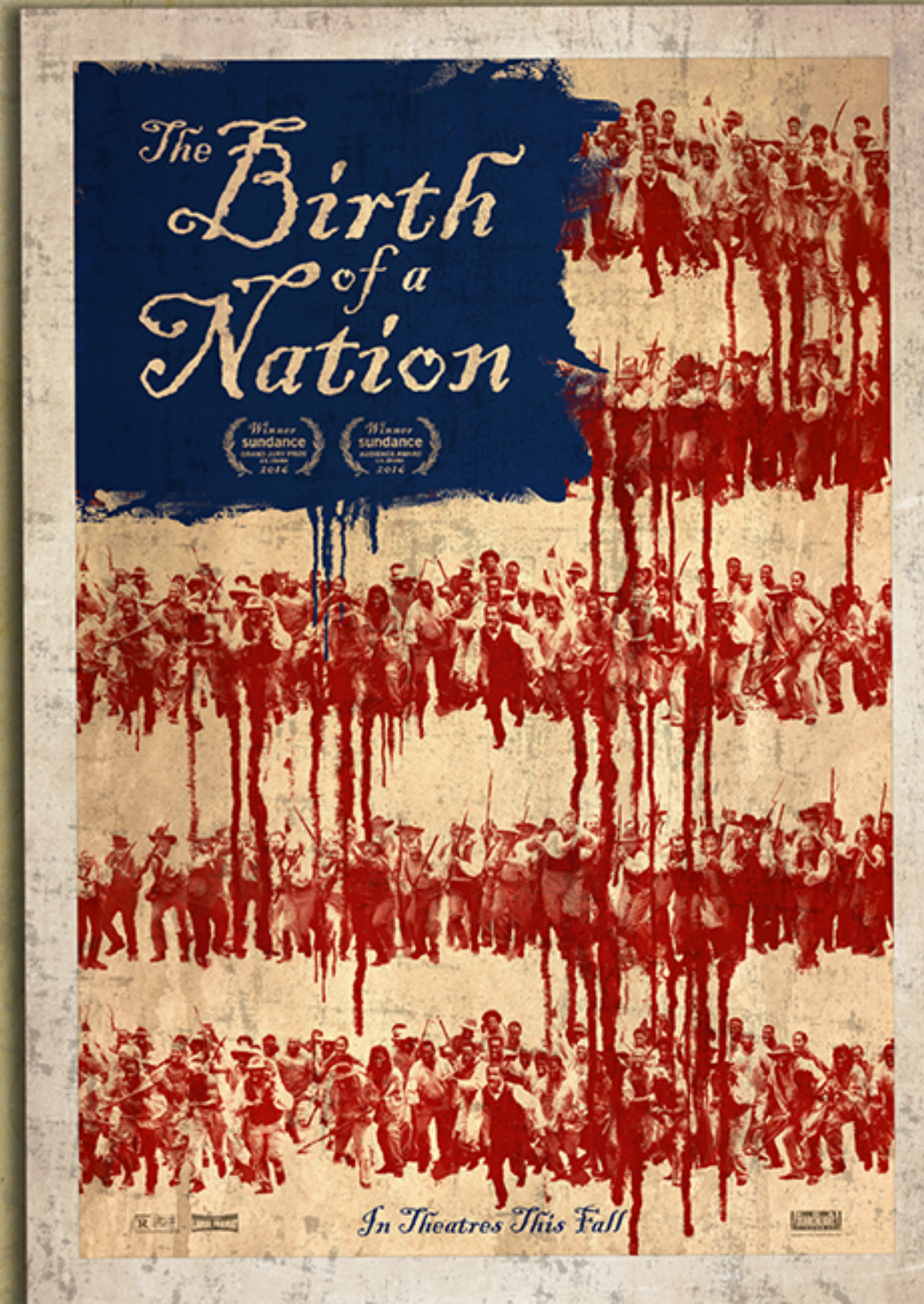


JADEN SMITH

A Tenth of Mercy will remind you of...



- Black voices
- Racial tension
- Indie movie, first time director
- Budget- 900K
- Box office- 17.4 Million



- Black voices
- Racial tension
- First time director
- Historical drama
- Budget- 8.5 Million
- Box office- 16.8 Million



- Black voices
- Racial tension
- Historical drama
- Overcoming odds
- Budget- 17 Million
- Box office- 90 Million

DIRECTOR'S VISION

Visually, we will transport our audience into the world our characters inhabit. We want our audience to feel the grit in their teeth and the sweat on their brow as our characters travel the dusty roads and work under the blazing sun.



PRODUCTION DETAILS

Budget

Above The Line Total	\$1,671,663
Below The Line Total	\$3,581,513
Post Production Total	\$953,138
Grand Total	\$7,488,091

Proposed Production Schedule

Prep: 6 weeks / Shoot: 5 weeks / Post: 15 weeks

Projected Presale Numbers

Area	High	Medium	Low
N. America	\$2,425,000	\$1,300,000	\$650,000
Rest of World	\$3,710,000	\$1,798,000	\$926,000
Total	\$6,135,000	\$3,098,000	\$1,576,000

The above numbers are projected pre-sales numbers contingent on one or more of the following people attached to the film:
Mary J. Blige, Queen Latifah, Alfre Woodard, Giancarlo Esposito, Snoop Dogg, Ice-T, Robert Redford, Michael Keaton, Billy Bob Thornton, Jaden Smith.



TEAM

FRANCO SAMA - Executive Producer

Franco is a member of The Producer's Guild of America (PGA), and has nearly two decades of independent film development, production and financing experience. He has Executive Produced and/or produced over twenty successful independent feature films including "Guns, Girls and Gambling" starring Gary Oldman, Christian Slater and Dane Cook which has acquired a distribution deal from Universal Home Entertainment. Other films Sama has produced include; "Black Limousine" starring David Arquette and Vivica Fox, "Tooth and Nail" starring Michael Madsen and Vinnie Jones, and "Paid" starring Corbin Bernsen. Sama also served as Executive Producer on "Petunia" starring Thora Birch, Brittany Snow and Academy Award winner Christine Lahti.

ROB KERR - Writer/Director

Rob has over twenty years of experience in television, and over a decade as a director with two regional Emmy Awards to his credit. In 2016 he directed a music video for the rock band Vera Zero that won first place in seven international film festivals. In 2020 Rob wrote, produced and directed an animated cartoon pilot called The Wonderful Breakthrough of Adira Clementine. The cartoon was picked up by Johnny Depp's production company, Infinitum Nihil, who came aboard as executive producers.

SCOTT BEDNO Distribution and Sales Expert

Sales estimates provided by Scott Bedno, a 25-year veteran of the international film business. Mr. Bedno has held executive positions in leading sales and production companies, focused on international sales of finished product, providing sales estimates for presale valuation, and valuing film libraries and catalogues. Mr. Bedno has cross-functional expertise in film acquisition, marketing, and production.

MICHELLE LEWITT Casting Consultant

Michelle has been casting since 1999. She was mentored by casting legends Jane Jenkins and Janet Hirshenson, working along side them for almost 10 years. She was named one of Backstage Magazine's "Tomorrow's Power Casting Directors" in 2012. Her knack for casting potential movie stars before they become "stars" became one of her signature talents and has filmmakers implicitly trusting her casting instincts and taste.

TRACY WELLS Attorney

Tracy is a transactional and litigation attorney whose practice focuses on intellectual property, entertainment, and business matters. She is highly experienced in handling production, financing and litigation matters for film production companies.



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