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Film Screening

"Canadian Tiger" & Buffet

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Friday May 17th Doors Open: 6 PM

BFF Film Screening Night

The Exchange (Museum) - The Sherman Zavitz Theatre

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"The Phoenix" Jackie's Leap of Faith

The Jackie Putnam Story

"WILMA"....the story of a Black Canadian!

The Wilma Morrison Story

Wednesday May 22nd Doors Open: 6:30 PM

JACKIE'S LEAP OF FAITH

THE PHOENIX

Director Kenneth Gerard
Writer/Co-director Ahmad Marouf
Produced by BYOTA TV

Special Event

Live BTT

in partnership with

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Wednesday
May 22nd
7:00PM-9:00PM

50 Lakeport Road #103
St. Catharines, ON L2N 4P7
Canada

Gina Azzi

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Gina loved every moment of college – especially her study abroad experiences, internships, and travel adventures. She draws from these experiences to create the storylines for her new adult and contemporary romance books.

A passionate reader, frequent globetrotter, and aspiring baker, Gina resides in Niagara, Canada with her family.

Connect with her on www.ginaazzi.com.

Live BFF

BFF Action Film Night & Vendors Market

The Exchange (Market Hall)

5943 Sylvia Pl, Niagara Falls, ON L2G 1S9

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Thursday May 23rd Doors Open: 6:30 PM

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Apples, Oranges, Lemons & Limes

Cal Waldau

Skye Marie Sena

Juan Rodriguez

Valeria Di Babbo

Matt Campbell

Jim Barbour

Writer/Director
Pat Mitchell

Calvin Waldau

portrays Henry "Hen" Boyd

Calvin Waldau was born in Connecticut, lived in Michigan and grew up in Southwest Florida. He has a curious mind and a playful wit. Calvin played competitive soccer until he was 12, where he found theatre. Calvin instantly fell in love with theater and decided he wanted to pursue it to a high degree.

In eighth grade, starring as Flick in the Florida Repertory Theatre professional production of A Christmas Story, this only furthered Calvin's love for theatre. Calvin decided that this was how he wanted to spend his days, on the stage or in front of the camera. He believes that committing himself to the Arts is the best way for him to serve others, as an entertainer. Making people laugh, cry, or just lose themselves in a story for a little bit (but mostly laugh) is his purpose in life.

Skye Marie Sena

portrays Natalie Newman

I'm a New Yorker, born and raised in Brooklyn. It was a moment in Brooklyn that led me to my decision to pursue a career in musical theatre. I was five years old. My parents (they're amazing) had a tradition where they introduced both my sister and me to the theatre with a trip to see *Beauty and the Beast* when we turned five. I loved every moment of it. Later that year, my sister was given the role of Maria in her school's rendition of *The Sound of Music*. The moment I saw her grace the stage, it took my breath away. I didn't know that this was something she could do and yet there she was doing it. It wasn't long before I realized that I could do it too.

I relocated with my family to Naples, Florida right before I began high school and I brought my love for the arts with me. It was there that I became a member of the International Thespian Society (troupe 5876 forever!), and I eventually made the decision to pursue my passion at Florida Southern College in Lakeland. I now have my Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in musical theatre and I'm looking forward to exploring the world and telling its stories! My experience on Apples, Oranges, Lemons & Limes is my first venture in performing on film. I absolutely loved it. I look forward to exploring more into that world in the near future.

Juan Rodriguez Leon

portrays Ryan

Proud to be Hispanic, I am an Actor born and raised in Fort Myers, FL. I have worked on a music video project for Grammy-winning Artist Roddy Ricch. My goals are to aim high, from earning recognition and awards by major Hollywood associations including the Oscars, Golden Globes, and the Emmys to becoming a filmmaker of my own.

My overall goal shares both ambitions, I want to inspire people to become something amazing or help their communities through the art of film and acting.

Apples, Oranges, Lemons & Limes

A timid young man chronically suffers from social anxiety. At a party, an unlikely encounter inspires a night of drinking, joy and romance. Incapable of driving, he accompanies her home on a late night journey across the neighborhood. What truths will they uncover about each other along the way?

