

# **Patriot Pictures**

Presents

# ALMOST POPULAR

Director: Nayip Anthony Garcia (f/k/a Nayip Ramos)

Starring:

Ruby Rose Turner, Reid Miller, Isabella Ferreira

USA / 2025 / 95 minutes

PRESS NOTES

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#### Logline

Susie and Bobbie, high school juniors, go on a quest to fulfill their dream to become part of the elite POP Girls who rule the school. After a series of unfortunate and humiliating attempts, they learn what's really important.

#### Overview

Title: Almost Popular

Genres: Comedy, Drama, Teen, Coming-of-age

Running Time: 95 minutes Year produced: 2024

Year released: Planning 2025

Location: Los Angeles, California, USA

Language: English Aspect Ratio: 1:78

Shooting Format: Digital, HD, Arri Alexa LF

Exhibition Format: DCP

Sound: Stereo

#### Links:

patriotpictures.com AlmostPopularMovie.com

#### **Synopsis**

Susie Quinn and Bobbie Roberts have been best friends ever since they can remember - and ever since they can remember, they've wanted to be popular at school. As juniors at Clovis Central High, they simply cannot bear another year of boredom and blahdom. They are bound and determined to transform from invisible geeks to confident goats at school. Periodt. (and no, that "t" is not a typo, it's Periodt.)

Taking matters into their own hands, they pursue the road to popularity - social media fame, designer clothes, new looks, new walks, new slang, and new sass - only to experience high profile fails time after time. They are humiliated in front of the trend-setting "it" kids known as the Pop Girls, who Susie and Bobbie both admire and fear, especially the head "CP" (center-position) of the Pop Girls, Vicki Reinhart.

On their journey, attempts will backfire, loyalties will shift, and Susie and Bobbie will stumble and crash their way into the public eye - for better or for worse.

Fast-paced, funny, and relatable, ALMOST POPULAR will entertain teens and adults alike, reminding us of the cringe-worthy moments in life and of the triumphant ability to push through those moments when surrounded by those we love.

Playful, heartfelt, and sharp-witted, ALMOST POPULAR perfectly captures the high school coming-of-age experience with humor and authenticity. Featuring a diverse cast of rising young stars and a nostalgic charm that also resonates with older audiences, the film balances comedy with meaningful themes of friendship, self-discovery, and staying true to oneself.

ALMOST POPULAR had a successful film festival run, premiering to a sold out 500 seats at the historic Chinese Theatre in Hollywood at Dances with Films, and winning the Best Writer Award at LA Femme International Film Festival, and the Audience Award for Best Narrative Feature Film at the Gasparilla International Film Festival. Almost Popular received the ReFrame Stamp for Gender-Balanced Production (led by the Sundance Institute and Women in Film LA).





#### Director Statement

As a young child, my best friends were the ones on the tv screen. I grew up on comedies and films that helped me escape a difficult childhood. The characters in this story were my classmates, best friends, crushes, and my make-believe family. They taught me about life.

I went on treasure hunts with the Goonies, beat the system with Ferris Bueller, and learned to love and forgive with The Breakfast Club.

I've always loved over-the-top comedies that were geared for kids but still funny enough for adults. When I read Almost Popular, it took me back to those childhood days where my carefree inner child could kick back and thoroughly enjoy moments of pure comedy imitating life in an unforgettable way.

- Nayip Anthony Garcia (f/k/a Nayip Ramos)







Ruby Rose Turner plays Susie Quinn in "ALMOST POPULAR", a funny and insecure high school kid, tired of feeling invisible. She hatches a plan to show everyone how cool she is beneath her shy exterior. It's her only hope if she wants to rule the school.

Ruby Rose Turner can currently be seen in the Disney+ feature DESCENDANTS: THE RISE OF RED. The film became the most viewed movie premiere on Disney+ with 6.7 million views in its first three days. Ruby's hit song from the soundtrack, LIFE IS SWEETER, has become a viral sensation with over 24 million views on YouTube. Also coming up, she will be seen in the starring role of Susie in Patriot Pictures' feature teen comedy, ALMOST POPULAR, directed by Nayip Ramos. Previously she starred as the title character Cami in Disney Channel's family sitcom COOP & CAMI ASK THE WORLD. Her credits also include numerous national and international television commercials, a guest star role on ABC's BLACK-ISH, and the recurring role of Joey Gladstone's oldest daughter Phyllis on FULLER HOUSE. A talented singer and dancer, Turner began her professional career at the age of seven on Univision's longest running hit TV show SABADO GIGANTE. Prior to her first break, she danced competitively for four years and won several National Champion Award titles. A tour de force of creativity and talent, Turner enjoys sharing her love for music, dance, fashion and crafting with her social media fan base of over six million followers!

IMDb:

www.imdb.com/name/nm7240111/

1.9 Million Instagram followers instagram.com/rubyroseturner

4.2 Million Tiktok followers tiktok.com/@rubyroseturner





#### Reid Miller

Reid Miller plays Bobbie in "ALMOST POPULAR", Susie's best friend. He is more confident in himself but much more uncool than his counterpart. Intelligent and geeky, Bobbie is looked down on by the school for his personality and style. He is a member of the LGBTQ+ community but not out to anyone.

In 2023, Reid Miller starred in the premiere of the FOX anthology series, ACCUSED. Also in 2023, he will star as the title role in the independent coming-of-age indie film, FEELING RANDY, and the action thriller by Lionsgate, THE BELLKEEPER.

Reid is best known for his moving portrayal of 'Jadin Bell' in the film JOE BELL. Reid stars opposite Mark Wahlberg. The film premiered at 2020's Toronto International Film Festival and Reid quickly received recognition from all major platforms and critics. From the Academy-Award winning writing team behind Brokeback Mountain, JOE BELL tells the story of a 15-year old gay high schooler, Jadin Bell (Miller) and his father, Joe Bell (Wahlberg) who sets out on a walk across America in honor of his son. His mother, Lola Bell, is portrayed by Connie Britton and younger brother, Joseph Bell, is portrayed by Maxwell Jenkins.

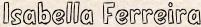
In 2022, Reid had a major role in the Netflix comedic series, BOO BITCH where he portrays the hilarious character 'Brad' who is the leader of ghost-hunting crew, "The Afterlifers." Other notable TV credits include the hit series, YOU (Netflix). Additional Guest TV appearances include: THE FOSTERS (FREEFORM), CRIMINAL MINDS (CBS), and TRAINING DAY (CBS). Additional film credits include lead roles in F.R.E.D.I. (Netflix), SANTA JAWS (SyFy), and WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE.

#### IMDb:

www.imdb.com/name/nm6366586/

58.5k Instagram followers instagram.com/therealreidmiller





Isabella Ferreira plays Renee Lalita in "ALMOST POPULAR". Renee is a part of the popular clique the "Pop Girls." While initially appearing ditzy and prideful, she proves she is actually quite brilliant and selfless. The polar opposite of Susie in many ways, Renee begins questioning her past choices and the things she lost to garner popularity.

Isabella Ferreira has become a talent to watch in Hollywood. Most recently, Isabella Ferreira took center stage in the film INCOMING on Netflix, alongside Mason Thames, under the direction of John and Dave Chernin. It was in the Top 10 on Netflix in 88 countries in 2024. She is in the upcoming teen comedy ALMOST POPULAR directed by Nayip Ramos. Isabella embarked on her artistic journey at age 5, igniting a lifelong passion for the arts. Her love affair with the stage began with dance, but a serendipitous opportunity to perform in THE NUTCRACKER ignited her deep-seated passion for acting. From that moment, Isabella devoted herself to rigorous training in dance, singing, and acting. At her young age, she has graced the small and big screen on significant projects. Notably, she was a series regular on Hulu's beloved series, LOVE, VICTOR leaving an indelible mark on audiences with her talent and charisma. Her star continued to rise as she took on one of the lead roles in the American High film for Hulu, CRUSH. Beyond these accomplishments, Isabella's portfolio boasts a rich array of credits, including Jenji Kohan's series, SOCIAL DISTANCE on Netflix, and a substantial recurring role on the iconic ORANGE IS THE NEW BLACK series, also on Netflix.

