

JUSTIN CHON

KEVIN WU

MAN UP

*When the world hands you lemons
You just gotta be happy that you
have a lemon.*



KINETIC FILMS presents in association with KEV JUMBA PRODUCTIONS and DONKEYBONE FILMS
directed by JUSTIN CHON co-written by KEVIN WU and JUSTIN CHON cinematography by NATHANIEL FU
edited by JOHN LAFFERTY produced by JAMES J. YI associate producer YAMATO CIBULKA
executive producers JUSTIN CHON KEVIN WU and JAMES SERENO

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Film Synopsis

It's summer and 19 year old Martin is looking forward to chilling with his girlfriend Madison who is now out of high school. But Madison has other plans. After dropping the bomb on Martin with the news that she is pregnant, she decides to skip town to focus on her future apart from Martin who is nothing but an ambition-less lazy bum.

With Madison gone, Martin has nowhere to turn. He gets kicked out of the house for getting his girlfriend pregnant on top of being a slacker with no job who has been avoiding college for over a year. He is forced to crash with his goofball best friend Randall who was recently abandoned by his mom and left to fend for himself. All alone in the world, Martin and Randall must put their dull-witted heads together and figure out for themselves what it means to be a man.

Company Info

KINETIC FILMS:

Kinetic Films is the brainchild of director James Sereno & actor Dante Basco and is based on their vision to produce unprecedented quality Asian/Pacific films and to make Hawaii recognizable as a hub for independent film production. Kinetic Films is Hawaii's leading producers of Asian/Pacific films that showcases and believes in the fostering and hiring of a locally grown cast, crew and writers. As a visionary film production company, Kinetic Films has diligently stayed at the forefront of emerging technologies by creating a streaming digital player for its films, a tool that provides consumers with immediate access to movies on their phones, computers and iPads. Kinetic Films is headquartered in Honolulu, Hawaii with offices in Los Angeles, California.

Producer and Director Bio's

JUSTIN CHON: Executive Producer, Director, Co-Writer, Co-Star

Justin Chon just completed a starring role with Ray Liotta in the Martin Scorsese executive produced feature REVENGE OF THE GREEN DRAGONS and he recently starred in the comedy feature 21 AND OVER (from the writers of The Hangover). He is currently in post-production on the independent film MAN-UP in which he wrote, produces and stars.

Chon is known worldwide by film audiences for his role as Eric Yorkie in TWILIGHT, THE TWILIGHT SAGA: NEW MOON, THE TWILIGHT SAGA: ECLIPSE and THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN.

This busy actor will also be seen in the upcoming feature film, FROM THE ROUGH opposite Oscar nominees, Taraji P. Henson and the late Michael Clarke Duncan. Chon also has starring roles in DETENTION OF THE DEAD, HANG LOOSE, ROCK JOCKS, INNOCENT BLOOD and in the title role of the dramatic festival short, JIN. In 2009, he had a supporting lead role in the Weinstein Company feature film, CROSSING OVER. The film, directed by Wayne Kramer, also stars Harrison Ford, Ray Liotta and Ashley Judd. He was also seen in the feature film comedy, BALLS OUT: THE GARY HOUSEMAN STORY opposite Sean William Scott. In addition, Chon had another starring role in the comedy/horror film, HACK. TV fans remember Chon as a series regular starring on Nickelodeon's JUST JORDAN and from the Disney Channel as one of the stars of WENDY WU: HOMECOMING WARRIOR. More recent television credits include guest-starring roles on HOUSE M.D. and NEW GIRL.

Born and raised in Southern California, Chon's parents migrated from South Korea where his father was a well-known television and film actor and his mother was an accomplished pianist. A typical Californian, he grew up on the beach while surfing, skateboarding, playing tennis and hitting the golf course. This multitalented actor also plays the guitar, piano, violin and the saxophone.

KEVIN WU: Executive Producer, Co-Writer, Co-Star

Kevin Wu just completed a role in Martin Scorsese's REVENGE OF THE GREEN DRAGONS. He is best known for his Internet Persona "KevJumba." On Youtube he has garnered over 3 million subscribers, a channel he started in High School. Currently he is in post-production on the Independent film MAN-UP, in which he co-wrote, co-produced, and stars in.

Wu has hosted his own TV show on Cartoon Network, raced around the world with his father on Amazing Race, and done public appearances around the world meeting his diverse and wide audience that he was able to connect with through Youtube.

Through his Youtube platform he also partnered with Justin Lin and Ryan Higa to create a digital network called YOMYOMF. And he stars in a short with Jessica Alba, Wayne Brady, Masi Oka called Bananapocalypse, which was directed by Justin Lin.

Kevin is of Chinese descent, but he grew up in the suburbs of Houston playing soccer, video games, and attending youth camps. His big break came in High school when one of his comedy videos inadvertently went viral, which started a path into entertainment. Alongside everything, Kevin is currently re-enrolled back in College to focus on his studies. He plans to major in Comparative Lit at a 4-year University.

JAMES SERENO: Executive Producer

James Sereno created Kinetic Films. Sereno grew up in Hawaii where he built strong roots in his Asian heritage and the Hawaii culture. He carried these roots with him to the mainland where he graduated from USC School of Cinema/Television. Upon graduating, Sereno honed his skills in development at Disney Studios and Columbia Pictures. Thereafter, he joined Team-One Advertising where he produced spots for Lexus and America West Airlines. After several years working on the mainland, he decided to return back to islands as a Director, forming his own production company, Kinetic Productions. Here he has directed and produced work for some of the island's largest companies, including Hawaiian Electric Company, Hawaiian Airlines, Hawaiian Telcom, First Hawaiian Bank, Ala Moana Center and AIG Insurance, to name a few. For this work and others, he has won an innumerable amount of Pele Awards, the state's version of the Addys for advertising work, including BEST OF SHOW and was recognized as "Young Adman of the Year" in Hawaii.

As a producer, Sereno also has numerous accolades under his belt, having won the prestigious Cannes Bronze Lion, Clios, and Belding. Sereno completed a short film entitled, "Silent Years" which won a myriad of awards including first runner up at the exalted British Academy Awards, L.A. (BAFTA/L.A). He recently directed and produced the feature film, "Paradise Broken," a gritty drama about the underbelly of Waikiki and produced the feature film, "Hang Loose," a coming-of-age comedy both of which were nominated for Best Film at the LA Asian/Pacific Film Festival. Sereno has a strong commitment to fostering and supporting our diverse ethnic communities and is a supporter of a variety of charitable organizations including Aloha United Way, Good Beginnings Alliance and the Anti-tobacco campaign

JAMES J. YI: Producer

Producer James J. Yi is a passionate filmmaker who has thrived in the independent film world for over 10 years. His producing credits include award-winning feature films such as MOOZ-LUM (Danny Glover), DETENTION OF THE DEAD (Justin Chon), and DETROIT UNLEADED. His desire to pursue visual storytelling at its finest while pushing creative and intellectual boundaries has helped him build a strong reputation as a champion for

independent filmmaking. His most recent projects, MAN-UP (feature comedy) and TWINSTERS (feature documentary) is due to release in 2015. He is currently producing and co-directing DARK PROGRESSIVISM, a feature documentary about the Los Angeles graffiti and street arts movement.

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