



### RECORDER WRITER

STHAAM BY

Sihaam Naik is an independent filmmaker and writer with a background in humanities and social sciences. The idea for *Erica Boudoir* came to her character first. She was interested in exploring character dynamics in an environment and seeing where context.

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She was heavily inspired by Fleabag to break the fourth wall and enhance Leo's performative nature.

She enjoys creating distinct characters with specific interests because she firmly believes the more specific it gets, the more universal it is. Sihaam also writes film essays for digital collectives in her





I chose this script initially due to the theatrical nature of the main protagonist, Leo. The script stuck with me from the offset, with the campy introduction of Leo and the way he carries himself through his filigreed world compounded with personal collectibles holding their own memories and history. There is also a certain aesthetic and fashion from the 50's which I am very passionate about that completely put me as well as Leo, under the charm of *Erica Boudoir*, our female protagonist.

Whilst the script is beautifully and brilliantly written, I wanted to add another layer onto the story that tackles the idea of the male gaze, with a female-gaze orientated approach. Instead of going into a self critical story about a male, gazing at his female neighbour, quite like in *Rear Window* (Hitchcock, 1954), It was important for me to strip off this "voyeur" notion and "creepiness" of an obsessive man towards his neighbour. I wanted to make sure that Leo's fondness and interest towards Erica came from a place of admiration and high esteem and not sexualization.

Most importantly, this story reminds us of the value of small things and memories and the sense of help and togetherness between neighbours which are all quite needed, and can be thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed in times like we are living now, but also over time.

DIRECTOR'S VISION STATEMENT





Funso is a creative new to the world of film.

Coming from a family where both her parents were in theatre productions, she has always been surrounded with actors but has never pursued it herself.

As well as acting, Funso is a commercial model and portrait photographer.

In January 2020, she also held her first exhibition, making her debut as the founder of *ATA RODO*- a platform showcasing the creative talents of Black and Brown women in the arts.









## MEET THE DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY 82 PRODUCTION DESIGNER

Swaen Lievestro is an independent cinematographer.
Her passion for filmmaking stems from her love for storytelling.
She's passionate about lighting and composition, and has an eye for detail.
She enjoys working with the camera and lighting department – collaboration is one of her favourite things about working in the film industry.

For *Erica Boudoir*, Swaen used a lot of practical lights and aimed for a soft, warm-toned look. She studied colour palettes and lens choices from filmmakers like *Jean-Pierre Jeunet*, *Robert Yeoman and Sławomir Idziak* (in collaboration with *Krzysztof Kieślowski*).

# MEET THE 1ST AD & CASTING DIRECTOR

Bianca Nicole Alexander is an aspiring First Assistant Director with a passion for Producing. After studying communications, she fell into the film industry by co-producing a diverse range of projects in Trinidad and Tobago and never looked back.

Currently pursuing a Bachelors in Filmmaking at the *London Film Academy*, Bianca intends to continue her work as a 1st AD, noting that the most thrilling facet of filmmaking is collaborating with fellow creatives. Her dream is to work with directors who are interested in telling compelling stories that rewrite narratives and shape the industry into a more inclusive one.



Luca Poli started out as an actor in LA. Then, slowly shifted behind the camera and shortly realised how satisfying that process was. He developed and shot a documentary about the life and career of the basketball player *David Moss* and is currently in talks to develop a docuseries.

In the meantime he is undertaking his BA degree in Filmmaking at the London Film Academy.

#### FULL CAST & CREW



Erica Boudoir
FUNSO FOLUSO-HENRY



DOP/Production Designer
SWAEN LIEVESTRO



Camera Operator
TIGER WATTS



Grip/DIT
AMELIA SILLAT



Leo
BENJAMIN CRAWLEY



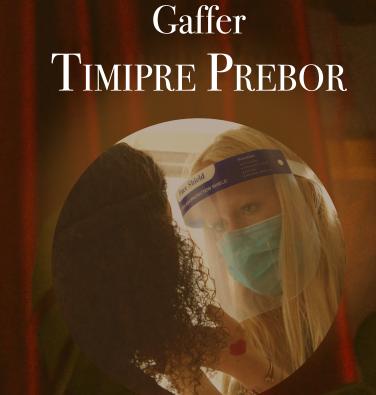
1st AD/Casting Director BIANCA ALEXANDER



1st AC/Focus Puller
JULIUS VALKYS



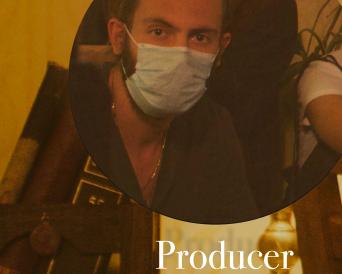
Sound Recordist
CALLUM HENDERSON



Makeup Artist
SUNNY CRADOCK



Director
MARINA TERRANOVA



Producer LUCA POLI





Boom Operator SAM RAUSING







### DIALOGIE LIST

00:00:24	00:00:26	"You can tell a lot about a person based of their trash."
00:00:28	00:00:32	"After all, one man's trash is another man's treasure."
00:00:32	00:00:34	"Bottle cap!"
00:00:36	00:00:40	"However! In this case, it's one woman's trash."
00:00:40	00:00:42	"But not just any woman"
00:00:42	00:00:45	"Erica Boudoir"
00:00:46	00:00:50	"A name so nice you say it once"
00:00:50	00:00:51	"And let it linger."
00:01:05	00:01:06	"Erica".
00:01:06	00:01:07	"Leo, do you have my trash?".
00:01:08	00:01:09	"What a surprise"
00:01:08	00:01:11	"I know you like to rifle through everyone's bins to"
00:01:11	00:01:12	"Decorate your place"
00:01:12	00:01:14	"But you could not have picked a worse time to dumpster dive"
00:01:18	00:01:19	"Sorrywhat now?"
00:01:20	00:01:24	"I have reason to believe I accidentally threw away something the
00:01:26	00:01:28	"Your imitation Marilyn Monroe wig?"
00:01:29	00:01:29	"No."
00:01:30	00:01:34	"See, it belonged to my family for generations"
00:01:34	00:01:38	"My great, great, great grandmother's miniature wedding
00:01:39	00:01:41	"This weeks trash is behind the sofa."
00:01:56	00:01:57	"I should probably make small talk."

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"So...what was her name?"