IMDb:

imdb.com/name/nm8534591

477k Instagram followers instagram.com/theisabellaferreira





# Ellodee Carpenter

Ellodee Carpenter plays Vicki Reinhard in "ALMOST POPULAR", the leader of the "Pop Girls." She is the classic embodiment of a popular mean girl. She is a beautiful and polarizing queen bee and the envy of every kid in school. Vicki can manipulate anyone, old or young, to her benefit.

Ellodee Carpenter landed her first movie role at age 6, spotted in the waiting room during her sister's audition. After graduating high school (Global Business and Finance Program), she began modeling, honing comedy skills at The Groundlings Theater & School, and collaborating with AFI. She has worked on numerous projects, including Apple TV's "ROAR" and Hulu's "HOW I MET YOUR FATHER", and HBO MAX's "GRAY MATTER". Off set Ellodee enjoys horseback riding, snowboarding, beach lounging - and any artistic endeavor.

IMDb:

www.imdb.com/name/nm1671120/

11k Instagram followers instagram.com/ellodeecarpenter



# Arden Myrin

Arden Myrin plays Terri Reinhard in "ALMOST POPULAR", mom to Vicki, the head popular girl. Trying too hard to be young again, she almost looks comical, wearing schlocky makeup and extensions. She has narcissistic or even sociopathic tendencies, looking out only for herself.

Arden Myrin has been acting for many years, with over 100 film credits. She is most known for her roles on television, such as NBC's WORKING, Showtime's SHAMELESS, and Netflix's INSATIABLE, and award-winning Amazon Prime's THE MARVELOUS MRS. MAISEL.

IMDb:

imdb.com/name/nm0617141/

127k Instagram followers instagram.com/ardenmyrin/



# Kathleen Rose Perkins as Mrs. Quimm

### Kathleen Rose Perkins

Kathleen Rose Perkins plays Mrs. Quinn in "ALMOST POPULAR", Susie's mom. She is supportive and hip, always supporting her daughter's endeavors. However, beneath her sweet midwestern demeanor, she is hiding some secrets.

Kathleen Rose Perkins has been acting almost all her life, starting in high school drama club and now having amassed over seventy acting credits. She has an abundance of supporting roles in popular TV shows such as Netflix's I AM NOT OKAY WITH THIS, Fox's TIL' DEATH, USA'S COLONY, and BBC's EPISODES. She has also been in films like THE SKELETON TWINS and THE ISLAND. She has appeared as a guest star in award-winning shows, some of which include AMC's GREYS ANATOMY and FX's AMERICAN HORROR STORY.

IMDb:

imdb.com/name/nm1137659/

Instagram

instagram.com/kathleenroseperkins





# Elijah M. Cooper

Elijah M. Cooper plays Dave Simon in "ALMOST POPULAR", a caring, slightly clueless quarterback. Despite his taken status (dating Jasmine), he has a crush on one of the Pop Girls.

Elijah M. Cooper is an award-winning actor with acting experience across multiple genres. He is currently a series regular on Nickelodeon's "THAT GIRL LAY LAY" in the role of everyone's favorite friend, Cobo.

He has also entertained television and movie audiences as Brody in Netflix's "DAD STOP EMBARRASSING ME" and Leroy in A MILLION EYES. He has also had a series of guest-star appearances on beloved TV shows, including NBC's "CHICAGO PD", ABC's "THE ROOKIE", and CBS's EVIL. Elijah's credits earned him individual awards at the New Renaissance Film Festival and the UK's Gold Movie Awards as well as an ensemble nomination from The Kids' Choice Awards. When not on set, you can find Elijah at the golf course or in the boxing ring.

He is currently a series regular on Disney's "GOOSEBUMPS" and on Nickelodeon's "THAT GIRL LAY LAY" in the role of everyone's favorite friend, Cobo.

#### IMDb:

imdb.com/name/nm9664223/

#### Instagram

instagram.com/realelijahmcooper





# Avi Angel

Avi Angel plays Alan Nalan in "ALMOST POPULAR", a teen who simultaneously balances both being geeky and popular and holding the IT boy title. He falls for Susie.

Avi Angel has perused music, acting, and dance, being a true triple threat. His acting credits include guest star appearances on Fox's "ANDY MICK" and ITV's "CROSSROADS". Outside of acting, Avi Mack has signed a record deal with SONY MUSIC through the Jam Jr platform, which received over a million streams in the first week post-release. A passionate and committed actor, he is certain to make a splash in the industry going forward.

IMDb:

imdb.com/name/nm9606897/

**422k** Instagram followers instagram.com/avisamuelangel

750k TikTok followers tiktok.com/@aviangel14



### Victoria "Tori" Caro

Victoria Caro plays Ginger Martin in "ALMOST POPULAR", a member of the "Pop Girls". Unlike Renee, Ginger is truly a ditz. She is non-confrontational and goes with the flow. Ginger is always ready to do whatever Vicki asks of her.

Victoria "Tori" Caro is a multi-talented actress and award-winning dance/movement choreographer. She is known for her work as a choreographer in films like "THE KISSING BOOTH", "RIVERDALE", and Netflix's "IVY + BEAN". As an actor, she is seen on "THE SEX LIVES OF COLLEGE GIRLS" and the teen comedy feature film "ALMOST POPULAR". She also has worked simultaneous roles as actor, choreographer, and dancer on popular shows such as HBO MAX's "THE LAST OF US" and Netflix's "JULIE AND THE PHANTOMS".



IMDb:

imdb.com/name/nm8521364/

168k Instagram followers instagram.com/toricaro

109k TikTok followers tiktok.com/@toricaro





### Sharlize True

Sharlize True plays Becca Barlow in "ALMOST POPULAR".

Becca dreams of becoming a "Pop Girl." She is ambitious, and despite her reserved nature, she is not silent about her goals. There can only be three in the popular clique, so she must find a way to replace a member if she wants to join the group.

Sharlize True amassed fame on TikTok with over three million followers and a quarter billion likes. Her social media success jumpstarted her career, and she began to transition into the acting and fashion world. She has worked on two TV shows, Brat's "BOSS CHEER" and Pocket Shock's "POCKET SHOCK," with six upcoming projects in the works. Outside of the film industry, she has worked with fashion companies, including YVES SAINT LAURENT, TRUEWRLD and TILLYS.

IMDb: imdb.com/name/nm10244195/

268k Instagram followers instagram.com/sharlizetrue\_

3 Million TikTok followers: tiktok.com/@sharlizetrue\_





### Sir Cornwell

Sir Cornwell plays Anthony Scott in "ALMOST POPULAR", Dave's best friend. He is a handsome and charming football player. But he is hiding some secrets.

Sir Cornwell is most known for his work in the television series Brat's "CHICKEN GIRLS" and "HAOLE".

IMDb:

imdb.com/name/nm11180934/

11k Instagram followers instagram.com/sircornwell





#### Tahani Anderson

Tahani Anderson plays Jasmine Silva in "ALMOST POPULAR". She is bold, confident, and a bit of a control freak. She was a former Pop Girl. She is dating the quarterback, Dave.

