



PRESENT

ABOUT ALEX

DIRECTED BY
JESSE ZWICK

STARRING
NATE PARKER
JASON RITTER
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SYNOPSIS

A circle of twenty-something friends reunite for a weekend away after one of them suffers an emotional breakdown. Despite the group's best efforts to keep it light and enjoy themselves, a tinderbox of old jealousies, unrequited love, and widening political differences leads to an explosion that, coupled with the flammable combination of drugs, wine, and risotto, cannot be contained. An honest appraisal of adult friendship for our current social media moment, *About Alex* is a lighthearted look at the struggles of a generation that has it all—and wants more. Starring Aubrey Plaza, Max Greenfield, Max Minghella, Jason Ritter, Nate Parker, Maggie Grace, and Jane Levy.

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT – JESSE ZWICK

ABOUT ALEX is a movie about the nature of friendship for a generation whose understanding of the word “friend” has been forever changed by the advent of social media. To tell it, I decided to employ an old trope--a reunion of old friends under tragic circumstances--in the service of some new questions: In an era in which Facebook and other technologies have made it easier than ever to maintain a veneer of closeness, what’s the quality of the connection it’s providing? In what ways does it bring us closer together, and in what ways has it erected new obstacles to intimacy?

The point isn’t to rail against the present while bemoaning the passing of a simpler time, but rather to meditate on the obligations of friendship and to consider the modern day challenges of remaining close with those we have loved and hope never to lose.

THE CAST

NATE PARKER (BEN)

Actor and humanitarian Nate Parker first received critical attention for his starring role in The Weinstein Company's THE GREAT DEBATORS opposite Director/Actor Denzel Washington and Forest Whitaker. Denzel hand-picked him to play the troubled yet brilliant "Henry Lowe," who overcomes his selfish ways and becomes the team's leader. Nate subsequently received an honorary Doctorate from Wiley College in Marshall, Texas—the school upon which the true story THE GREAT DEBATORS was based.

Nate played the lead role in 20th Century Fox and George Lucas' RED TAILS, whose supporting cast included Terrence Howard and Cuba Gooding, Jr. In addition to starring in the Spike Lee-directed RED HOOK SUMMER, Nate generated critical acclaim for his performance in ARBITRAGE with Richard Gere, Susan Sarandon and Tim Roth. Nate also starred opposite Alicia Keys in THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES, which featured an all-star cast including Queen Latifah, Jennifer Hudson, Dakota Fanning and Paul Bettany. Other feature credits include PRIDE with Terrence Howard, DIRTY with Cuba Gooding, Jr. and FELON with Stephen Dorff and Sam Shepard. Onstage, Nate appeared opposite Dustin Hoffman, Annette Bening, Rosario Dawson and James Cromwell in American Voices at the Broad Street Theater.

Most recently, Nate starred opposite Liam Neeson and Julianne Moore in Universal Pictures' #1 hit film NON-STOP. He also starred in David Lowery's film AIN'T THEM BODIES SAINTS with an ensemble cast including Casey Affleck, Rooney Mara and Ben Foster.

In addition, he is currently developing a feature script to direct and star, BIRTH OF A NATION, about slave-turned-revolutionary Nat Turner, through a fellowship with the Sundance Institute Feature Film Program. A Norfolk, Virginia native, Nate grew up less than 30 miles from the site of Turner's unprecedented slave rebellion.

Nate studied computer programming and trained his way to become an All-American wrestler at the University of Oklahoma. He mentors twenty-four children from schools in central Los Angeles and spearheads projects and events with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. He also sponsors the scholarship program, 100 Men of Excellence, which works each year to increase enrollment of African-American men into Wiley College.

JASON RITTER (ALEX)

Jason Ritter is a graduate of New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, where he studied at the Atlantic Theatre Company. He also studied at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in London.

Ritter can soon be seen in the feature film "Hits" by David Cross, which premiered at Sundance. Other recent film credits include "About Alex" directed by Jesse Zwick, which

will premiere at Tribeca Film Festival, "Seven Minutes" directed by Jay Martin and "There's Always Woodstock" directed by Rita Merson. Ritter starred on NBC's critically acclaimed "Parenthood" as Lauren Graham's love interest.

Ritter's other film credits include: "Wild Canaries," "Good Dick," "The Education of Charlie Banks," "Our Very Own," "Happy Endings," "Mumford," and "Raise Your Voice." Other television credits include series regular roles on "The Event", "The Class" and "Joan of Arcadia."

