

# THE STAIRS

The background features several flowing, ribbon-like shapes in vibrant colors: red, orange, yellow, green, and blue. These ribbons appear to be moving or flowing across the frame, creating a sense of motion and depth. The colors transition smoothly from one to the next, and the ribbons have a slight sheen, giving them a three-dimensional appearance. The overall composition is dynamic and visually striking.

# THEY WENT OUT FOR A PLEASANT STROLL, IT TURNED INTO A DEAD RUN!

In 1997, 11 year old Jesse and Grandpa Gene go on a hunting trip deep in the woods. While tracking a deer, Jesse and Gene are separated. As the shadows of the forest get deeper, Gene finds the deer and Jesse finds.....something only a little boy's nightmares are made of. 20 years later a group of hikers, led by brothers Nick and Josh, set off into the very same woods. Unfortunately for them, nothing goes as planned and they all come face to face with the very same creature Jesse discovered all those years ago. This is a story of fear and death and heroism in the most unlikely of circumstances.



# CHARACTERS & CAST

# NICK

Nick has been laid off and on unemployment for the last 3-4 months. When Nick was younger he enjoyed going on day hikes with his brother, Josh, but now his time off is spent playing video games and going to bars with his friends. When Josh invites him on an extended hike he is ill prepared for a 5 day hike into the mountains but accepts anyway. He makes it halfway through the first day when he realizes just how out of shape he has become to the dismay of everyone else. When the group runs into trouble, Nick is forced to become the hero that's been buried inside him and help his friends make it out of the forest alive.....or not.

**This role has been cast -**  
played by Adam Korson  
Featured in: The Twilight Zone &  
Two Broke Girls



# JOSH

Physically fit with handsome features, he is loyal to a fault. A weekend off from his tech job is spent outside enjoying all the Pacific Northwest has to offer with friends. The oldest of the two brothers, he is always worrying about his younger brother Nick and all the trouble he gets into. Josh talks Nick into going with him on an extended hike to get him out of the house. Josh is super excited for this 5 day hike with old friends and is looking forward to meeting Rebecca's girlfriend Jordan. As the group stumbles upon dark forces, Josh attempts to take the role of the protector.

**This role has been cast -**  
played by Brent Bailey

Featured in: Doom Patrol, Agents of Shield, & LBJ



# REBECCA

Physically fit with tomboyish looks, she is at home in the great outdoors. After high school she moved from the midwest to Seattle to escape the small town life. It is here where she met Jordan, her current girlfriend. She probably works as a manager in retail but she never talks about her work. Rebecca is comfortable living in her skin, it's rare that anything phases her. She loves her girlfriend Jordan who is her whole life and would do anything to protect her. She is a longtime friend of Josh and Nick's and is so excited to finally have them meet Jordan. Rebecca's sanity is pushed to the limit once they encounter dark forces on their hike.

**This role has been cast** - played by  
Stacey Oristano  
Maxim model and featured in TV series  
Bunheads & Friday Night Lights



# JORDAN

Physically fit and good looking, she is a yoga instructor and has a witty and dry sense of humor that often gets lost in the moment. Jordan is quite the loner but enjoys spending time with her girlfriend, Rebecca. She always seems stiff and awkward when meeting new people but quickly opens up when she feels safe to do so. She struggles with constantly battling her insecurities. She is introduced to our group for the first time during this trip by Rebecca and plays the part of the outsider well. She doesn't like physicality with strangers; she would rather shake your hand than give you a hug. She is quite the gear head and has the latest new gadgets for whatever sport she engages in.

**This role has been cast -**  
played by Tyra Colar  
Featured in Cougar Town, The Mentalist and  
Guiding Light



# DOUG

Doug is charismatic and endearing once you get to know him. Always the comedian, he laughs at his own misfortune as well as his friends. The blue collar worker, he plays as hard as he works. Doug is the free spirited wild card of the group. Loud mouthed, always the joker, he's prone to off color remarks. He is instinctually loyal to his friends. He's the type of person that would bail you out of jail one day and eat all the food in your fridge the next. His understanding of boundaries is blurry. Doug is physically fit and a 20 mile hike is a walk in the park for him. Doug has experienced a lot in his life, so when things start to go awry on the trail he deals with them as someone who had planned for it in advance and shrugs off each obstacle ready for the next.