Tahani Anderson is a young talented actor, dancer, and college business major, based in Los Angeles. She will next be seen in a supporting role in independent feature ALMOST POPULAR, directed by Nayip Ramos - opposite Ruby Rose Turner, Isabella Ferreira and Reid Miller. She is most widely recognized for placing in Top 5 on the hit live television show SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE and was also the lead role in an Amazon Prime movie as herself titled, WINTER DISCO.

Tahani has worked commercially since the age of 12 when she scored herself a national Target Commercial as a lead, and recently just shot a Walmart National Commercial as a lead as well (Summer of 2023). She can currently be seen in Amazon feature film STEP ASIDE as the lead role of "Tala". Plus, she was featured in a YouTube series as the host/face of one of the biggest Toy companies "LoL Surprise" around from 2017 - 2021, and she starred in a series with BRAT TV, as supporting lead role "Delia" in STAGE FRIGHT (2020).

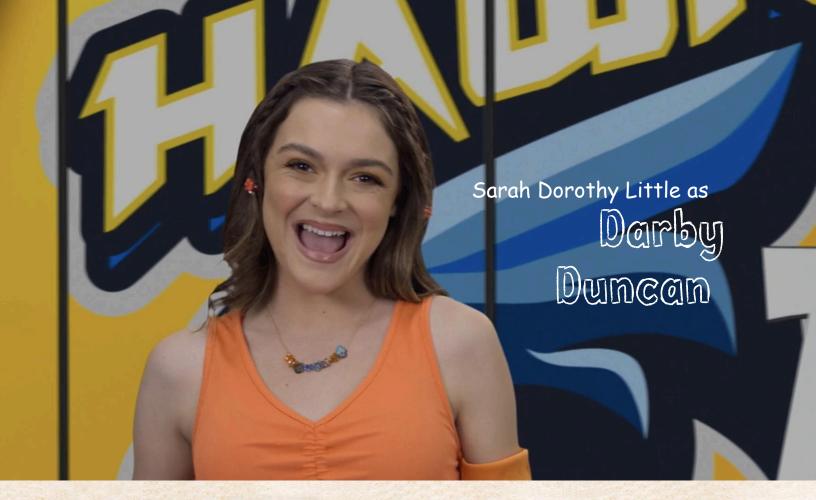
Tahani has featured in music videos and live performances for artists including Mariah Carey, Justin Bieber, Usher, Chris Brown, Gucci Mane, Meghan Trainor, and Janet Jackson. As a result, she has garnered a social media audience of over 1.3M followers across TikTok, Instagram, and YouTube, where she has worked with brands such as Nike, Reebok, Netflix, and more. With her many accomplishments, Tahani is excited to continue pursuing opportunities and auditions in acting, dance, and beyond this year.

IMDb:

imdb.com/name/nm7743758/

**368k** Instagram followers: instagram.com/tahaniariel

962k TikTok followers: tiktok.com/@tahaniariel





# Sarah Dorothy Little

Sarah Dorothy Little plays Darby Duncan in ALMOST POPULAR, a sassy student who runs the news station and the social media channels of Clovis High School. She holds the power to make or break anyone, and everyone knows it.

Sarah Dorothy Little is an actress that appears in a number of movies and television series, including starring as Clover on the Brat Channel Series CHARMERS, Guest Starring on Disney's ROMAN TO THE RESCUE, Starring as Melody Ward in feature film THE GIRL ON THE MOUNTAIN, Guest Starring on Brat's CHICKEN GIRLS, and Supporting as Darby in the upcoming teen comedy ALMOST POPULAR.

Beyond acting, Sarah is also the Co-Creator and Co-Host of the talk show GIRL TALK, a YouTube-based teen talk show with over 258K subscribers in under a year, attracting collaborations with brands. Sarah boasts a massive social media following, with over 1 million subscribers on TikTok and a half million on Instagram. Her content has made her a favorite across these platforms.

IMDb:

imdb.com/name/nm11100658/

**513k** Instagram followers instagram.com/sarahdorothylittle

1.1 Million TikTok followers tiktok.com/@sarahdorothylittle





### Allison Ye

Allison Ye plays Dee Dee Boomsky in "ALMOST POPULAR", a quirky and fun teen committed to doing what she can to protect the environment. She is not a part of the popular crowd, but is well aware of their status and sway.

Allison Ye is a talented actress known for her recent role in the HBO Max film, "Gray Matter." She showcased her incredible skills as she took on the lead role in the film "Inheritors." With a versatile talent, Allison not only captivates audiences with her acting prowess but also mesmerizes them with her musical abilities. Fluent in both Mandarin and Tagalog, she adds a unique cultural dimension to her performances. As a skilled acoustic guitarist and a remarkable singer, Allison's musical talents further enhance her artistic repertoire.

IMDb:

imdb.com/name/nm12378183/

Instagram
instagram.com/imallisonye/





# Connor Finnerty

Connor Finnerty plays Logan Ralph in "ALMOST POPULAR". Logan would do anything to get Vicki to notice him. He wants to make her happy and is desperate to do so.

Connor Finnerty is an actor, dancer, singer, and social media influencer. He has collaborated with Paula Abdul, Janet Jackson, Lele Pons, Matt Steffanina and many more. He has amassed 1.2 million followers across all platforms and is currently a member of the boy band "Pop Money" signed to Nick Cannon and Republic Records.

As an actor and award-winning dancer, Connor has appeared in shows such as Colin in Black and White and Family Switch on Netflix, Life in Pieces, Crazy Ex-Girlfriend, Miracle Across 125th St., and Henry Danger. He has worked with Skechers and Meghan Trainor, Greatest Showman with Zac Efron, Zendaya and Hugh Jackman and in music videos with Michael Bublé and Taboo of the Black-Eyed Peas.

IMDb: imdb.com/name/nm8047213/

412k Instagram followers instagram.com/connorfinnerty\_

623k TikTok followers tiktok.com/@connorfinnerty\_





# Owen Morgan

Owen Morgan plays Swanno Betts in "ALMOST POPULAR", a nerdy kid, but he is also the go-to drug dealer at the school.

Owen Morgan is a talented actor best known for his role in the hit series COBRA KAI. A real life skilled martial artist holding a black belt in Karate, Owen's passion for both acting and martial arts shines through in his performances. His journey into acting was the result of working as an extra on the set of Cobra Kai before being offered a chance to audition and subsequently landing the role of Bert.

Currently studying film in College, Owen is dedicated to honing his craft and expanding his knowledge of the industry. Own is set to appear in the upcoming film ALMOST POPULAR, a coming of age high school story.

IMDb:

imdb.com/name/nm9542138/

107k Instagram followers instagram.com/ow3nmOrgan





# Brooklyn Queen

Brooklyn Queen plays Destiny Rogers in "ALMOST POPULAR", a rising TikTok star at the high school.

Despite the name, Brooklyn Queen is a Detroit native whose rap career skyrocketed to fame after debut hit "KeKe Taught Me" in 2017 with over 65 million total views. As the flagship artist for Detroit-based label BMB Records Brooklyn headlined her own tour with Live Nation, selling out venues across the country at the age of 13.

As a strong advocate for anti-bullying and teen mental health awareness, Brooklyn Queen was the face of No Bullying campaign for DJ Demp week in 2019, and recently spoke as a mental health awareness panelist on The Shade Room Teens, reiterating her well-received song, "No Destination" that directly relates to the epidemic. Brooklyn Queen was the recipient of the UniverSoul Circus first ever Rising Star Award.

