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Elizabeth is a vibrant young mother. Recently married and pregnant, she faces a situation young women should never have to cope with. She finds herself under constant mental and physical cruelty inflicted by her new husband Hector. The only peace she encounters, are the moments she is alone caring for her infant son Joseph. “A Truth in Silence” depicts one weekend unlike any other in Elizabeth’s 17 years of domestic abuse.

Mixing true reality with entertainment, the nature of the short demonstrates a small aspect of the emotional traumas survivors of domestic abuse and violence go through. It also reflects situations an individual could be living in currently. Thank you for visiting. I hope to bring awareness to an issue that is very prevalent and almost accepted in not only the Hispanic community and culture, but every community and culture around the world. As a vision, stories and causes such as this are what Piña Productions aspires to create in the long term.





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### **FELIPE PIÑA (Writer /Producer)**

Wyoming raised Felipe Piña is a writer/actor/producer with a very diverse background both personally and professionally. His love of entertainment began at a very young age when he would sing and dance for his mother and brothers to whatever was on the record player. In fourth grade he wrote a book entitled “Mummies Yes or No?” where he won a first place award for creativity. His penchant for entertaining was reflected in his involvement in projects like school musicals and fundraising performances for Spanish Club. He was accepted to the University Of Wyoming, where his love of culture led to a journey towards becoming U.S. Diplomat.

While at the University, Felipe was accepted to a study abroad program in Bogota, Colombia. Upon his return to the U.S. a year later, he immediately sought out and was awarded a semester internship with the U.S. State Department in Washington DC. Felipe graduated from the University of Wyoming in 1999 with a dual degree in Spanish and International Studies. After graduation, his road to becoming a diplomat was detoured.

Fortunately, this allowed Felipe to gain over 15 years of corporate experiences ranging from corporate communications as the Spanish spokes representative for Frontier Airlines to finance with his current position with Internal Audit at City National Bank. This corporate experience combined with 10 years in the entertainment space as a professional SAGAFTRA actor has allowed Felipe to build relationships spanning both worlds. “A Truth in Silence.” It is not only the first script he has ever written, but also the first of many films to be made under his new Piña Productions banner.





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### **JONATHAN SALEMI (Director)**

Jonathan Salemi is a Los Angeles, CA., based Director and Producer best known for his award winning movie “Sidewalk Symphony” that has been seen on PBS, national television in the U.S., Europe, Asia and Africa, screened at two of The Academy Award qualifying film festivals, winner at The Boston International Film Festival, and screened at The Sydney Opera House in Australia.

His first film was the feature comedy “Ante Up” that was featured in the Hollywood Reporter as well as Variety Magazine and enjoyed a limited theatrical release after premiering at The Walt Disney Studios in Burbank, CA. It can presently be found on Netflix. Following up on that film, Jonathan created the feature documentary and multiple festival winner, “Making Your Mark: A year in the life of an entrepreneur”. It is currently up for distribution.

Presently, Jonathan has two new movies that are hitting festivals and theaters in 2013 and 2014: “A Truth in Silence” and the science-fiction film “Chasing the Past”. Other projects are currently in development.





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### **LYNNETTE MYERS (Producer)**

Lynnette Myers is devoted and committed, with a trained creative eye focusing on the Film Industry. A graduate from Filmakademie Baden-Wuerttemberg, NYFA, AFI; her experiences range from Live TV, Features, TV Series, Commercials, Music Videos, Web Series to MOW's. She has a long credit list as a Producer, Director, LP/UPM, and 1st AD positions over her 20+ career alongside Film Makers like Steven Spielberg, Michael Bay, Patty Jenkins & Russell Carpenter.

The list of Actors she has worked and become friends with is equally impressive: Jamie Foxx, Charlton Heston, Jennifer Aniston, Andy Garcia, Demi Moore, Gerard Butler, Vince Vaughn, Jennifer Love Hewitt, Danny Glover, Kate Hudson and Bobby Flay. Johnny Knoxville.

Lynnette Myers constantly amazes those who work alongside of her; she is a True Professional who can make the smallest of projects come out a GIANT!



## CAST



### **VANESSA E. GARCIA (Elizabeth)**

Born and raised in Los Angeles California. Vanessa E. Garcia attended UCLA in entertainment studies and performing arts. She got her first big break last year in the world renowned play “8” was performed in Los Angeles; starring alongside an all-star cast including George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Rob Reiner, Jamie Lee Curtis and Kevin Bacon to name a few. Vanessa now studies at the Carter Thor Studios with Cameron Thor.

When asked about her role in this film she replied: "This film came from a very real place in my heart. I hope this film opens people's eyes and hearts to this sensitive issue so they take action if this topic ever crosses their friends or families path."





### **ABIMAEEL LINARES (Hector)**

Abimael Linares was born in Puerto Rico. He is the first of three brothers, sons of Aida E. Soto and Luis F. Linares. He grew up in Ensenada, Guanica, which is a small community in a beach town on the South West coast of the island.

