

A cinematic still from the film 'Chipper'. A man and a woman are shown in silhouette, standing in a doorway and facing each other. The man is on the left, and the woman is on the right. They appear to be in a tense or serious conversation. In the background, through the doorway, a dining room is visible, featuring a round table with chairs and a large window that lets in natural light. The overall mood is somber and intimate.

Chipper

LOGLINE

After receiving a mysterious letter, a wayward son returns to his childhood home to wrestle with a dark family secret.

SYNOPSIS

After receiving a mysterious letter from his ailing father, Reese (Chipper) Walker, a man who practically lives on his motorcycle, arrives at his childhood home where his father lives with Chipper's spinster sister Carol. In the letter, his father has revealed a dark family secret that will change all of their lives forever. As pressure mounts, he is forced to make a decision. The most painful decision of his life. Can he do what's right without destroying what's left of his family?

ABOUT THE FILM

In 2016, Jayson approached Ruckus Skye & Lane Skye to commission a short film script and they asked him, “What scares you the most?” Jayson replied “My parents growing old.” Two weeks later they gave him the script for Chipper.

After years of attempting to produce the film, it was finally shot in June of 2022.

As the baby-boom generation ages, more and more members of Gen-Jones and Gen-X are finding themselves with parents in their final years. Everyone hopes their loved ones will have a full and long life that will end peacefully. But, as medical science continues to prolong life “at any cost”, decisions about quality of life and the right to die start knocking on the door.

With Chipper, Jayson hopes to bring this not often discussed, due to social stigma and legality, dilemma into focus so that others confronted with these decisions will find they are not alone.

Until laws are changed, more and more people will slam into the wall our protagonist does in our film. We are not condoning his course of action but, what choice does Chipper have now?

Festivals and Awards



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JAYSON WARNER SMITH

Executive Producer/Lead Actor

Jayson is best known for his memorable characters from 'Rectify' on SundanceTV and 'The Walking Dead' on AMC. He is also a cast member of The Birth of a Nation the 2016 Sundance jury and audience award winner.

Chipper is his executive producing debut. This film is inspired by real life experiences for him. He hopes it will console others who are also dealing with family end-of-life decisions.



Shaun MacLean

Director

Shaun MacLean is an Atlanta native, University of Georgia graduate (2015), and alumnus of the Horizon Theatre Apprentice Company. A lifelong thespian, Shaun is best known for his work as an actor in theatre, television, and film, but he has found a calling behind the camera as well.

Over the past few years, Shaun has produced five narrative short films for various charities and causes with the non-profit production company, Rising Act Films. He is now taking the next step in his career as the director of the short film, Chipper. This marks Shaun's directorial debut.

Ruckus Skye & Lane Skye

Writers



Ruckus Skye & Lane Skye are a husband/wife writing and directing team with a focus on creating dark, character driven genre films. They have written a number of features including BECKY starring Kevin James, Joel McHale, and Lulu Wilson, which spent two weekends at #1 in the domestic box office and was an official selection of Tribeca 2020 where Lane was nominated for the Nora Ephron Award. They also wrote RATTLE THE CAGE, which premiered at Fantastic Fest and VARIETY called "A world-class neo-noir thriller". The Skye's feature writing/directing debut, THE DEVIL TO PAY, which Film Threat rated a 10/10 and called it "brilliantly crafted", is now available on VOD and currently has a 100% on Rotten Tomatoes.



Jesse Scimeca

Director of Photography/Editor

Screenwriter, Director, Director of
Photography, Editor, Creative
Director

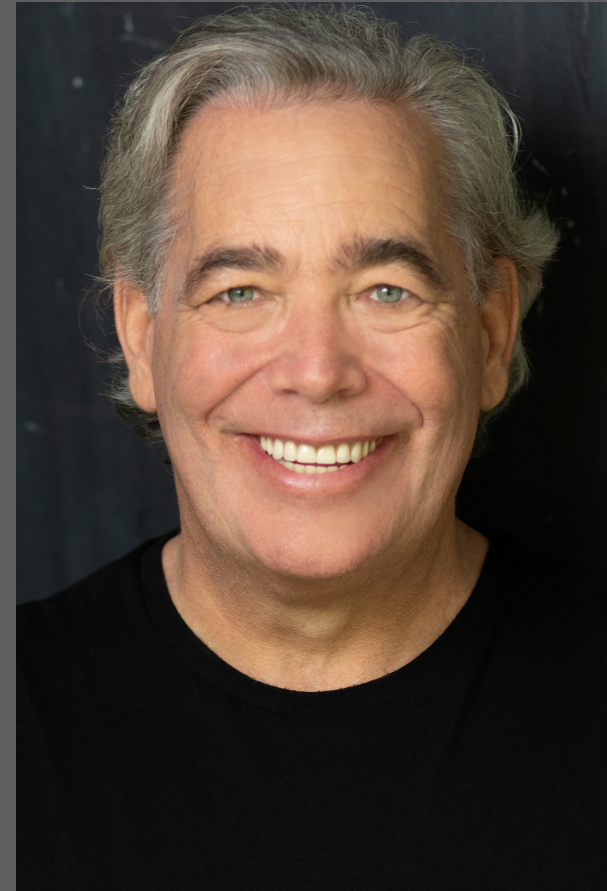
Ryan Wiedmayer
and
Robert Mello
Weird Brothers Productions



