

CUT FROM HOME



A MUSTBURN FILMS PRODUCTION SAM MALLO DAN NIEDZIELSKI IN 'CUT FROM HOME'

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY BRIAN UDOFF SOUND ALLISON JACKSON FILM EDITING JASON YI

STORY BY BRIAN UDOFF PRODUCED WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY JASON SHAHINFAR

OVERVIEW:

'Cut From Home' is the first feature film directed by Jason Shahinfar. The film was shot entirely on location in Savannah, GA with a very small, fast moving crew. Through an organic process of filmmaking all dialogue was improvised using a full cast of non-professional actors. The goal was to obtain naturalistic performances and capture intimate moments that might otherwise be lost on a grander scale of filmmaking.

SHORT SYNOPSIS:

Young lovers trying to escape a tragic past take an emotional journey through coastal Georgia.

LONG SYNOPSIS:

Sam and Dani are a young couple dealing with the usual ups and downs of a relationship. Things seem fine on the surface, but below a cheerful exterior something is missing. They wander around a small section of coastal Georgia with no apparent direction or destination. And while it is uncertain where they are going, it is clear that Sam does not want them to go back where they came from. Dani's suggestions to go "home" result in arguments—and a growing gap between them.

One day while eating with friends in a diner, an anxious Sam is spooked by the arrival of police officers. He quickly ditches the scene, taking his friend Blake's car with him down a back country road. When Blake—who has legal troubles of his own—finally catches up and gets his wheels back, he angrily abandons Sam and Dani in the middle of nowhere.

Not sure where to go or what to do now, the couple continue drifting on foot. A picaresque journey through their own fragile psychic terrain unfolds as the pair befriend an older rural couple on a farm, squat in an abandoned burnt-out house, and crash with friends back in the city. But as Sam and Dani get deeper and deeper into an emotional wilderness, tensions grow until the two explode in a heated argument where both reveal the raw feelings they've been holding back.

'Cut From Home' is a film about damaged people. It is about how they choose to deal with each other and how their experiences can shape who they become. Will Sam and Dani be able to overcome their past? Or will damaged emotions take their toll forever?

CAST:

SAM	SAM MALLO
DANI	DANI NIEDZIELSKI
BLAKE	BLAKE WILLIAM LEWIS
JENNIFER	JENNIFER LEIGH DUNLAP
JOE	JOE MALLO
CHAS.	CHARLES NESSOLA
BARNEY	BARNEY NEASE
NORMA	NORMA NEASE
BABY	MEREDITH KLOTZ
GIL	GIL CRUZ

CREW:

WRITER/DIRECTOR	JASON SHAHINFAR
DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY	BRIAN UDOFF
EDITOR	JASON D. YI
SOUND RECORDIST	ALLISON JACKSON





SAM

Sam Mallo grew up in Detroit, MI before relocating to New York City. He works in film production as well as road managing the band Ionia. Having only done a few bit parts in productions he's worked on, this is his first lead role.

CAST/CREW BIOS



DANI

Dani Niedzielski grew up riding horses in Maryland before moving to Savannah, GA to attend the Savannah College of Art and Design. She currently works for Marc Jacobs International and spends her short bursts of free time making quilts and home-made ice cream. This is her first foray into acting.



writer/director

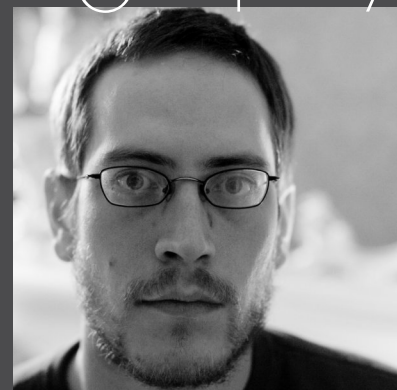
Jason Shahinfar's roots with filmmaking began as a cinematographer before he moved towards directing while studying at the London Film School. During this time he shot several award winning commercials including the 1st prize winner at the Royal Commonwealth Vision Awards 2006. 'Cut From Home' is his first feature length film.

Jason currently resides in Brooklyn where he is working on several new projects, one to begin filming in 2010.

director of photography

Brian Udoff began his career as a director in Baltimore before gravitating towards cinematography while shooting music videos for local bands. After moving to London for further training, he began to work in the UK for several years, and shot short films such as "The Beach at Etienne" (2007, dir. Jason Shahinfar) and "Les Mouches" (2008, dir. Leon Yan), the latter of which was a Fujifilm Shorts finalist for both Best Film and Best Cinematography. Subsequent work has taken him to Dubai and Vancouver, as well as Moscow, where he shot his most recent film, The Other (2009, dir. Elle Valden).

Udoff currently resides in Los Angeles, where he spends his free moments in waves of a) the ocean, b) sleep, or c) traffic.



INFO:

TITLE: CUT FROM HOME

RUNNING TIME: 84min.

YEAR OF PRODUCTION: 2009

COUNTRY OF PRODUCTION: USA

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

SHOOTING FORMAT: miniDV

SCREENING FORMATS: HDcam, DigiBeta, DVD

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