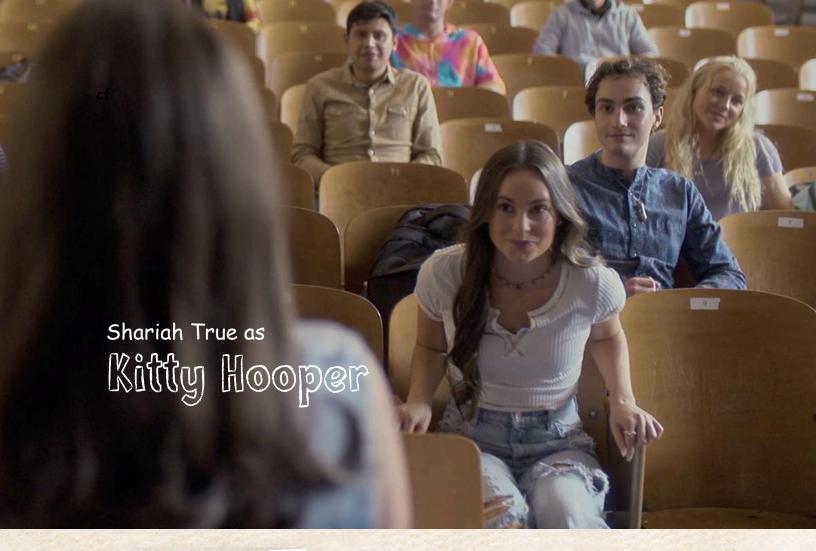
She has since continued her journey as a rapper and social media influencer, having amassed over 4 million views on a recently viral song "Receipts". The Recording Academy recognized her accolades, and she was named the 2023 "Face of Gen Z". After recently becoming the first artist on Lobel Music Group's roster in partnership with BMB Records, Brooklyn Queen continues to soar, cementing her place in the world of hip-hop.

IMDb:

imdb.com/name/nm10167572/

1.8 Million Instagram followers: instagram.com/brooklynqueen03

7.5 Million TikTok followers: tiktok.com/@brooklynqueen3





### Shariah True

Shariah True plays Kitty Hooper in "ALMOST POPULAR", a drama student at the high school.

Captivating millions of followers by her talents, Shariah is an NFL cheerleader, dancer, actress, model, motivator, and CEO of her clothing line @Truewrld\_. You may recognize Shariah dancing with Paula Abdul, Jack in the Box, Samsung, Disney... Launched in July 2021, Shariahs' fashion line is on its' fourth drop as official in-store partners nationwide with TILLYS. 2022 introduces Shariah in her acting debut as 'Georgia Anne' in the original musical "Something Here". Trues' style, creativity and passion drives her goals to the limit as an unstoppable entrepreneur in leading the younger generation to follow their dreams.

IMDb:

imdb.com/name/nm9261591/

161k Instagram followers: instagram.com/shariahtrue

2,6 Million TikTok followers: tiktok.com/@shariahtrue





### Evanthia Theodorow

Evanthia Theodorou plays Nancy in "ALMOST POPULAR", a newsroom assistant at the high school.

Evanthia Theodorou's artistic journey has been a whirlwind of passion and determination. Her breakthrough on TikTok, amassing over 700,000 followers, serves as a testament to her magnetic presence and undeniable talent. Her passion for the spotlight ignited at a young age, leading her to pursue opportunities in acting and singing, which she seamlessly combines in her career.

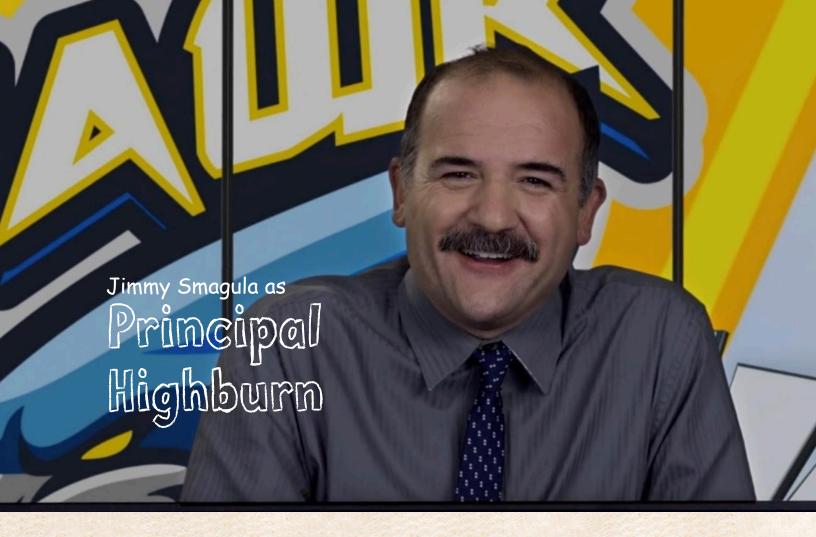
Evanthia's versatility as an artist shines through in her upcoming roles in feature film KILLER FASHION and teen comedy feature film ALMOST POPULAR, showcasing her on-screen charisma. Her debut singles, "The Deep End" and "Last Call," released in 2023, blend contemporary pop with heartfelt singer-songwriter country vibes. With her ability to inhabit characters and deliver compelling performances, she is poised to leave a lasting impression on all audiences.

IMDb:

imdb.com/name/nm9782875/

93k Instagram followers: instagram.com/evanthia\_theodorou

694k TikTok followers: tiktok.com/@evanthia\_theodorou



# Jimmy Smagula

Jimmy Smagula plays Principal Highburn in "ALMOST POPULAR", a clueless gentleman who runs the high school.

Jimmy Smagula has had success both on the screen and the stage. At age 24, he had his Broadway debut in THE FULL MONTY, where he performed the show over 50 times. Since then, he has guest-starred on popular shows, including TNT's RIZZOLI AND ISLE, NBC's COMMUNITY, Showtime's BLACK MONDAY, and FX's BETTER THINGS. His most recent project was DC's DOOM PATROL.

IMDb:

imdb.com/name/nm1123364/

Instagram:

instagram.com/jimmysmagula/



### Duane Donroni

Tyshon Lawrence plays Duane Donroni, TikTok specialist.

Tyshon Lawrence is a social media influencer, model, and comedy content creator. He finds joy in curating a digital community that is both positive and on trend.

Tyshon Lawrence has earned 19 Million followers on TikTok and 1 Million on Instagram.

Youtube: youtube.com/c/TyshonLawrence 1 Million Instagram followers: instagram.com/tyshonlawrence/

19 Million TikTok followers: tiktok.com/@tyshonlawrence





# Wayip (Director)

Nayip Anthony Garcia (f/k/a Nayip Ramos) is a Puerto Rican, Los Angeles based director known for his eye catching visually creative concepts, millennial approved music videos, and consistent career launching results.

Unearthing talent in young adults and introducing them to the world through uniquely personalized visuals has led Nayip to launch the careers of Johnny Orlando, Mackenzie Ziegler, Jordyn Jones, Forever in Your Mind, the Brooklyn and Bailey Twins, Carson Leuders, Kylie Cantrall, Ruby Rose Turner, and countless more.

Nayip has also partnered with some of today's top artists including Tim McGraw, Camilla Cabello, Sofia Carson, Jordan Fisher, Alessia Cara, and Kelsea Ballerini.

Nayip's keen knowledge of youth culture's beating pulse provided a natural transition to scripted youth based content. Nayip directed children's streaming shows: season three of Chicken Girls and season one of Baby Doll Records. His short film Allen garnered attention from Lions Gate and Blackpills.

