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Directed by Stefan Lysenko

Written by Stefan Lysenko

Starring James Phillips

Produced by Stefan Lysenko

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Synopsis: Director Stefan Lysenko gathers together a diverse and talented ensemble cast for his directorial debut effort. Lensed by Cinematographer Jaron Present (AUDIOSLAVE, SNOOP DOG, BILLY CORGAN,), "Between Christmas and New Year's tells the story of lonely Jimmy Getal.

On the edge of the edge, Jimmy has the weight of the world on his shoulders. After a failed suicide and at the end of his rope Jimmy, a superintendent at one of old Hollywood's "has been" and "never were" apartment complexes forces himself to go to work one more day. However, today will include a life or death ultimatum to test his own fate. If at the end of the day he has more negative experiences than positive ones, Jimmy will jump off the rooftop to his death.

The "Ravenswood" apartment complex is home to Hollywood's most eccentric dreamers, which include agents, actors and musicians who are living on the shadow side of fame. Alice Slip, the buildings neurotic manager and want-to-be actress enslaves Jimmy to fix what's broken, evict the tenants who can't pay the rent and remove the homeless that make the Ravenswood alleyways their home. Torn between his call of duty and his compassion for the tenants in need, Jimmy runs from floor to floor and stumbles from door to door. Small islands of warm welcome and happiness balance out the stressed out lodgers on this holiday season afternoon. Jimmy negotiates the nearly impossible task of trying to please everyone he meets and attempts to give sympathetic ear to all that expect and rely on it.

Only when he is pushed to evict a old and lonely fallen cowboy star, Howard Cohen, and run homeless Pauli from the alley, does Jimmy reach his wit's end. As the thoughts of confusion, depression and loneliness swirl in his mind he decides that he's had enough and makes his way to the rooftop.

Before making the jump a new tenant, Richard "The Brit" helps Jimmy to re-evaluate his list, adopting a novel outlook on his encounters and accomplishments on this day. Will Jimmy be just another holiday statistic.....BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS???????????????



Stefan Lysenko, *director*

Born to European parents, Stefan Lysenko spent time on both U.S. coasts growing up. He graduated from San Jose State with a degree in Theatre/Business and spent a few years thereafter traveling the globe. Returning to the U.S, Lysenko set out to make a name for himself in Hollywood.

Working on the stage under the direction of Stella Adler for several years, the famous Playhouse West became a creative haven for Lysenko. During this period, he worked with such actors as Ashley Judd and Jeff Goldblum. He also worked with Academy Award-winning actress, Shelly Winters at The Actor's Studio.

Lysenko went on to star in several feature films, including MAFIA!, THE LAST WILL (opposite Goran Visnjic, "ER"), INTERCEPTORS (opposite Ernie Hudson, "Oz"), and THE STRAY (opposite Michael Madsen and Angie Everheart.)

After a chance meeting and discussion with Gena Rowlands, famous for her work with the late John Casavetes, Lysenko set out to shoot his first feature film, BETWEEN CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S. Similar to Casavetes' style, the script was entirely improvised, and was shot on 16mm film over 7 days, for under \$5000.

Lysenko is currently putting the finishing touches on his third feature, STARTING FROM SCRATCH, starring himself and Billy Zabka (THE KARATE KID.)

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*5 million living Americans (estimate) have attempted to kill themselves

*Average of 1 person every 17.2 minutes commits suicide

*Suicide is the 8th leading cause of death in the United States

*Every year, there are more suicide deaths in the United States than homicides

*Statistics indicate that there is an increase of suicides BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S day in the United States.

(Source: American Association of Suicidology, 1997 National Suicide Statistics and Facts)



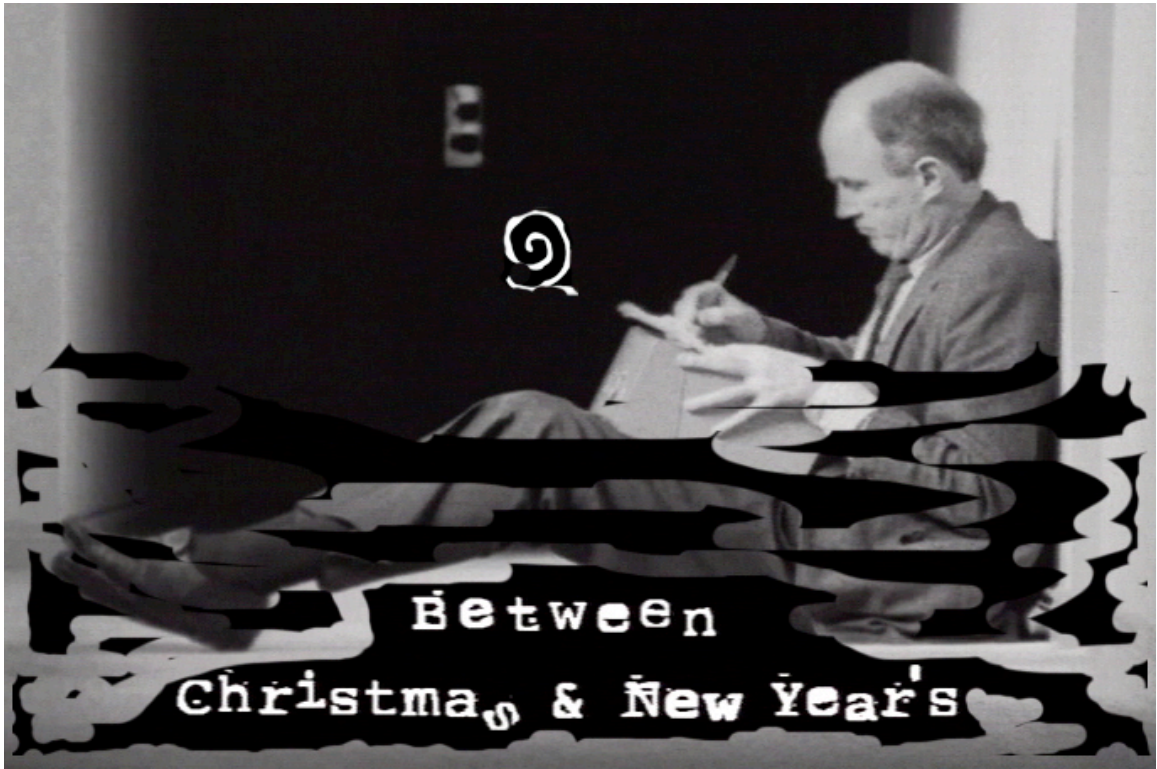
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-Stefan Lysenko 2000

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