I. Top of the Line

Director & Writer / Pat Mitchell
Director of Photography / Pat Mitchell
Editor / Pat Mitchell
Producer / Ashley LaRue
Original Music by Andrew Scott Foust
Producer / Pat Mitchell
Associate Producer / Edmonde Mitchell

II. Cast

Calvin Waldau / Henry Boyd
Skye Marie Sena / Natalie Newman
Juan Rodriguez Leon / Ryan
Valeria Di Babbo / Rebecca
Matthew Campbell / Date
Jim Barbour / Mason
Zachary Covell / Player 1
Sarah Sutcliffe / Player 2
Drake Alexander / Game Master
Alice Lewis / Partier 1
Alena Stevenson / Partier 3
Frantz Mitchell / Scary Neighbor
Pat Mitchell / Night Driver

III. Special Thanks

Robert Daley / special thanks
Jennifer Waller / special thanks
Nick Wrasse / special thanks

IV. Production Info

Date Completion / December 30th 2021
Runtime / 45 minutes
Sound Mix / Stereo
Filming Locations / Southwest Florida
Production Company / Liv Emotive
Production length / 5 days (5 hours or less)
Post Production Length / 5 months
Film Budget / $1200

V. Crew

Sound Department
Alena Stevenson / sound recordist
Destiny Sharples / sound recordist
Jesus Moreno / boom operator
Pat Mitchell / re-recording mixer

Camera and Electrical Department
Juan Rodriguez / second assistant camera
Alena Stevenson / second assistant camera

Special Thanks
Robert Daley / special thanks
Jennifer Waller / special thanks
Nick Wrasse / special thanks

Additional Crew
Jamie Lang / production assistant

VI. Original Song on Soundtrack

"Good Night" by Freddie Forward

RETURN OF THE PHOENIX

Director: Stephen Pace

Edmonton filmmaker specializing in short films. The Return of the Phoenix is a short indie spy film about a counter espionage spy known as the Phoenix. A legend, it is generally assumed he was killed thirty years ago but suddenly there are rumours he is, in fact, alive and killing other agents and trying to get a deadly chemical compound into global circulation. Is this the phoenix legend or is something else afoot?

295 Studios "Family Day" powered by BFF

3970 Welland St, Chippawa FREE EVENT

Saturday May 25th 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Dress-up as your Favorite TV & Film Character, Wally's Chippawa Family Cruise Day & Car Show, TV/Film & Radio Vendor Show, Entertainment, Activities, Penny Sale, Arts & Craft Show, Artist Show, Food & Refreshments Available ($), FREE Ice Cream, Many Prize Giveaways.

BFF Closing Night

Chippawa Lions Club

3970 Welland St, Chippawa

Film Screening "The Guy From Niagara"

Documentary on Niagara blues veteran John 'T-Bone' Little. Meet Big John 'T-Bone' Little who will perform a few songs.

Saturday May 25th 4 PM - 6 PM

Niagara TV & Film Forum hosted by the BYOTA TV Academy

Join us for a day of networking and presenters at the Lock Street Brewing Company in beautiful Port Dalhousie. Connect with industry professionals, share ideas, and explore opportunities in the TV and film world. Whether you're a filmmaker, actor, producer, or simply a fan of the industry, this event is the perfect place to immerse yourself in all things TV and film. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to engage with like-minded individuals and celebrate the art of storytelling on screen! CASUAL: the ideal choice for networking (or socializing). Food & Refreshments available ($)

Location: Old Port Dalhousie

Lock Street Brewing Company (Upstairs)

15 Lock St, St. Catharines, ON L2N 5B6

Wednesday May 22nd from 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM

BYOTA TV Academy Woody Awards honoring the Best of Film, Television & Music. Streaming to 27 countries

Best Documentary
Best Music Video/Music Documentary
BYOTA TV Academy Woody Lifetime Achievement Award
Best Film
BFF People's Choice Award

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BFF People's Choice Award nominees