Ritter starred as the title character in the Lincoln Center production of Wendy Wasserstein's "Third," directed by Daniel Sullivan. His additional theater credits include the Off-Broadway production of Tom Donaghy's "The Beginning of August" and the role of 'Tim' in the world premiere of Neil LaBute's play "The Distance from Here" at London's Almeida Theatre, directed by David Leveaux.

MAGGIE GRACE (SIRI)

Maggie Grace will next be seen in WE'LL NEVER HAVE PARIS with Melanie Lynskey and Zachary Quinto, which premiered this Spring at the SXSW film festival in Austin. Maggie made her Broadway debut this past year in Roudabout's PICNIC with Mare Winningham, Ellen Burstyn and Elizabeth Marvel. She is perhaps most recognizable from Fox's TAKEN franchise -the blockbuster action drama, opposite Liam Neeson. Last year, Grace established her character Irina in Summit Entertainment's highly anticipated *The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1*, which was followed by BREAKING DAWN - PART 2. Grace also portrays Faith on the most recent season of the popular SHOWTIME series CALIFORNICATION opposite David Duchovny. Earlier last year Maggie starred in LOCKOUT, an action-thriller opposite Guy Pearce.

No stranger to the world of indie film, Grace has had notable roles in THE EXPERIMENT, opposite Adrian Brody, THE JANE AUSTEN BOOK CLUB, opposite Maria Bello, Kathy Baker and Emily Blunt, FLYING LESSONS, and the newly released DECODING ANNIE PARKER, with Helen Hunt.

Other recent film credits include Fox's KNIGHT AND DAY for director James Mangold, and CBS Films'/Sony International's FASTER. Grace also stars opposite Anna Paquin on the web series SUSANNA on the YouTube channel, Wigs.

Grace recently revisited television with THE FOLLOWING, opposite Kevin Bacon, and is remembered for her years as Shannon Rutherford on ABC's ground-breaking television series LOST.

Grace currently resides in Los Angeles and New York.

MAX GREENFIELD (JOSH)

Max Greenfield stars as scene-stealing “Schmidt,” the womanizer with a heart of gold, on FOX’s Golden Globe® nominated and critically acclaimed series *New Girl*. TV GUIDE hails, “Greenfield has proven to be a stealth scene-stealer... It's thanks to Greenfield's lovable (but not cutesy) performance that keeps Schmidt endearing.”

Greenfield has earned an Emmy, Golden Globe and Critics’ Choice Television Award nominations in the “Best Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series” category for this work on the show. In addition *New Girl* received a 2012 Golden Globe nomination for “Best Television Series – Musical or Comedy” as well as 2012 and 2013 Critics’ Choice Television Award nomination for “Best Comedy Series.” The show was recently picked up for a fourth season that will premiere this fall.

He will next be seen in Jesse Zwick’s *About Alex* opposite Jason Ritter and Aubrey Plaza. The film, which will premiere at the 2014 TriBeCa Film Festival, tells the story of seven college friends who reunite for a weekend after one of them suffers an emotional breakdown. Greenfield was also recently seen reprising his role of Leo D’Amato in the film version of the hit TV show *Veronica Mars* as well as in David Wain’s *They Came Together* co-starring Amy Poehler and Paul Rudd that premiered at the 2014 Sundance Film Festival.

Prior to his breakout role on *New Girl*, Greenfield had several recurring roles in television. He starred as “Nick Pepper” on ABC’s award-winning comedy series *Ugly Betty* opposite America Ferrera and in the ABC Family series *Greek*, where he played a professor’s aide who sparks a relationship with a college student resulting in the first gay kiss ever seen on the family network. In addition, he was seen in the lead role of the WB comedy series *Modern Men*. Greenfield has also appeared in guest-starring roles on shows such as, *Happy Endings*, *Hot in Cleveland*, *Lie to Me*, *Castle*, *Raising the Bar*, *Melrose Place*, *The OC*, *Sleeper Cell*, *Gilmore Girls*, and *Boston Public*.

His film credits include the indie coming-of-age film *Cross Bronx* which premiered at the 2004 Tribeca Film Festival and won the Audience Award at both the Cinevegas and Urban World festivals; and *When Do We Eat*, in which he played a young dotcom tycoon who loses everything and becomes a Hasidic Jew.

He brought his passion for producing to the small screen in 2011 with *The Gentlemen’s League*. The series followed Greenfield and friend Jerry Ferrara in their real life fantasy football league. Greenfield created and starred in the Direct TV Channel 101 series.

Greenfield was born and raised in New York and he currently resides in Los Angeles.

