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**NORTHERN** in development

Producer

Mixing elements of classic noir and westerns, with a dose of black comedy, NORTHERN tells the thrilling story of Patrick O'Brien, a veteran stranded in the snowy, unforgiving wilds of Maine after escaping an attempted hit on his life. Desperately seeking shelter, Patrick breaks into what he assumes to be an empty home, but soon discovers the home belongs to the lovable widow Imagen. What seems to be a quiet evening quickly descends into madness as an eclectic posse of mobsters arrives in the hunt for Patrick.

THE VOLUNTEERS in development

Line Producer, Budget Preparation

In the not too distant future, a persecuted group of minorities try to escape America, in order to survive a dystopian nightmare.

**DUSTY** in development

**Budget Preparation** 

A burlesque's dancer journey through identity and her plus-size image.

### YOU MAKE ME WANNA DIE

in development

**Budget Preparation** 

A couple faces the end of humanity, but are they meant to stay together?

#### SIMCHAS & SORROWS

in development

Line Producer, Budget Preparation

A Catholic girl falls in love with a Jewish boy. When the time comes for them to marry, he wants her to convert and that takes her on an interesting self-discovery journey.

THE POET in development

Line Producer, Budget Preparation

A Syrian refugee and his children immigrate to the United States to try their luck with the American Dream.

THE SUBJECT in post-production

Producer, Line Producer, UPM

An upstart documentarian builds his success on the death of one of his subjects and faces the consequences. Starring Jason Biggs, Aunjanue Ellis and Anabelle Acosta.

## THE HONEYMOON PHASE

in post-production

Producer, Line Producer, UPM

A psychological thriller following struggling young lovers, Tom (Jim Schubin) and Eve, who must endure an experiment run by the mysterious Director (François Chau) and his Handler (Tara Westwood). \$50,000, free room and board, and thirty days alone together in a romantic mountain house while their relationship is analyzed...What could possibly go wrong?

THE RING THING

Producer, Line Producer, UPM

THE RING THING is a documentary-narrative hybrid that explores marriage through the eyes of two women as they navigate their relationship together. The film has been accepted to over twenty festivals and has been released by Gravitas Ventures.

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## LET ME MAKE YOU A MARTYR

2016

Associate Producer, Production Supervisor

Drew Glass (Niko Nicotera), a young man has recently returned to his hometown after years away, crossing paths with his adoptive father, local crime boss Larry Glass (Mark Boone Junior), and reconnecting with his adopted sister and love interest, June Glass (Sam Quartin). Determined to run away together and escape their complicated past, June and Drew concoct a plan to kill Larry. Unfortunately, Larry finds out about the scheme and hires a hit man of his own (Marilyn Manson) to resolve the problem.

TAMO JUNTO 2016

**Executive Producer** 

Felipe (Leandro Soares) breaks up his relationship and sees himself as single for the first time in a long while. Free and unhinged, he intends to get back all those wasted years, but soon finds out that being single is not as fun as he remembered. The film premiered at the Gramado Film Festival and has been released by Paris Films.

**FAIL** 2016

Co-Producer

A group of lost and troubled dreamers, wasting their youth on the streets of New York city, have decided to shoot a movie. But little do they know they are about to embark on something that will change their lives forever.

KNUCKLEHEAD 2015

Associate Producer, Production Supervisor

Convinced that prescription drugs can cure his mental disorder, a neighborhood eccentric (Gbenga Akinnagbe) ventures out of Brooklyn's housing projects to escape his controlling mother (Alfre Woodard), and to find the one doctor who he believes can treat him. The film premiered as the opening night film at the BAMCinématek New Voices in Black Cinema festival and it was released by RLJ Entertainment.