Best Documentary

- **The Phoenix - Jackie's Leap of Faith** *Director: Kenneth Gerard* *Co-director Ahmad Marouf*
- **TRUCKING FOR FREEDOM - Chapter One - How We Got Here** *Directors: Andrew Peloso & Matt Robar*
- **TRUCKING FOR FREEDOM - Chapter Two - Winter Wildfire** *Directors: Andrew Peloso & Matt Robar*
- **FREEDOM** *Director: Kenneth Gerard*
- **CANADIAN TIGER** *Director: Kenneth Gerard*
- **The Guy From Niagara** *Director: Ayo Adewumi*

Best Music Video/Music Documentary

- **The Phoenix - Jackie's Leap of Faith** *Director: Kenneth Gerard*
- **Fire - Meeks**
- **The Guy From Niagara** *Director: Ayo Adewumi*
- **Love Takes You Home - Isabella Samson**
- **Change the World - Remix - Sabi Pitt**
- **Long Gone - Brigid**
- **Home to Newfoundland - Evelyn Jeff**
- **Dreamin - The Barcelo Brothers**

Best Film

- **CANADIAN TIGER** *Director: Kenneth Gerard*
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- **Apples, Oranges, Lemons & Limes** *Director: Pat Mitchell*
- **Mirror Finish** *Director: Daniel AM Rosenberg*
- **Nice Guy** *Director: Seng Yang Haw*
- **Secrets of Memory** *Director: Andre Rodrigues*
- **Return of the Phoenix** *Director: Stephen Pace*

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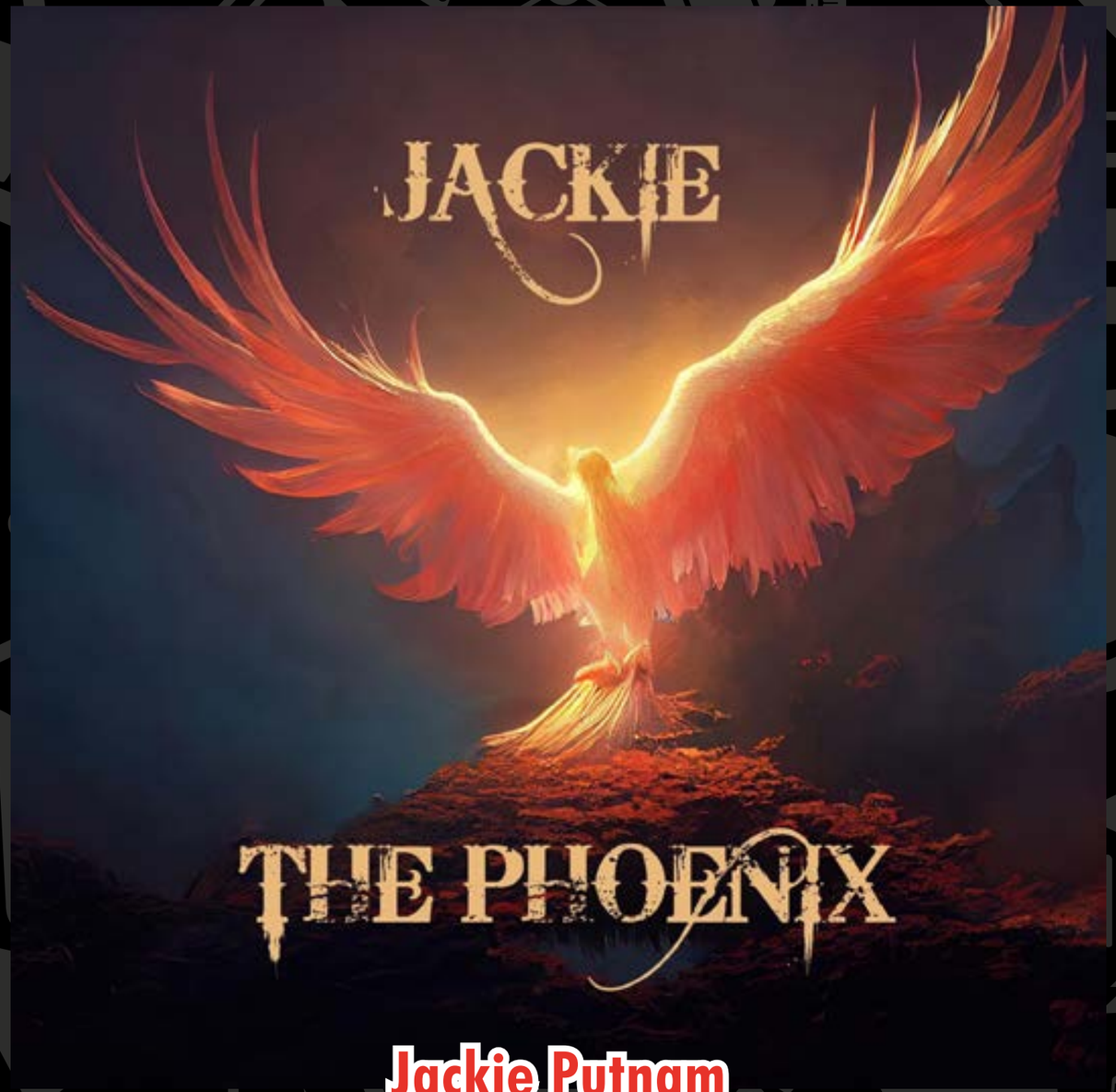