Growing up he always had a special admiration and interest for stories and music but it wasn't until his final years in college that he discovered acting amongst the other arts, distracting him from his, thought, career path to continue as a biologist. After being out of college for about two years and working as a supervisor at the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Society, Linares realized that the only thing that really satisfied him was being part of theater and entertainment. Soon after, booking a recurring role on a Telenovela, he put aside his career on plants and moved to Miami, FL. In February 2010, Abimael bought a one-way ticket to Los Angeles, California where he now resides, continuing his career as actor and film professional.





### **MASON JACKSON (Joseph)**

Mason Jackson was born in Los Angeles, CA in the summer of 2012. In his early life he enjoyed sleeping, eating, and pooping and not necessarily in that order. As he gets older he I loves to play solos on the guitar or jam a funky beat on the drums.

In his spare time Mason loves to go to the playground where he can sit in a swing for hours. “A Truth in Silence” is Mason’s first film, but has had a small video clip on CNN i report, and continues to go on auditions at Milk Studios. I really do love to act, my mommy says it comes naturally.





# CREW

## Directors Unit

Roslyn Aronowitz Assistant Director

Arek Bagboudarian 2nd Assistant Director

## Production Designer

Jason “Sparky” Howard

Dave Bush

## Art Department

Xander Montes

## Camera Department

Josh Fritts **Director of Photography**

Casey Street Oberhandsli **Stedi Camera Operations**

Daniel Worlock **1<sup>ST</sup> AC**

Marc Wiercloch **1<sup>ST</sup> AC**

John Davis **2<sup>nd</sup> AC/DIT**

Jason L Brisson **Production Assistant**

Mark W. Jopling **Production Assistant**

Conrad Maslen **Production Intern**



## **On-Set Still Photography**

Shawn Barber

**ShawnBarberPhotography.com**

## **Casting**

Chad Ritterbach **BokCreative.com**

Melissa Wallace-Allame Goldentime Media

## **Location**

Joseph McGill

## **Key Make-up & Hair**

Monica Giselle

## **Editor**

John Stobaugh

## **Score**

Tony Fiala

## **Script Supervisor**

Mandy Grant-Grierson



## **Stunts**

Carl Ciarfallo **Stunt Coordinator**  
Billy Bassey **Hector Double**  
Courtney Schwartz **Elizabeth Double**

## **Featured**

Eddie Jackson

## **Atmosphere**

Natasha Spikenreuther  
Ronald Schultz  
Al Trombetta  
Jason Brisson

## **Sound**

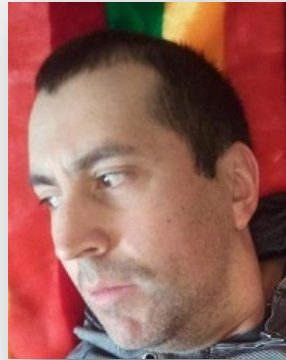
Tyler Neisinger **Sound/Boom Operator**

## **Costume Design**

Trish December



## Original Music



### **MARK BALDONADO (Singer/Songwriter)**

Mark Baldonado was born in Albuquerque NM. He comes from a musical family where everyone plays the guitar and sings. In kindergarten he sang his first solo, and realized that music was going to be a strong force in his life. His involvement in church choir, school choir, swing choir only confirmed that this was the path he would be taking. It wasn't long before Mark was asked to sing at weddings, funerals, and private parties. The day his mother bought him a keyboard and a guitar, was the day his songwriting career began, which has begun opening the door to more opportunities.

Throughout Mark's consistent career, has performed at iconic venues across the country including Hollywood's Rainbow Room, Key Club, and the Grand O'le Opry in Nashville, TN.

In 2011 a song Mark wrote "On the Surface" which was in the feature film titled "Walk A Mile In My Pradas". This year 2013, Mark was asked to write a song about hope and encouragement for a short film benefiting survivors and victims of domestic abuse and violence. He sat, strummed and wrote "Silent Scream" a brilliant piece which is now being featured in "A Truth in Silence".



## Lending a Voice to Domestic Abuse

"A Truth in Silence" is also being used to benefit currently two crisis centers that specialize in assisting victims of domestic abuse, violence, mental abuse, and homelessness. The goal is to encourage any individual who finds themselves in an abusive situation, to understand and know that help is available to them. The short also exists in hopes that survivors of abuse and violence can identify, find the courage, and begin to speak up about their true stories. To learn more about the crisis centers we are currently collaborating with, please visit their links below:



Violence Intervention Program impacts approximately 20,000 foster children and other victims of child abuse, sexual assault, and elder abuse in Los Angeles County each year. Visit <http://www.violenceinterventionprogram.org>



The Family Tree helps people overcome child abuse, domestic violence and homelessness to become safe, strong and self-reliant. <http://www.thefamilytree.org>



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Piña Productions is an entertainment company in Los Angeles, California. Just starting, we are dedicated to making films, songs, and media based on truth. With 10 years of experience in entertaining and the entertainment industry, we are very determined to impact not only unrepresented communities, but the entire world with stories that entertain but maintain a deep, meaningful, and clear positive message. We create to inspire and give back to the communities or causes by which these true stories were inspired. That is Piña Productions.

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