AUBREY PLAZA (SARAH)

Aubrey will next star in “Life After Beth” which is written and directed by Jeff Baena and recently premiered at the Sundance Film Festival to amazing reviews. She stars as

the lead opposite Dane DeHaan, Anna Kendrick, Matthew Gray Gubler, Molly Shannon and John C. Reilly. Dane DeHaan is mourning the death of his girlfriend 'Beth' (Plaza) but when Beth comes back to life; he tries to live their relationship to the fullest, until things take a turn for the worse. A24 and DirecTV have acquired the rights to the film which will be released in 2014.

Aubrey recently starred as the lead character in Maggie Carey's "The To Do List" as a high-school graduate who makes it her mission to gain more sexual experience before heading off to college. The film was released by CBS Films and co-stars Bill Hader, Andy Samberg and Rachel Bilson.

Aubrey starred in Colin Trevorrow's critically acclaimed feature, "Safety Not Guaranteed" opposite Mark Duplass and Jake Johnson. The film, produced by Jay and Mark Duplass, premiered at the 2012 Sundance Film Festival. For her performance in the film, Aubrey won the 2012 ALMA Award for "Favorite Movie Actress – Comedy/Musical" and the cast was nominated for a Gotham Independent Film Award for "Best Ensemble." The film also won a 2013 Independent Spirit Award for "Best First Screenplay" and received a nomination for "Best First Feature."

Aubrey's other upcoming features include "About Alex" which was written and directed by Jesse Zwick and stars opposite Jason Ritter, Max Greenfield, Nate Parker, Max Minghella, and Jane Levy. The film follows seven college friends who reunite over a three-day weekend after one of them attempts suicide. They wax philosophical on past relationships, old crushes, and bad decisions and how life has changed post-college in the Facebook/Twitter age. She will also star in Justin Reardon's "A Many Splintered Thing" opposite Chris Evans, Giovanni Ribisi, Anthony Mackie, Luke Wilson and Michelle Monaghan. The film centers around a young screenwriter (Evans) who has to sort out the existential crisis in his life that results from meeting a girl (Monaghan) that finally makes him believe in love, but the problem is, she is engaged. Aubrey plays Mallory, one of Chris Evans' closest friends and a member of his writer's group, who helps him get through this crisis while secretly being in love with him.

Additionally, she recently voiced a character in Dan Scanlon's animated feature, "Monsters University" which was released by Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures and has grossed over \$740 million worldwide.

Aubrey's other film credits include starring in Roman Coppola's "A Glimpse Inside the Mind of Charlie Swan III," Jamie Linden's "Ten Year" opposite Channing Tatum, and Whit Stillman's "Damsels in Distress" opposite Greta Gerwig and Adam Brody. Additionally, she starred as Julie Powers in Edgar Wright's action-comedy "Scott Pilgrim vs. The World" opposite Michael Cera, Jason Schwartzman and Chris Evans, Judd Apatow's "Funny People" opposite Adam Sandler, Leslie Mann, and Seth Rogen and Dan Eckman's "Mystery Team" opposite Donald Glover.

On television, Aubrey stars in the Emmy nominated comedy series "Parks and Recreation" with Amy Poehler. Aubrey plays April Ludgate, the underachieving

assistant to Nick Offerman's Ron Swanson who is married to Chris Pratt's Andy Dwyer. The series, from Greg Daniels and Michael Schur, the creators of "The Office," is a half-hour mockumentary that looks at the world of local government. The show's 6th season is currently airing on NBC.

Additional credits include the hit online series "The Jeannie Tate Show," ESPN's original web series "Mayne Street," as well as guest appearances on "30 Rock" and "Portlandia."

Aubrey has been performing improv and sketch comedy at the Upright Citizens Brigade Theater since 2004. She also recently began performing stand up and has appeared at the Laugh Factory and The Improv. Originally from Wilmington, Delaware, Aubrey is a graduate of New York University's Tisch School of the Arts.

MAX MINGHELLA (ISAAC)

MAX MINGHELLA was last seen on the big screen as the devious rival to Vince Vaughn and Owen Wilson in Shawn Levy's comedy THE INTERNSHIP.

Before that, notable turns included George Clooney's THE IDES OF MARCH and David Fincher's THE SOCIAL NETWORK. That critically acclaimed film won three Academy Awards® and four Golden Globes, including Best Motion Picture - Drama.

Minghella starred opposite Rachel Weisz in Alejandro Amenabar's international box office hit AGORA. The historical epic was Spain's highest grossing film of 2009 and the winner of seven Goya Awards.

