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THE WAY THINGS USED 2 B

Directed by Ciara Naughton and Kurstin Moser

Technical Specs

Short

Project Type

\$3,500

Production Budget

Digital

Shooting Format

Romance/Comedy

Genres

United States

Country of Origin

16:9

Aspect Ratio

16 minutes

44 seconds

Runtime

United States

Country of Filming

Color, REC 709

Film Color

June 20, 2025

Completion Date

English

Language

First-time

Filmmaker

Logline:

Jenny's world gets turned upside down when she's left to get a job at her local country club and be reunited with her old classmate Darren, forcing her to reconcile with her past and learn that things aren't always the way they used to be.



Director Bios



Kurstin (left) is a first-time filmmaker with a background in post-production, where she developed a love for timing, tone, and making moments land. Her co-directorial debut is a fun, character-driven rom-com that leans into humor, heart, and the awkward magic of human connection. Passionate about collaborative filmmaking, she is excited to tell stories that center warmth, connection, and fresh perspectives.

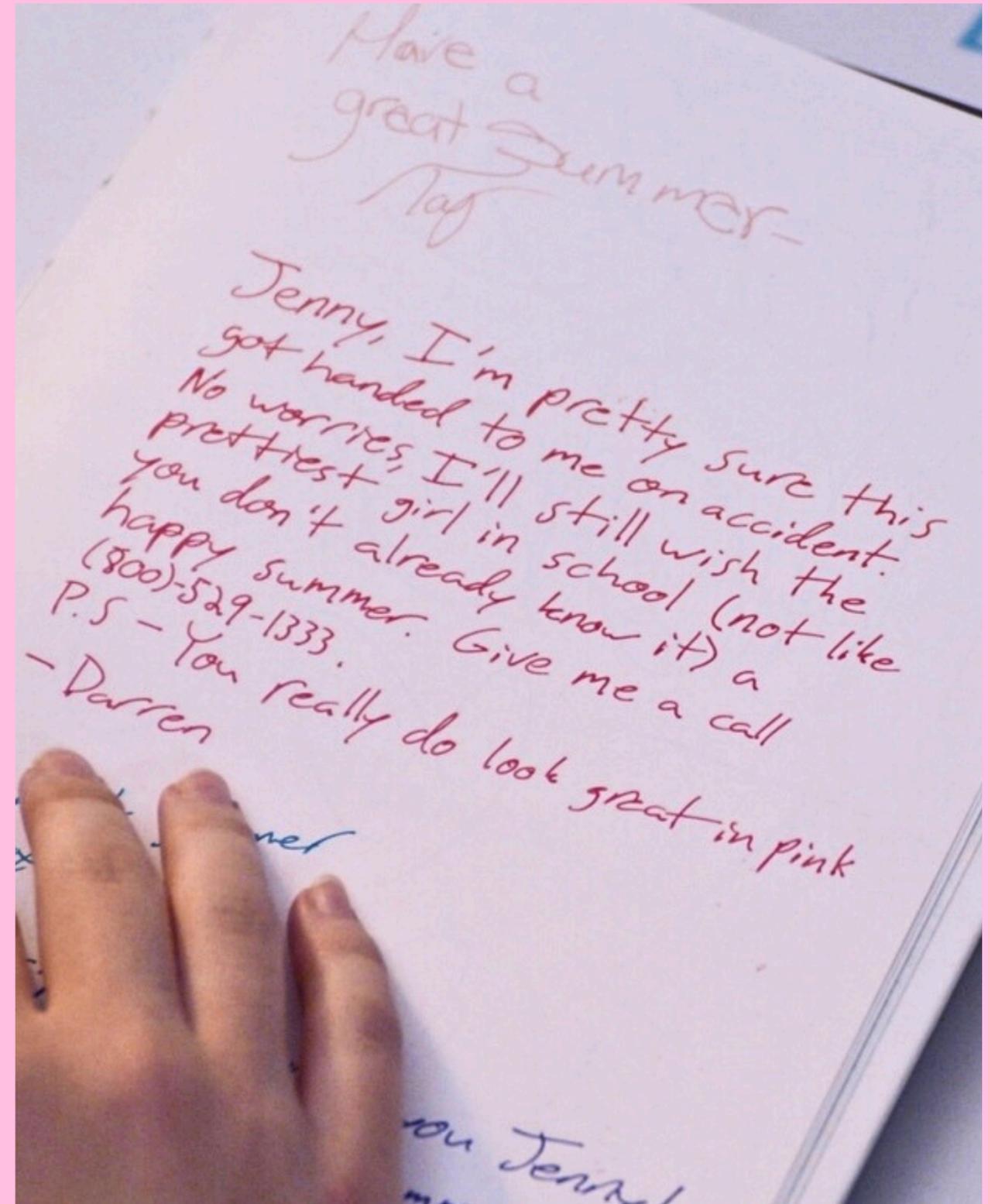
While Ciara (right) has been contributing her skills as an AD and PA across TV and movies for the past 4 years, her ultimate goal would be to write and direct her own stories, preferably alongside her talented co-director. Like in “The Way Things Used 2 B”, she hopes to tell stories that bring laughter, warmth and community; just like the best Y2K romcoms have. When not assisting in movie magic on set she loves to discover new films that inspire her to keep putting her own creativity out into the world.