Nayip is now focusing his career on feature films and television. "Almost Popular" is his debut.



nayipramos.com imdb.com/name/nm3466436 instagram.com/nayipramos

# Pamela Duffy-Little (Writer)

Pamela Duffy-Little has been a writer for 25 years, starting her own marketing agency and selling it last year. She is also the mother of three children, including one teenage daughter who unintentionally inspired Nice Girls, Not (the original name for Almost Popular).

Over Covid, Pam watched her daughter and her friends interact --- interactions that would normally happen at school. She was able to see firsthand the trials and tribulations of high school teenagers, the angst and the humor, to tell the story of two kids battling for popularity among their peers. Pam also co-created and executive produced the streaming talk show, Girl Talk. Pam has nearly 10 other TV and feature film projects in various stages of development and founded Kalusa Entertainment.



imdb.com/name/nm14996024 instagram.com/littlemamaduffy

### Elemi Rivera (Writer)

Eleni Rivera is a Puerto Rican writer and director. Being mentored by talented creators, including Maggie Kiley (Dirty John) and Michael Dowse (Stuber), she continued her craft as a writer and director resulting in her award-winning short film, The Gazer.

The short film found distribution through Gunpowder and Sky's streaming platform, DUST. Additionally, her pilot Bosque was recognized in the 2021 The Bloodlist.

At the top of 2023, she was accepted into Ryan Murphy's Half Initiative Director's program. She most recently landed a narrative designer position at Blizzard Entertainment working on the horror RPG, Diablo IV. She's passionate about elevating narrative stories that resonate with a wide audience, while grounding them with heart.



elenirivera.com imdb.com/name/nm6116063 instagram.com/elenirivera

#### Patriot Pictures

#### Producer Michael Mendelsohn, Executive Producer Natalie Perrotta



Michael Mendelsohn and the Patriot Pictures team have released successful films including GOD IS A BULLET (2023) by Nick Cassavetes and starring Jamie Foxx, Maika Monroe and Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, HOW THE GRINGO STOLE CHRISTMAS (2023) starring George Lopez and was #1 on Starz and in the Top 10 on itunes, BLACKOUT (2022) starring Josh Duhamel and was on Netflix's Top 10 Worldwide Most Watched List for three weeks, SYNCHRONIC (2020) starring Anthony Mackie and Jamie Dornan and premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival, CUT THROAT CITY (2020) directed by Wu Tang Clan's RZA and starring Terrence Howard, Westley Snipes, Kat Graham, and Ethan Hawke to premiere at South by Southwest, RUNNING WITH THE DEVIL (2019) by Navy SEAL Jason Cabell and starring Nicolas Cage and Laurence Fishburne, ZEROVILLE (2019) starring James Franco, Megan Fox, Seth Rogan, Will Ferrell, Joey King, Jacki Weaver, Craig Robinson, Danny McBride, I AM MICHAEL (2015) starring James Franco, Zachary Quinto, Emma Roberts and Executive Produced by Gus Van Sant, which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival, HANGMAN (2017) starring Al Pacino and Brittany Snow, and I AM WRATH (2016) starring John Travolta. Upcoming releases include James McAvoy's directorial debut CALIFORNIA SCHEMIN, teen comedy ALMOST POPULAR starring Ruby Rose Turner, and DREAMQUIL starring Elizabeth Banks.

During his career, Mr. Mendelsohn has structured and placed over \$1.8 billion in senior debt for such banks as, BNP Paribas (media and entertainment) [10 Years], Union Bank of California (entertainment) [5 Years] and JP Morgan and Comerica (sports), and arranged production financing or foreign distribution and co-production deals for such entertainment companies Lakeshore Entertainment (Paramount), Beacon Communications (Universal Pictures), Icon Productions (Paramount), and Franchise Pictures (Warner Bros.).



Mr. Mendelsohn has arranged production financing for over 258 films, such as "Lord of War" released by Lions Gate Films, written and directed by Andrew Niccol and starring Nicolas Cage and Ethan Hawke and "Material Girls" released by MGM, starring Hilary and Haylie Duff and Anjelica Huston, directed by Martha Coolidge, Beacon Pictures and Wolfgang Peterson's "Air Force One" starring Harrison Ford, Lakeshore Entertainment produced "The Mothman Prophecies" starring Richard Gere, Wachowski Sisters' "The Matrix"; Icon Pictures produced "What Women Want" starring Mel Gibson and Helen Hunt, "The Gift" starring Cate Blanchett and Keanu Reeves, "Arlington Road" starring Tim Robbins and Jeff Bridges, Samuel Goldwyn Jr.'s "Madness of King George" (4 Academy Award Nominations), and Quentin Tarantino's "Reservoir Dogs."

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### Grace Santos

#### (Producer, p.g.a.)

Grace Santos is a Filipino-American executive producer and producer. Television series in development include "Lost Ghosts" and "The Coolest Labels", both series were in the Top 5 in the 2025 National Association of Television Program Executives Pitch Showcase. Upcoming films include teen comedy "Almost Popular" starring Ruby Rose Turner to be released in 2025 and "Girls Who Clique" with the Boylan Sisters in pre-production. Her past producing credits include the comedy "How the Gringo Stole Christmas" starring George Lopez, and award-winning productions at Oscar qualifying film festivals such as "Silk" by Catherine Dent ("The Shield") starring Oscar Nominee and Emmy Winner Shohreh Aghdashloo, and "Election Night" by Tessa Blake ("NCIS") starring Peri Gilpin ("Frasier").

Grace Santos has worked as a Hollywood Executive for the past twelve years at companies and organizations that have financed, produced, and distributed hundreds of films and series, including Gamechanger Films (she is credited as Head of Operations on the A24 film "The Inspection" which has Golden Globes, Spirit Awards, and Gotham nominations, and also on the Blumhouse and Amazon Studios thriller film "Run Sweetheart Run"), Patriot Pictures, the Bentonville Film Festival, SP Operations (output deals with Paramount, SONY, and Hallmark), Paragon Capital, and AMC Networks' divisions: RLJ Entertainment, ALLBLK, and AcornTV. She has worked in various departments: Creative Development, Business Affairs, Operations and Production.

Grace started in the entertainment industry as a dancer for the Philippine Performing Arts Company, touring internationally since middle school, and then began acting in high school. She is a member of SAG-AFTRA. Grace graduated Magna cum Laude from the University of Miami with a double major in Religious Studies and International Studies and a Minor in Theatre Arts, studied for one year at Flinders University of South Australia, then earned a Juris Doctor from Stetson College of Law, and a film/tv producing certificate from the UCLA School of Theatre, Film, and Television. Grace was one of twelve participants selected out of hundreds for the 2020 Producers Guild of America Power of Diversity Lab.



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# R. Westley Sierk (Executive Producer)

R. Wesley Sierk has executive produced Almost Popular (2025) starring Ruby Rose Turner, The Last Rodeo (2025) starring Neal McDonough, Goodrich (2024) starring Michael Keaton and Mila Kunis, Eric LaRue (2024), Michael Shannon's directorial debut starring Judy Greer, A Little White Lie (2023) starring Michael Shannon and Kate Hudson, Mack & Rita (2022) starring Diane Keaton, On the Line (2022) starring Mel Gibson, Lansky (2021) starring Harvey Keitel, Sam Worthington, and Minka Kelly. Caliwood Pictures was founded by producers Jina Panebianco, R. Wesley Sierk, III, and John D. Straley. Its focus is creating standout independent films that push the boundaries of conventional storytelling. Caliwood Pictures believes in the power of original voices, unique narratives, and impactful characters.



