

A MOTHER'S LOVE CAN TEAR A FAMILY APART

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PRODUCTION NOTES

Director: Chris Molloy

Writer: Aroha Awarau

Executive Producer: Mina Mathieson

Producers: Mina Mathieson

Aroha Awarau

Ebb & Flow Limited Production Company:

Country of Production: New Zealand

Shooting Format: RED 4K

HDCAM, BLU RAY DVD, DCP Screening Format:

Ratio: 16:9

Duration: 14'01" minutes

Genre: Drama

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LOGLINE:

A mother's love can tear a family apart.

ONE LINER:

A heartbreaking decision cripples a loving mother who is torn between her loyalty to her children and doing what is right.

SHORT SYNOPSIS:

Discovering her two sons have committed a heinous crime, a devoted mother is torn by the heartbreaking decision she must make.

Her sons may eventually forgive her, but can she ever forgive herself?

SYNOPSIS:

HOME is a gripping story of a close-knit family that's torn apart, when a mother uncovers the truth about her two adult sons, and the heinous murder that they have committed.

Forced to choose between her love for them and her moral obligation to do what is right, she is torn apart emotionally, physically and spiritually.

She does the unthinkable and notifies the police about her sons.

Oblivious to the fate that awaits them, the boys wake to find their Mother has prepared a bountiful feast – a Last Supper – which is interrupted by the arrival of the Police at their home.

HOME challenges us all, and questions the price we are willing to pay, to help the ones we love.

Where do you draw the line?



DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

HOME is a powerful story of the complexities of a mother's love for her children and has an undeniable impact. I was drawn to the beautifully crafted script, written by Aroha Awarau, because it needed only a small committed cast and crew.

The defining theme and subsequent conflict arises from a mother's deep love for her children and the anguish to do what society has deemed as the right thing to do. Here lies the subtle beauty of the short film, making it a compelling and visually stimulating cinematic story with an important universal message.

HOME reconnects the audience to the importance of the stay-at-home parent and the enormity of that role; the laborious housework and the effort needed to keeping the home running smoothly, making it a place of refuge, safety, comfort, filled with love.

The mother has devoted her whole life to raise her sons, building a home and then is forced to destroy it, everything that she has known and loved.

As a creator of theatre and a fledging film maker, I understand that it's important to have something to say. I was drawn to direct HOME because of the multiple layers embedded in the narrative, the cinematic nature of the piece and the lack of dialogue, giving the actors the ability to explore their range.



DIRECTOR

Chris Molloy (Ngāti Manawa/Tūhoe)

Chris Molloy has worked consistently in New Zealand film, television and theater for the past 10 years, since graduating from The School of Performing and Screen Arts at Unitec in Auckland, then the University of Auckland, completing a Master of Arts in 2010.

Chris is originally from a small forestry town, Murupara (Ngāti Manawa/Tūhoe) and moved to Auckland to become an actor. It wasn't too long after, that he realized he needed to create his own work.

He is now an educator, producer, director and writer for film, TV and theatre, with a strong focus on developing and supporting the local arts community.

He is the Creative Director and founder of the South Auckland Theatre Collective, The Native Factory, Indigenous Theatre Group, and the South Auckland Writers Group. He is currently developing two TV shows for TVNZ, as well as several short and feature film projects.

His latest commissioned theatre work, "Putorino Hill" is produced by Taki Rua and The Court Theatre and premiered in Wellington / Auckland in June, 2014.

WRITER, PRODUCER

Aroha Awarau (Ngāti Maru/Ngāti Porou)

Aroha is an award winning journalist who won the 2008 New Zealand Magazine Journalist of the year (Mass Market) at the Magazine Publishers Association Awards and was a finalist for the same award in 2011 and 2012.

In 2013 he was named New Zealand Celebrity and Entertainment Magazine Journalist of the year.

He was the News Editor for top selling magazine Woman's Day before returning to the NZ Woman's Weekly as a senior writer.

Aroha worked in the film and television industry for two years, working on well known feature films What Becomes of a Broken Hearted and The Price of Milk.

Aroha is also a playwright, with his short plays being staged in Auckland and Sydney, Australia. His first full length play, Luncheon premiered in Auckland in late May 2014.

HOME is Aroha's first short film script. As well as writing the screenplay, Aroha was introduced to the producing world, ably guided by experienced film and television producer, Mina Mathieson.

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER, PRODUCER

Mina Mathieson (Taranaki, Ngāti Apakura, Ngāti Mahuta, Ngāti Kinohaku)

Mina Mathieson is a practitioner and advocate of creative and conscious communication and has produced and directed numerous New Zealand television shows, short films and documentaries. She established her company m3media as a vehicle to develop indigenous voices and their stories across multi-media platforms.

A Freelance producer, director, editor — Mina Mathieson is a talented, hard working and savvy hyphenate. Developing her multi-tasking skill base for the past 16 years, Mina has honed her craft in the moving images industry across various genres including drama (short and long form), documentary, current affairs, corporate and educational.

Her film credits include her debut feature film, The Pā Boys, which was released to critical review in New Zealand in February 2014 and the award winning short film Warbrick in 2008.

Mina is also a sought after director, editor and production manager for a wide range of television shows in both English and Māori.

Mina's transferable skills have seen her provide a range of services and roles including key creative, management, administration, production, coordination, marketing and consultancy to many business and organisations across varied sectors, including corporate and event management.



CREDITS

Director Writer

Executive Producer

Producers

Director of Photography

Editor:

CAST

Mother Older Son Younger Son Father

Woman Neighbour

Boy on Bike

Older Son Flashback

Younger Son Flashback Police Officer 1 Police Officer 2 Police Officer 3 Murdered Woman

CREW

1st AD

Art Director / Wardrobe Wardrobe Assistant

Food Stylist

Production Runner Production Assistant Stills Photography

EPK Continuity Make Up

Make Up Assistant

Gaffer

Lighting Assistant

1st AC 2nd AC

Jib Arm Operator Sound Recordist Boom Operator Assistant Editor Post Sound Sound Editor

Composer Post Production

Colourist Caterers Chris Molloy Aroha Awarau Mina Mathieson

Mina Mathieson, Aroha Awarau

Roko Babich Brough Johnson

Tahei Simpson Vinnie Bennett Mohi Critchley Chris Molloy Abigail Coleman Kautoto Sisifa

Promise de Thierry-Molloy

Ty Alexander True Saamu Junior Misimoa Jason Manumua Laura Weaser

Andrew Burfield

Riria Lee Kaio Graham Helen Jackson True Saamu Nicola Anne Smith

Fiona Tomlinson
Rahesh Raj
Marian Angeles
Luisa Petch
Gemma Appleby
James Dudley
Connagh Heath
John Whiteside

Tom West
Tavis Hughes
Fred Enholmer
Katie Peterson
Shailesh Prajapali
Reade Audio
Dick Reade
Edward Peni

Fleet Street Productions

Roko Babich

Rupene Amato, Rangi Samuels, Hariata Samuels, Kowhai Poroa

SUPPLIERS

Wireless Rentals Kingsize Studios Location Family Home Jenna Holmes Luke White Jodi Barnard and Eugene Carnachan

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