**This role has been cast -**  
played by Josh Crotty  
As featured in Point Defiance, Scandal &  
Grey's Anatomy



# JESSE

Jesse – Lives alone with his mom. He is quiet and smart. Jesse is a small town boy who loves his friends, family and the outdoors. Enjoying his summer break, he looks forward to his first official hunting trip with his Grandpa Gene. He's easily distracted but fast to learn. After being abducted by a creature and resurfacing 20 years later he has to deal with a new time and an old enemy. This role has moments of physicality.

**This role has been cast** - Introducing Thomas Wethington  
As seen in Z-Nation Season Five as "Littlefoot"



# KATE

A single mom, Kate happily holds several jobs to make sure her son, Jesse, is taken care of. Kate and Jesse have a very functional, loving relationship. Jesse is her whole world but lets him be a kid without being overbearing and demanding. Kate is excited for Jesse's first hunting trip with Grandpa Gene. When things go unexpectedly and disastrously wrong on this trip, Kate is as devastated as only a mother could be. (Supporting)

**This role has been cast -**  
played by Trin Miller  
As seen in Captain Fantastic, Strowlers  
and St. Agatha



# GRANDPA GENE

Gruff exterior but heart of gold. Retired park ranger who spends his days puttering around the house with wife, Bernice. He loves his daughter, Kate, dearly and looks forward to any time he can spend with her and his grandson, Jesse. His protective instincts kick in when his grandson is threatened by an unknown force during their planned hunting trip.

**This role has been cast -**  
played by John Schneider  
Known for his roles in Dukes of Hazzard  
& Smallville



# GRANDMA BERNICE

Bernice is the picturesque version of a loving, doting grandmother who cares for her family. Bernice's shines when she gets to spend time with her grandson, Jesse. She loves company and is known for her cooking and baking. Bernice is the glue that keeps the family together.

**This role has been cast** - played by Academy Award Nominee:  
Kathleen Quinlan  
Known for her roles in Apollo 13, American Graffiti, Breakdown,  
Event Horizon, A Civil Action and the TV Series Family Law





# THE CREW

# PETER “DRAGO” TIEMANN – CO-WRITER, DIRECTOR, PRODUCER

This is Drago's directorial debut after 19 years behind the camera as a Second Unit Director and Stunt Coordinator. He has a 100% safety record and is the Chair for the SAG/AFTRA Stunt & Safety Committee for the Pacific Northwest.

Co-Founder of Wandering Dragon Productions - Focused on high quality and commercially viable film projects that are visually stimulating and feature cutting edge stunts and practical effects.

[IMDB here.](#)



# DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

I fell in love with “Creature Features” as a young boy, sneaking out at midnight to watch Fright Night, Elvira’s Movie Macabre, and the classic Twilight Zone. These shows really opened up a whole new world for me. I always wanted to make movies, and my passion has been for making the “impossible” a reality. These days, most movies are done with CGI, but I want to give the cast, crew and audience a visceral experience. This is achieved only with the practical magic that is puppetry, engineering, and full body creature suits. I’m excited to bring this story, vision and experience to the screen.

Everyone has read, heard or know someone that has gone missing in the woods – or “something is creepy out there” – as far as we know, monsters don’t exist...

or do they?

Maybe we just haven’t been looking in the right spots.

# JASON LOWE - CO-WRITER

I have had an unquenchable thirst for films since childhood. No matter the genre, if it is good, I've seen it. I've been on movie sets in the Pacific Northwest since 2006 in roles including Actor, Production, Sound, Special Effects and Stunt Utility. I was an Executive Producer on the last film by Wandering Dragon Productions, which is currently in distribution. For this screenplay we wanted to capture what we know, the Pacific Northwest. We live very close to some of the most beautiful and haunting landscapes in the USA. This script is an amalgamation of personal experiences and imagination from all of our years in Washington State. We took our time on this one, the joke is "Nights and weekends until Christmas." This work leans heavily on supernatural and sci/fi elements, but one thing is for sure... it is from our hearts.



# AMANDA RAE JONES - PRODUCER



Experienced financial executive with a demonstrated successful history of working in emerging and high velocity industries. Skilled in business planning, and strategy in pioneering and fast paced environments, Ms. Jones is an accomplished Chief Financial Officer, a published author, and certified Sommelier.

