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## **Newfoundland and Labrador filmmaker's LGBTQ short film *Waiting Outside...* goes international, again!**

**October 3, 2018 (St. John's, NL)** – Fresh off its most recent screening as an official selection at **FIN: Atlantic International Film Festival** held in Halifax, Nova Scotia producer/director/writer Joshua Jamieson's latest release – a short film called *Waiting Outside...* - will screen again internationally later this month.

Jamieson recently announced the news that *Waiting Outside...* is an official selection of the **Scottish Independent Film Festival** on social media through his Twitter profile ([www.twitter.com/jjmoxxy](http://www.twitter.com/jjmoxxy)) and on the film's official Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/waitingoutsidefilm](http://www.facebook.com/waitingoutsidefilm)). The film will screen in Edinburgh on October 26, 2018, and more details regarding venue and screening time will be forthcoming once the festival releases its full schedule.

The film is about a father named Simon (Clint Butler) who cares for his young daughter Scout (Kate Dobbin) while his husband Felix is deployed overseas. When Simon gets a serious diagnosis, his world is shaken and he must deal with it, and the future, alone. The cast also includes performances from the incomparable Amy House, as well as Kyle Snow and Lisa Rose Snow.

The film's score is an original composition by ECMA award winning musician Rozalind MacPhail, who also co-wrote lyrics to the closing credits song with Jamieson. The script is based on a poem by Carmelita McGrath from her book *Escape Velocity* (Goose Lane Editions), and the film was also produced by Ruth Lawrence and shot by cinematographer Brad Gover.

*Waiting Outside...* carries an **endorsement from the Canadian Cancer Society-NL** for its authenticity and realistic depiction. The film also **won the NL Joy Award** from the Linda Joy Media Arts Society for its outstanding script, which supported its three day shoot in August 2016 following Jamieson's participation in the Newfoundland and Labrador Film Development Corporation's film business development mission to Los Angeles, CA that summer. *Waiting Outside...* was ultimately fully completed in January 2018, and began its film festival circuit with availability at the **Cannes Film Festival**, specifically within the Short Film Corner.

After seeing the short, a film festival reviewer wrote, "***Waiting Outside...* absolutely floored me. Director Joshua Jamieson pushes this perfectly-cast group of people and makes this film shine. With a gripping opening and a perfect, melancholy ending, it had me the whole way...**"

Within Newfoundland and Labrador, the short film was an official selection at the **Nickel Independent Film Festival**, which has also chosen it to be a part of its eventual road show lineup. The next local screening of *Waiting Outside...* will be in Clarenville, NL where the short is an official selection at the **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Smith Sound Film Festival** taking place October 12, 2018. Tickets for that screening are \$10 and they are available now through the Eastlink Events Centre ([www.eastlinkeventscentre.com](http://www.eastlinkeventscentre.com)); all proceeds from this screening will be donated to the local regional food bank.

We hope it furthers a conversation on quality of life while shining a light on the challenges faced by people in similar situations, and the impacts those challenges have on them.

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Official Film Facebook: [www.facebook.com/waitingoutsidefilm](https://www.facebook.com/waitingoutsidefilm)

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Joshua Jamieson IMDb: [www.imdb.com/name/nm7914221](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm7914221)

Joshua Jamieson at FIN: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=p79AkKi-aZ0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p79AkKi-aZ0) (3 mins.)

Joshua Jamieson at the Nickel: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=cutQjyfCt-U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cutQjyfCt-U) (8 mins.)

## Joshua Jamieson – Biography

PRODUCER, DIRECTOR, WRITER

Joshua Jamieson is a filmmaker, author, and artistic director of a theatre and film production company called Moxy Productions. With two professional stage productions to its credit (*Poor Super Man* and *Rope*) as well as a few short films, the company focused on a shift to film with *Just Himself: the story of Don Jamieson* – in association with Odd Sock Films, released in 2011. The documentary has been internationally broadcast on NTV and was an official selection at the St. John's International Film Festival. Moxy Productions has just released a new original dramatic short film called *Waiting Outside...*, based on a poem by Carmelita McGrath, which is currently screening at film festivals internationally.