Director's Statement

When you grow up on some of the best romcoms of all time, it's hard to see them all fade away. It's a tired cliché, but they really don't make them like they used to.

Some of our favorite rom coms come from the campy dream that was the early 2000s. The style, the lingo, the look, and of course, the romance. But what glued us to these movies, was the surreal, lush world that lived around the characters. Anything was possible: the nerd could get the homecoming queen, the cheer team was the only thing in the world worth caring about, and there was always a happy ending.

As the world around us fades further and further from this utopia, its movies like this we run back to as an escape. We hope that "The Way Things Used 2 B" provides this solace for you as it does for us. Though short, we hope to one day expand the world of "Used 2 B" and revive the romantic, dream-like worlds of the romantic comedy. We want to bring laughter, connection, and camp back to the movies. "The Way Things Used 2 B" is just the beginning.



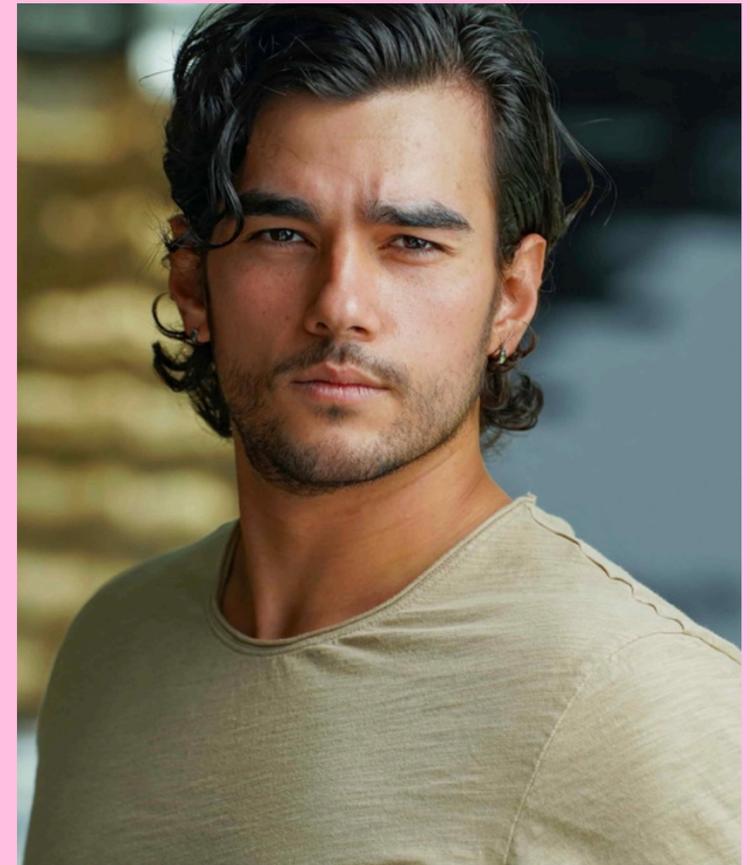


Jackie Romankow as *Jenny*

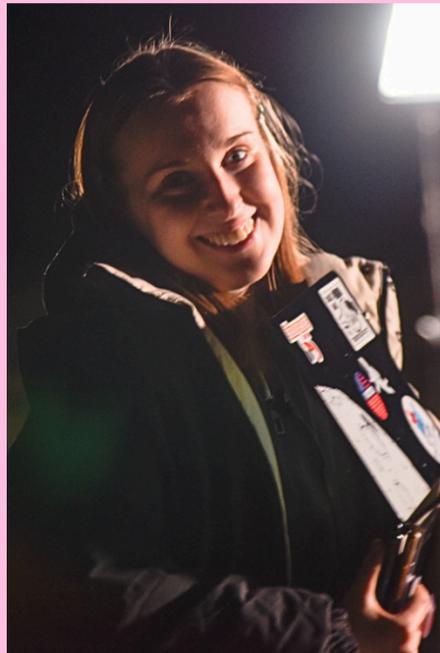