Other credits include SYRIANA, ART SCHOOL CONFIDENTIAL, THE DARKEST HOUR, BEE SEASON, HOW TO LOSE FRIENDS & ALIENATE PEOPLE, and ELVIS AND ANABELLE.

Minghella will next be seen in ABOUT ALEX by Jesse Zwick and opposite Daniel Radcliffe in Alexandre Aja's HORNS, based upon the novel by Joe Hill.

As a writer, Minghella's adaptation of Liz Jensen's novel THE NINTH LIFE OF LOUIS DRAX is being produced by Miramax with Alexandre Aja set to direct. Minghella also served as Executive Producer on the forthcoming Hossein Amini film THE TWO FACES OF JANUARY, based upon the novel by Patricia Highsmith.

Minghella attended Columbia University and the National Youth Theater in London. He resides in both London and Los Angeles.

JANE LEVY (KATE)

Jane Levy is one of the most promising young actresses in Hollywood. Next month she starts filming the feature *Monster Trucks* for Paramount which is set for a 2015 release. This year Levy can be seen in *About Alex*, premiering at Tribeca Film festival and in the feature *Frank and Cindy* opposite Rene Russo and Oliver Platt, which they recently completed production on. She currently stars as Tessa Altman in ABC's hit series "Suburgatory," which returned for its third season in January.

Recently Levy starred in Sam Raimi's record breaking remake of *Evil Dead, Fun Size*, directed by Josh Schwartz for Paramount. , *Nobody Walks* (written and directed by the team behind *Tiny Furniture*) which premiered at The 2012 Sundance Film Festival and the hit series "Shameless."

Levy grew up in Northern California. Though the acting bug bit her early on (she starred in community theater productions of *ANNIE* and *THE WIZARD OF OZ*,) in high school she was the captain of the varsity soccer team and on the hip hop dance team. She also excelled in chemistry. After a semester in the liberal arts program at Baltimore's Goucher College, Jane moved to New York to pursue acting at the Stella Adler Conservatory. Two years later, she moved to Los Angeles and in a few weeks, booked one role after the other.

Jane resides in Los Angeles.

CREW BIOS

JESSE ZWICK (DIRECTOR)

Jesse Zwick (writer/director) wrote for the acclaimed NBC drama "Parenthood." Prior to that, he covered politics for *The New Republic* magazine in Washington, DC. "About Alex" marks his feature film directorial debut.

ABOUT FOOTPRINT FEATURES

Footprint Features (www.footprintfeatures.com) is an independent production company specializing in the production of character driven, accessible to the mainstream motion pictures, that can be produced under 10M. Prior to ABOUT ALEX, Footprint produced the family comedy FAMILY WEEKEND also alongside The Bedford Falls Company, which starred Kristin Chenoweth. Later this year, they are going into production on WHEN WE FIRST MET (directed by Jamie Travis) which they are producing alongside Oscar nominated producer Mason Novick (500 Days of Summer, Juno.)

ABOUT THE BEDFORD FALLS COMPANY

The Bedford Falls Company is the production company of Edward Zwick and Marshall Herskovitz. Through the course of their long and storied career, the company has produced such noteworthy films as SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE, TRAFFIC, THE LAST SAMURAI, GLORY, LEGENDS OF THE FALL, LOVE AND OTHER DRUGS, and DEFIANCE.

CREDITS

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Music by

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Rob Lowry

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Set Decorator	Christopher Lauderdale
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Prop Master	Stephen Phelps
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CAST

Ben	Nate Parker
Alex	Jason Ritter
Siri	Maggie Grace
Josh	Max Greenfield

Sarah Isaac Kate Night Editor Rudy Suárez	Aubrey Plaza Max Minghella Jane Levy Adam Saunders Rey Lucas
First Assistant Camera Second Assistant Camera DIT Still Photographer Steadicam Operator	Cory Stambler Nayantara Parikh Jeff Clanet Jami Saunders Kyle Wullschleger Matthew Fleischmann
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Key Hair Key Make-Up Additional HMU	Kaela Dobson Anouck Sullivan Victoria Factor Alexandra Brock Emma Strachman
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	Barbara Forman
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	Mara Abonour
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	Brian Michael
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	Chernoh Sesay
Stunt Coordinator	John Patrick McLaughlin
Stunt Driver	Derrick Simmons
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Gaffer	Felipe Solares
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Score Recorded at Rarefied Recording in San Diego, California	
Post Production Sound Services	C5 New York
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Foley Editor	George Lara
Foley Artist	Marko Costanzo
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ADR Mixer	Michael Miller
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