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# Sugar Studios (Post Production Services)

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# Jijo Reed (Post Executive Producer)

Jijo Reed is the CEO of Sugar Studios, a Post Production facility in Los Angeles. He is an Emmy Winning Producer, 16 time Telly Award Winner, and Executive Producer of over 60 feature films and/or series. He is the grandson of Fred Flinstone Alan Reed and nephew of Hermes Pan, Fred Astaire's choreographer.



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# Charles Berg and Margarita Reyes

#### Line Producer and Co-Producer



Margarita Reyes' Hollywood journey began in 1997. Since then, she has appeared as an actor in over 50 films and television shows. As an independent film producer, she Executive Produced the action film Gunner (2024) starring Morgan Freeman and Luke Hemsworth, Executive Produced award-winning Puncher's Chance (2023, the drama feature Raise Your Hand (2021), Co-Produced the teen comedy feature Almost Popular (2024), and Co-Produced the action comedy Debt Collectors (2020) currently on Netflix.

Charles Berg has been in the entertainment industry for the past 30 years. He has come up through the ranks and has produced over 100 full length features, such as Executive Producer and Line Producer of the action film Gunner (2024) starring Morgan Freeman and Luke Hemsworth. Executive Producer and Line Producer of Sweet Dreams starring Johnny Knoxville, Line Producer of Darkness of Man starring Jean Claude Van Damme, Line Producer of the Los Angeles Unit of Nick Cassavettes' God is a Bullet, and Executive Producer and Line Producer of Being Charlie directed by Rob Reiner.

#### Casting by Seth Yanklewitz, CSA & Ben Pollack

Seth Yanklewitz is an EMMY Nominated Casting Director whose award-winning body of work spans across film and television. After most recently serving as Executive Vice President of Casting and Talent for MGM Film, Television and EPIX Network, Yanklewitz returned to his independent casting roots. He formed Yanklewitz/Pollack Casting and his most recent projects include the first and second season of the Hulu Original Series "HOW I MET YOUR FATHER" from 20th Television; The feature films D-DAY, DEADPOINT and INCOMING for Spyglass Media Group. A Hulu Original feature, "CRUSH" from American High which was recently nominated for a GLAAD Media award, an Onyx for Hulu Original series, "DELI BOYS", produced by Jenni Konner, a new Netflix Animated Series CAPTAIN FALL from the creators of NORSEMAN on Netflix, the EPIX series FROM created by Jack Bender the Creator of LOST, and BILLY THE KID from Dreamworks, SKG and Donald Deline. Before becoming the Vice President of Casting and Talent at FOX Broadcasting in 2011, Yanklewitz cast the comedy pilot for "New Girl," which earned him an Emmy nomination for Outstanding Casting for a Comedy Series. In addition to "New Girl," Yanklewitz oversaw the casting of the Emmy-Award winning "Grease: Live," as well as the remake of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." Additional casting credits include M. Night Shyamalan's "Wayward Pines" (feat. Matt Dillon), "Rake" (Greg Kinnear), "Lethal Weapon" (Damon Wayans return to television), (Will Forte's) "The Last Man on Earth" and "Gotham," among others. Prior to FOX, Yanklewitz created Juel Bestrop and Seth Yanklewitz Casting. For six years, he and Bestrop cast some of the most successful comedies in history, including Golden Globe winner "The Hangover," for which they won the Casting Society of America Award for "Outstanding Casting of a Comedy Feature.". His additional credits include "Blades of Glory," "Four Christmases," "Alvin and The Chipmunks: The Squeakquel" and "Project X"; and the critically acclaimed HBO comedy series "Eastbound & Down for which they were nominated for a Casting Society of America award for Outstanding Comedy Series Casting." A graduate of NYU's Tisch School of the Arts, Yanklewitz originally attended the university to pursue acting, but quickly discovered an interest in casting when he interned at a prestigious commercial casting company. Upon graduation, Yanklewitz landed a casting assistant position for Jon Turteltaub's "The Kid," during which he introduced then-unknown child actor Spencer Breslin to the producers and Disney casting executives. After moving to Los Angeles, Yanklewitz spent three years working with Casting Director Bonnie Timmermann. Together, they cast large ensembles for dramatic films, including "Pearl Harbor," "Black Hawk Down" and "Spy Game." He then moved into comedy, working on the feature film "Stuck on You" for the Farrelly Brothers. Yanklewitz served two terms as a National Board Member for the Casting Society of America and sat on The Television Academy Emmys board for one year.

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# Ava Rikki (Director of Photography)

Ava Rikki is a NY & LA based cinematographer & director. She started her career by working at The Weinstein Company at age 17. Since then she's worked at Saturday Night Live; Weekend Update and Film Unit, Panavision, Sports Illustrated Swimsuit, Tribeca Film Festival, IBM, Pomp&Clout, Beyond Studios, and Surround Production. She's shot for companies such as Universal Music, Ellen Degeneris EDTV, SONY music, Scooter Braun, EMPIRE, Republic Records, NBC, Sports Illustrated, Paper Magazine, Saturday Night Live, The Weinstein Company, Hypebeast, Nylon Mag, Frieza Art Fair 2020, Art Basel Miami 2018, Lomography, TITLE Boxing, Primma Dona Lingerie, Roli Music, Botanist Vodka, Microsoft, Cheribundi and Lamono Magazine.



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# Jennisser Chung (Editor)

Jennifer Chung is a Los-Angeles based, Korean-American editor. After attending film school at Columbia College Chicago, she immediately began working on high profile projects starting with the Wachowskis' "SENSE 8", then moving directly to studio films like PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN 5 and HIDDEN FIGURES, eventually landing as an Assistant Editor for Kirk Baxter on David Fincher's team, where she spent 6 years. After cutting several shorts, music videos, commercials and additional editing on series, this is her first feature film as editor.



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## Paris Peterson

### (Production Designer)

Paris Peterson is a Los Angeles-based production designer. He has been acting since he was four years old, starting out in local community theatre in South Boston. A few years later, he developed an interest in filmmaking.

Paris has worked in a diverse range of music videos, commercials, short films, and feature films. In the past four years, Paris began working in art department positions across a variety of projects, growing to love the creative modalities possible through that work. Starting out as a set dresser and Art PA, Paris' eye quickly gained recognition and he was designing entire projects shortly after. He has worked with clients including Louis Vuitton, Hugo Boss, Hermès, Vogue, eBay, Katy Perry, Lil Nas X, The Backstreet Boys, Pink Sweat\$, Meghan Trainor, and many more.

Upcoming projects Paris has worked on include Christmas Eve in Miller's Point with Michael Cera, Elsie Fisher, and Francesca Scorsese, as well as Faces of Death with Barbie Ferreira, Dacre Montgomery, and Charli XCX.



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## Elisabeth Makitalo

## (Unit Production Manager & Co-Producer)

Elisabeth Makitalo is an experienced producer, line producer, and unit production manager. She specializes in commercials (including Google, AMEX) and music videos (including Post Malone, Machine Gun Kelly). "Almost Popular" is her first feature film. Elisabeth is a graduate of Chapman University.



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#### Demitri Lerios

#### (Music Composer)

Demitri Lerios is a highly versatile and accomplished multi-instrumentalist, songwriter, producer, and composer. He is a Greek American born and raised in Los Angeles CA. He got his start at a young age when his band, "The New Officials", signed with David Foster's Verve/UMG label, where he honed his skills as a songwriter and producer under the mentorship of Andreas Carlsson (Backstreet Boys, Britney Spears, Katy Perry) and David Foster (Michael Jackson, Celine Dion, Chicago, Earth Wind And Fire, Michael Bublé).