Jackie is a Brooklyn-based actor, singer, and voice/speech coach. After graduating from Boston University (BFA Acting), Jackie made her NYC debut performing as “Eleven” in Netflix’s *Stranger Things: The Experience*. Since then, Jackie has done Shakespeare regionally, performed Off-Broadway at the Playwrights Horizons Theatre, and has been making the rounds singing at multiple cabaret venues across the city (54 Below, Triad Theatre, Chelsea Table+Stage, etc).

Lee Keinan as *Darren*

At the age of 24, Lee Keinan marked his triumphant entry into the world of cinema, making a memorable debut that showcased his remarkable talent and versatility. His captivating presence on screen, coupled with his commitment to delivering authentic performances, has garnered widespread acclaim and admiration from audiences and critics alike. With each role he undertakes, Lee Keinan continues to captivate audiences and leave a lasting impression, solidifying his status as a rising star in the world of film and television.



Main Credits



**Co-Writer/
Co-Director**

Ciara Naughton



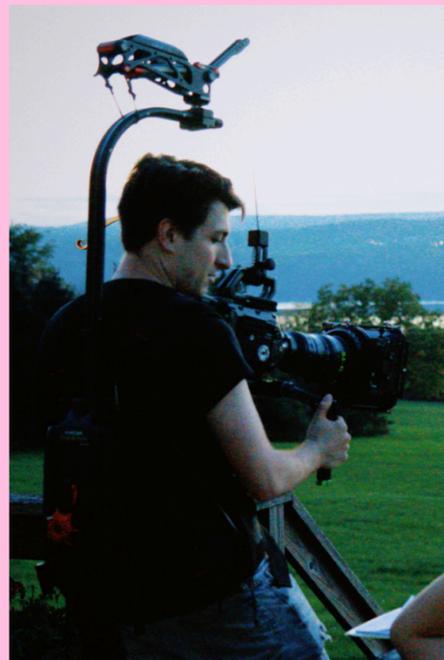
**Co-Writer/
Co-Director/Editor**

Kurstin Moser



Executive Producer

Burke Hutchinson



Cinematographer

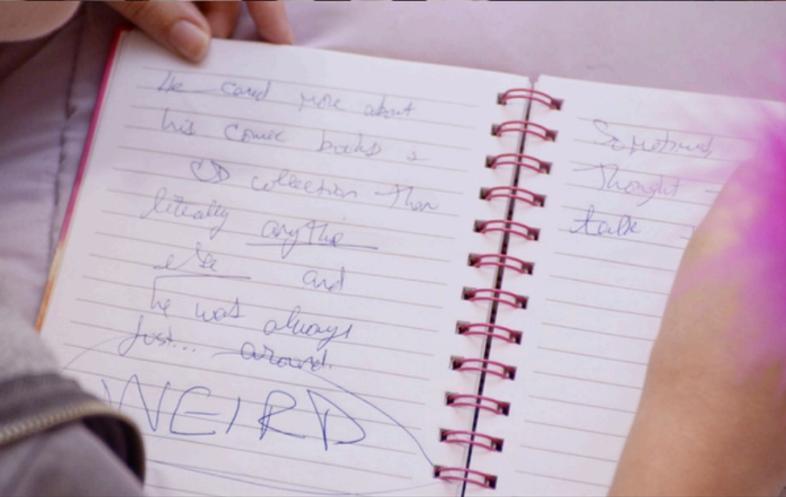
Adam Coe



**Sound Recordist, Designer,
& Mixer**

Mat Mruz

Film Stills



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