Jackie Putnam

Canadian Country-Pop Artist

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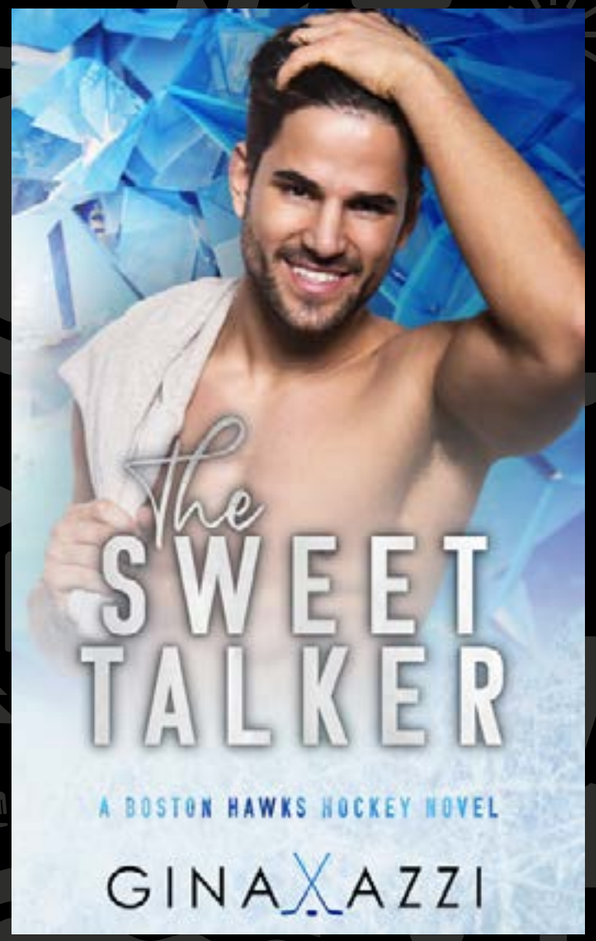
The Sweet Talker - A Boston Hawks Hockey Novel



I've sworn off hockey players. Until the pregnancy test turns pink.

Noah Scotch is revered in Boston, a veritable god on the ice. I'm a nerdy, newly minted college professor who would rather color code my planner than hit the club scene. Noah shouldn't look at me twice but when he does, I falter.

Who can blame me?

The sweet talker with the deliciously chiseled abs and sinful chocolate eyes is a force. On and off the ice. One hot and intense night with Noah has me second guessing my lack of a dating life.

Friends with benefits? He offers, I dive in headfirst.

Growing up in a hockey family, I know better than to get serious with a player. But the more time I spend getting to know Noah, the more my intention to keep things casual rings false. Now, I've got a hopeful heart and a baby on the way.

I just need to tell Noah. But when I do, will I end up with everything I never knew I wanted? Or on my own?

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