During his tenure at Verve/UMG, Demitri collaborated with several top songwriters and produced over 140 songs, including collaborations with Foster, Justin Tranter, Ian Kirkpatrick, Jason Evigan, Brian Lee, and Desmond Child, to name a few. While working in the pop world, Demitri discovered his passion for film and television composition, where he has achieved notable success, demonstrating his unparalleled talent and passion for innovation. He has written original scores for ESPN+'s "Alex Morgan: The Equalizer", YouTube Original's "Demi Lovato: Simply Complicated", The Roku Channel's "The Demi Lovato Show", as well as Crime/Thriller feature film "48 Hours To Live" and over 40 songs for Fremantle's "Baywatch: Remastered" and "Baywatch Hawaii: Remastered". Demitri's portfolio of work is a testament to his versatility and adaptability.

Demitri has quickly established himself as a rising star in the film and television composition world. In just the last year, his career has taken an upward trajectory, with high-profile projects for AppleTV+ and Dreamworks. He most recently earned critical acclaim for his compositional work for AppleTV+ "Best Foot Forward". In addition to these works, Demitri is presently immersed in composing for yet another upcoming, highly-anticipated Apple TV+ show, as well as an indie feature scheduled for release in 2024. With an unwavering commitment to excellence and an eagerness to push the boundaries of what's possible in composition, Demitri has quickly become one of the most exciting new talents in the world of film and television music.

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# Karla Miranda

## (Costume Designer)

Karla Miranda is a Los Angeles-based costume designer and tailor. After studying design she began as an on-set tailor, before building her career as a costume designer. She has worked on campaigns with W Magazine, Vogue, and YSL. She has also worked on numerous music videos for Jennifer Lopez, Justin Beiber, David Guetta, Cardi B, and The Weeknd.



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## Wilkli Parisi

#### (Makeup Hair Department Supervisor)

Nikki Parisi is a Celebrity makeup artist in Los Angeles, CA for 12 years now. She also does hair styling, costume design, and styling. She started her career owning a hair salon in Hollywood at 24 and proceeded to meet people in the industry right away. When she made her way to set, she never came back to the salon and has done everything from music videos, movies, commercials and beyond. She has worked for everyone from: Chris Brown, Cindy Crawford, Paris Hilton and beyond.



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# Xibei Hu (First Assistant Director)

Xibei Hu is an accomplished 1st Assistant Director and line producer, known for her award-winning work on "We are Living Things." With extensive experience in both line producing and co-producing, she brings a comprehensive and strategic perspective to her role as a 1st AD, enhancing the quality of services she provides for productions.

In collaboration with industry stalwarts like Luca Biggazi, Morgan Freeman, and Jean-Claude Van Damme, Xibei has proven her indispensable aptitude across various production endeavors. Her bilingual proficiency in English and Chinese not only makes her versatile but also gives her a macroscopic understanding of the broader production landscape.

One of Xibei's standout traits is her ability to inject a blend of humor and responsibility into the high-stress role of a 1st Assistant Director. This unique approach has earned her not just respect, but also the affection of her colleagues, creating a more efficient and harmonious production environment.

Her flexible approach makes her suitable for a diverse array of teams and settings. Several of her projects have garnered attention at prestigious film festivals such as Sundance and First, underscoring her industry caliber.



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# Taylor Chapman (Second Assistant Director)

Taylor Chapman is an Assistant Director/Production Manager from Dallas, Texas. She is a Full Sail University valedictorian with a Master's Degree in Film Production. She has been apart of 60+ projects spanning from theatrical features to shorts and music videos. Taylor has a proven track record of success in working with actors, crew, and producers to create high-quality content that engages and entertains audience. She truly enjoys the art of visually telling stories and enticing emotional reaction from its viewers.



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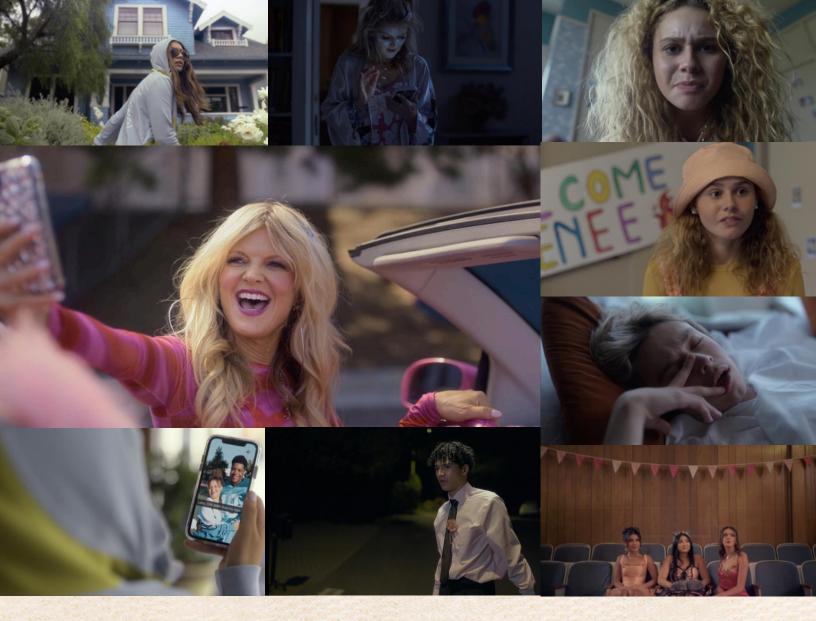
## Production Design

Paris Peterson (Production Designer) and Nayip Anthony Garcia (Director) agreed that they wanted to create a sense of timelessness in the world of Almost Popular. With the movie taking place in a tech-centric world, Paris wanted to ground the world in a believable, modern-day reality, while preserving the nostalgia that is found in many American high school movies. Although set in the present day, Paris and Nayip wanted the world to feel as though it could fit into different decades.



#### Costume Design

Karla Miranda's goal as Costume Designer was to allow people to transform into their characters. She likes to say "when two people walk into my dressing room, three people walk out." With Susie's character, the team gave themselves a bright color palette to work with. Susie has a bubbly happy personality which is reflected in her costumes. She wears lots of oranges and yellows to represent her personality. They did something similar with Vicki's character. Vicki, being a girly girl, was given lots of pinks. With Renee's character, the costume design is used as a storytelling device. She starts off wearing lots of glam with pink tones. As the film progresses and her views on Vicki change, she wears more natural yellow colors.



#### Themes

#### Need to Fit In

The idea of fitting in is a theme that is very prevalent in this film. The feeling of wanting to fit in and belong has been something ingrained in society no matter the decade. This idea has become even more fitting in modern years. Almost Popular does an exemplary job at exploring this theme. Susie and Bobbie take the advice from Renee who teaches them how to do things in a "cool" way. She tells them they need to dress a certain way, stand a certain way, and look a certain way. Susie is the pioneer of wanting to fit in whereas Bobbie is just along for the ride. This leads to tension between the two of them. Susie is so blinded by her desire to fit in that she ruins her relationship with Bobbie. The film explores this theme from the beginning to the end and shows that fitting in is not necessary as long as you are happy where you are and who you are with.

#### Popularity

In Almost Popular, Susie's main goal is to become popular. Rather than just fitting in, Susie wants to be known. She doesn't want to just stop getting picked on, she wants everyone to know her and Bobbie's names and be in love with them. She convinces Bobbie to have this goal too. The theme and idea of wanting to be popular is the main goal of the protagonists. They prove that they are willing to do what it takes to get to the top. Before Susie and Bobbie begin their mission to become popular, Vicki and her posse serve as the stereotypical popular girls. The theme is strong throughout the film following Susie and Bobbie on their journey to become popular. They learn their lesson when they find out being popular isn't everything in life and it doesn't solve all their problems.