Weird Brothers Productions was formed by Robert Mello and Ryan Wiedmayer in 2022. “Chipper” is Weird Brothers' first production. They are currently developing a horror project which they hope to shoot in early 2023.

Ryan Wiedmayer is a commercial real estate entrepreneur in Atlanta, Georgia with a great love for film. This is his first film serving as executive producer.

Robert Mello is the former VP of Development for Hazy Mills Productions in Los Angeles, where he worked on pilots and series for TVLand, FOX, FX, CW, and more. His short "Finale" played festivals across the country, winning audience favorite at the San Jose Film Festival. His first feature film producing effort - "Coffee, Kill Boss" opened the Austin Film Festival. “Chipper” is his first co-executive producing effort.



Braden Deal

Original music



Braden is a film composer based out of Los Angeles, CA. He lives there with his wife, Liz, and dog, Sophie. Braden has composed original scores for numerous films, short films, web series, and other projects over the years.

Daniel Parvis

Original song

Daniel Parvis (Rider Dan and The Highside) is an Atlanta based singer/songwriter, actor and photographer. With his introspective and emotionally raw lyrics that are often coupled with heartbreaking melodies and guitar, he explores life and loss as experienced through helmet and goggles, going nowhere fast on a 700cc parallel twin.

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Brad Carter

Cast - Brother

Brad is an American film and television actor, guitarist, painter, sculptor, photographer and film composer.



Kathrine Barnes

Cast - Carol

Kathrine Barnes is an actor, fire-eater, and former dancer best known for her highly physical, experimental screen and stage performances. As a Co-founder & Producing Partner at Vernal & Sere Theatre, she recently partnered with the Luis Buñuel Film Institute to mount and star in the world-premiere stage adaptation of Buñuel's surrealist masterpiece The Exterminating Angel. Reps: Kazarian, Measures & Ruskin and Atlanta Models & Talent.



Brittany Deneen

Cast - Ade sewa

Brittany is an Atlanta theatre artist known best for her performance as Claudia in Synchronicity Theatre's The Bluest Eye and Nana in Kenny Leon's True Colors Theatre Company's performance of School Girls; or The African Mean Girls Play. In addition she is a dancer and choreographer.



Rick Andosca

Cast - Dad

Rick has been involved as an actor/ theater director or teacher for over fifty years. T.V. from Cheers through Heels. In films, he can be seen this winter in Haunted Mansion and Shazam - Fury Of The Gods. He teaches Meisner Technique in Atlanta.



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Shaun MacLean

1st AD
Audrey Deitz

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Ruckus Skye
and
Lane Skye

Produced by
Shaun MacLean
Jesse Scimeca

Executive Producers
Jayson Warner Smith
Ryan Wiedmayer

Co-Executive Producer
Rob Mello

Cast

Jayson Warner
Smith
Reese/Chipper

Brad Carter
Brother

Kathrine Barnes
Carol

Brittany Deneen
Adesewa

Rick Andosca
Dad

Director of Photography
&

Editor
Jesse Scimeca

Gaffer
Bryan Tan

Production Designer
Zoe Taylor

Production Sound
Pavel Georgiev

Post Supervisor
Andrew Schwab

Colorist
Norm Gunderson

Post Sound
Zach Hahn

Music
Braden Deal

Chipper

WEIRD BROTHERS PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH JACKBRIT FILMS
JAYSON WARNER SMITH "CHIPPER" BRAD CARTER KATHRINE BARNES BRITTANY DENEEN RICK ANDOSCA
MUSIC BY BRADEN DEAL ORIGINAL SONG "Blacktide" BY RIDER DAN & THE HIGHSIDE
EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS RYAN WIEDMAYER JAYSON WARNER SMITH CO-EXECUTIVE PRODUCER ROB MELLO
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