Joshua became a published author at the age of 18 (*The Teenage Years... Mapped* and *Queer Monologues*; both published by Breakwater Books) and he's a former columnist/editor of the St. John's metro-trend newspaper, *Current*.

He gained media experience in radio and television before moving to print. Initially, at CBC Radio (NL), Joshua worked with youth on a show called *New Voices*, eventually becoming the host of a National CBC special called *First Call*. That was followed by six months with CBC-TV, which rounded out four and a half years, before he jumped to private broadcasting. At Steele Communications, Joshua was the producer, music director and host of a #1 Saturday afternoon program called *Fresh Focus* on Radio Newfoundland (CJYQ, 930am). He was also the operations producer for the HitsFM (CKIX, 99.1FM) live broadcast from Benders on George every Saturday night. In June 2006 after doing the shows for almost five years, they had their final broadcasts.

Joshua was the publisher and editor of an LGBTQ guide, and was involved as an advocate for LGBTQ equal rights in the late 90s and early 2000s, working for same-sex couples adoption rights and equal marriage in Canada.

Outside of his professional artistic work, Joshua is an experienced marketing professional. Combining creativity and intuition with strategic thinking, Joshua has developed marketing campaigns to promote various initiatives undertaken by businesses and non-profit organizations, including the provincial Department of Education, the AIDS Committee of Newfoundland and Labrador, Choices for Youth, the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing and Homelessness Network, and for bestselling author Bruce Templeton. Joshua utilizes his specialized background in social media and digital marketing, along with his understanding of the professional arts sector to deliver social media workshops specifically tailored for artists. By day, Joshua is currently the Communications Officer for ArtsNL - the Newfoundland and Labrador Arts Council.

In spare time, Joshua is a news junkie, enjoys djing, and volunteering in the community. In November 2017 he launched the Jamieson Family Memorial Scholarship ([www.jamiesonfamilyscholarship.ca](http://www.jamiesonfamilyscholarship.ca)) as a means of giving back, and was awarded a Canada 150 Community Hero award by the Government of Canada through his Member of Parliament.

He holds a B.A. with a double major in English and Political Science, as well as a Diploma in Communications and Performance Media, and a Certificate in Public Administrative Discipline from Memorial University. In 2012 he returned to complete a Certificate in Social Media Marketing, and in 2015 he earned a Certificate in Digital and Social Media Strategy and Tactics.

## **Ruth Lawrence**

### PRODUCER

Ruth Lawrence is an actor, writer, director, and producer who works in theatre and film. She was born and raised in St. Jacques, Fortune Bay on Newfoundland's south coast. Since 1991, she has performed lead and principal roles in over 100 professional theatre, film, television, and radio projects, mostly original productions, and has toured Newfoundland and Labrador extensively, across Canada, and Ireland with various productions.

As a filmmaker, she has written and directed several acclaimed and award-winning shorts including *Talus & Scree* (2013), *Quelle Affaire* (2014), *Two Square Feet* (2012), and wrote and performed in *Sweet Pickle* (2009). She is the co-creator and director of the webseries, *Buy the Boards*, released in March 2014 and is one of seven writers and six women directors who collaborated on the film *Hopeless Romantic* which recently screened at FIN: Atlantic International Film Festival this year.

Ruth's awards include:

- 2011 Joan Orenstein Best Actress Award for *Clipper Gold* (written and directed by Joel Thomas Hynes) at the Atlantic Film Festival
- 2011 RBC Michelle Jackson Award for Emerging Filmmaker to produce the short film, *Two Square Feet*, starring Jeanne Beker
- 2011 Linda Joy Award for *Talus & Scree*
- Newfoundland and Labrador Arts Council's 2011 Artist of the Year
- Queen's Jubilee Medal recipient (2013)