#### Indirect Aggression

Almost Popular explores the theme of indirect aggression. Indirect aggression such as gossiping and spreading rumors is very prevalent in this film. Talking behind people's backs is one of the main conflicts that drive the film forward. It is a theme that has the ability to resonate with many young adult audiences because of how common gossiping is in high school. The film highlights a specific type of gossiping that happens through the internet and social media. The use of social media as the medium of gossip is something even more relatable for teens. One instance of this is when Vicki goes onto Susie's moms Facebook page and finds an embarrassing picture of Susie and Bobbie. She sends the picture around school and gets it printed out onto shirts for everyone to see. At the end of the film, Renee has the opportunity to expose Vicki for buying her TikTok followers. Instead of exposing her and gossiping to the entire school, she decides to be the bigger person and let it go. Throughout the film, the characters learn to stop attacking other people, especially behind their backs.

#### Being Your True Self

The goal for Susie and Bobbie throughout Almost Popular is to change who they are in order to become more likable. Bobbie enjoys wearing high heels and putting on makeup. When a video of him playing around in makeup gets released to the entire school, he is made fun of. Susie is so focused on changing herself to become more likable that she does not properly comfort Bobbie and help him. By the end of the film Susie helps Bobbie and realizes they need to just be who they are. They show up to the pink prom wearing what they want, with Bobbie in heels and makeup. High schoolers today feel more alienated than ever and this theme has the ability to resonate with many.



#### Los Angeles Locations

We filmed in historic locations in Los Angeles

#### John Marshall High School

Many films and television series have filmed here such as Grease, La Bamba, The Wonder Years, Pretty in Pink, School House Rock.

#### The Moncado Mansion

The location for the popular HBO series "Six Feet Under".

Currently houses the Filipino Federation of America. It was owned by General Hilario Camino Moncado.

Van Nuys Elks Lodge Iguana Vintage Clothing Store West Adams Historical Neighborhood



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Twin Shadow feat HAIM

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Elizabeth Woolf

Brooklyn Queen

Stella Mwangi

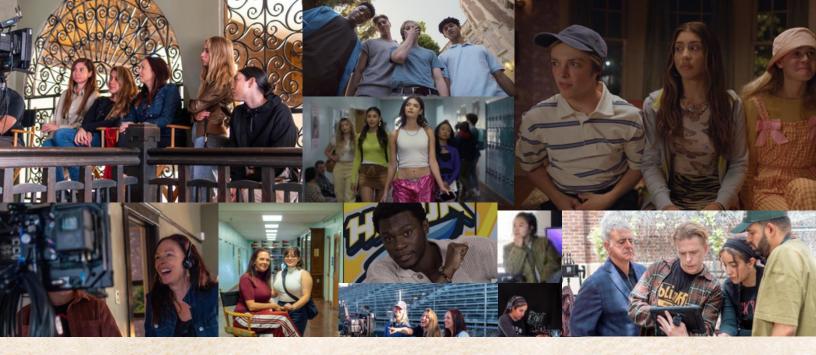
Sloan Peterson

Merrick Winter

Madeline

Johnny Dynamite & the Bloodsuckers

Graveyard Club



## Diversity and Inclusion

Not only did we have a diverse cast of teens, but we also had a diverse crew!

Director: Nayip Ramos Puerto Rican

Writer: Pamela Duffy-Little Female over 50

Producers: Michael Mendelsohn

Grace Santos Filipino-American Female

Executive Producers: Natalie Perrotta Peruvian-American Female

Casting by: Seth Yanklewitz CSA & Ben Pollack LGBTQ

Director of Photography: Ava Rikki Jewish Female

Production Designer: Paris Peterson

Editor: Jennifer Chung Korean-American Female

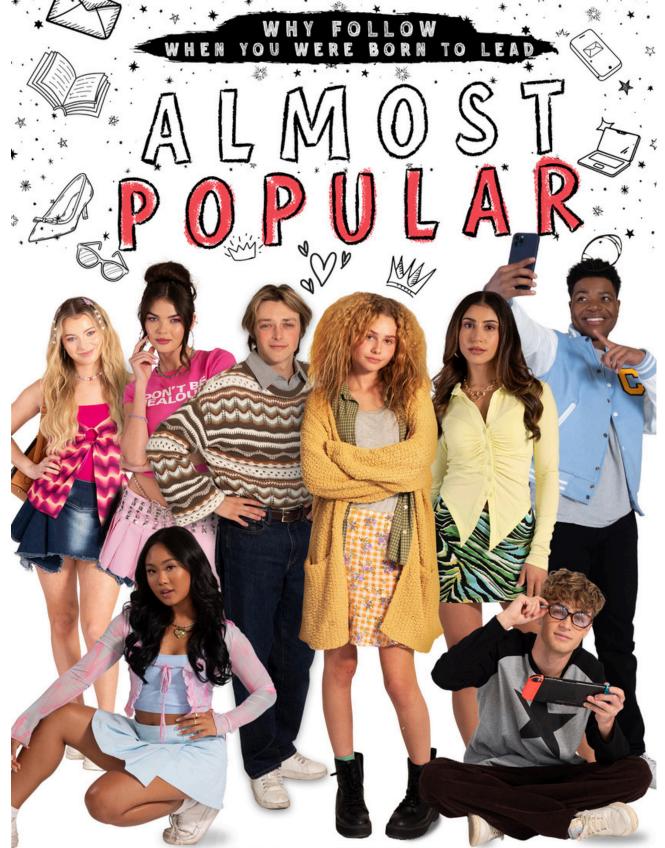
Costume Designer: Karla Miranda Mexican-American Female

UPM & Co-Producer: Elisabeth Makitalo Female

1st AD: Xibei Hu Chinese Female

2nd AD: Taylor Chapman Black Female

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DIRECTED BY NAYIP ANTHONY GARCIA

#### Credits

Ruby Rose Turner - Susie Quinn Reid Miller - Bobbie Roberts Isabella Ferreira - Renee Lalita Arden Myrin - Terri Reinhard Kathleen Rose Perkins - Mrs. Quinn Ellodee Carpenter - Vicki Reinhard Elijah M. Cooper - Dave Simon Avi Angel - Alan Nalan Victoria "Tori" Caro - Ginger Martin Sharlize True - Becca Barlow Sarah Dorothy Little - Darby Duncan Sir Cronwell - Anthony Scott Tahani Anderson - Jasmine Silva Jimmy Smagula - Principal Highburn Allison Ye - Dee Dee Boomski Connor Finnerty - Logan Ralph Owen Morgan - Swanno Betts Thomas Evans - Sami Sharma Brooklyn Queen - Destiny Rogers Shariah True - Kitty Hooper Evanthia Theodorou - Nancy Coleman Tyshon Lawrence - Duane Donroni Shelby Young - Siri

Directed by Nayip Ramos Written by Pamela Duffy-Little & Eleni Rivera Produced by Michael Mendelsohn, p.g.a., Grace Santos, p.g.a. Executive Producer Natalie Perrotta. Pamela Duffy-Little, R. Westley Sierk Post Executive Producer Jijo Reed Casting Directors Seth Yanklewitz CSA & Ben Pollack Director of Photography Ava Rikki Editor Jennifer Chung Production Designer Paris Peterson Music Composer Demitri Lerios Costume Designer Karla Miranda Co-producer Margarita Reyes UPM & Co-Producer Elisabeth Makitalo Line Producer & Executive Producer Charles Berg 1st AD Xibei Hu 2nd AD Taylor Chapman Hair Makeup Department Head Nikki Parisi Visual Effects Supervisor Damian Alpizar Music Supervisor Brent Kidwell The full list of credits are found here.