Co-Founder of Wandering Dragon Productions, and Hazard Factory Stunts & FX, focused on high quality and commercially viable film projects that are visually stimulating and feature cutting edge stunts and practical effects.

[LinkedIn here](#)

# PRODUCER'S STATEMENT

My love of movies started many (many) years ago as a child, my family would take “movie vacations”. A weekend full of junk food, no chores and a stack of VHS tapes taller than I was. We would unplug the phone, park the cars around the block, make pillow forts and watch movies all weekend at all hours of the day or night.

I loved that these movies could take me to different worlds, introduce me to different perspectives, different ideas and complex relationships within the safety of my pillow fort. This experience influenced my belief that movies are much more than just entertainment, they create social movements, introduce new paradigms, and sometimes are so incredible they create brain folds and life is never the same.

Everyone loves a good story, humanity has been sharing these stories since the dawn of time. It's a thrill to finally be able to bring some of these stories to life.

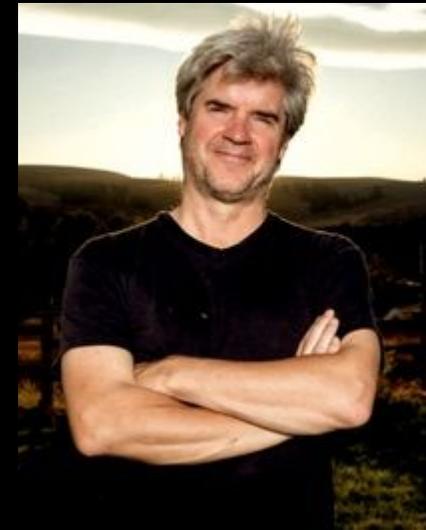
## JEREMY GORDON CSA CASTING DIRECTOR



Jeremy Gordon has spent the last 15+ years casting feature films, television shows, web-series, short films and commercials at both the indie and network/studio level. Some of Jeremy's favorite projects include WE'RE THE MILLERS for which he received an Artios Award nomination, THINK LIKE A MAN, Rob Reiner's BEING CHARLIE, LBJ and SHOCK AND AWE, John Singleton's pilot, SNOWFALL, AMC's HELL ON WHEELS and the instant indie feature hit SPORK.

## RYAN PURCELL DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY

His years of film work around the globe have given him an observer's eye, a desire to understand the other, and continues to show him new ways to reach people through visual storytelling. Having the opportunity to have worked under Vilmos Zsigmond and Haskel Wexler influenced him greatly. He has shot a dozen feature films, festival winning shorts and commercials for Ford, NBA, Amazon, Xbox and more.



## Assistant Director

Tony Becerra



A leader in the Washington State Film community, Tony has AD'd on Grey's Anatomy, ZNation & JourneyQuest.

## Assistant Producer

Victoria Ramon



Writer and producer of several short films, she has edited political documentary shorts, filmed comedy sketches and worked with The New York Times "the Weekly".

## Sound

Tara Munoz



With over 26 film credits, Tara is excellent to head up the sound department. She understands the importance of capturing both a whisper and an explosion accurately.

## Script Supervisor

Nancy Frye



Actress, Director, Producer, Armorer and Script Supervisor, Nancy is very experienced on a film set and brings both institutional knowledge and professionalism to every project.

# CREATURE BUILD, PUPPETRY, SPECIAL EFFECTS & MAKE-UP

**BANDERSNATCH STUDIOS** - <https://bandersnatchstudios.com>

Known for their work on Z-Nation, The Hollow One and a featured speaker at Seattle Web Fest. They are the premiere creature and effects studio in the Pacific Northwest.



**CLAIRE BROOKSBANK**— with a background as an EMT, and a resume packed with shows like the TV series Z-Nation, and films Prospect & Exorcist: The Fallen, Claire is one of the premier make-up artists in the Pacific Northwest.

<https://www.clairebrooksbank.com>



# LOCATIONS - INTERIOR

*Georgetown Steam Plant*



# LOCATIONS - EXTERIOR

Espresso Chalet in Index, Wa



Shoreview Park, Seattle, Wa



Lake Fenwick Park in Kent, Wa.



ShoreView Park, Seattle Wa.

