

A movie poster for the film "Lips Like Fire". The background is a close-up of a man's face, looking down and to the left, with a serious expression. The lighting is a deep, vibrant red, creating a dramatic and intense atmosphere. In the background, another person's face is partially visible, slightly out of focus. The title "LIPS LIKE FIRE" is written in large, white, serif capital letters, centered over the man's face. Below the title, the production credits are listed in smaller white text.

LIPS LIKE FIRE

BANJO BEAVER PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

A FILM BY JOEL VALDES REY FRANCIS "LIPS LIKE FIRE" KASEY JAMES AMANDA JOLIE CAROLINE HELANDER
ANDREA PISTER AND LIZZIE CORONA PRODUCED BY JENERRO WADE VICTORIA YAP AJ GENZLER
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER CASEY ENZLER DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY DAVID MEJIA

2023

TAGLINE

Not all fantasies should become reality

SYNOPSIS

Lips Like Fire a psychological/thriller where a young man named Sean attempts to escape his obsession with an ASMR artist and the increasingly detrimental effects that this has on his life. Throughout the movie Sean experiences hallucinations that will lead him to question what is reality and fantasy.

CREDITS

Running Time: 19 minutes 38 seconds

Directed By: Joel Valdes

Written By: Rey Francis | Joel Valdes | Scott Quinn

Produced By: Jenerro Wade | Victoria Yap | AJ Genzler

Production Company: Banjo Beaver Productions

Edited by: Joel Valdes

Cinematographer: David Mejia

Composer: Brian Young

Production Manager: Jenerro Wade

First Assistant Director: Victoria Yap

Script Supervisor: RaeAnna Rekemeyer

Sound Mixer: Juan Velasquez

Boom Operators: Nickolas Flores | Tim Viesca

Grips: Nickolas Flores | Juan Velasquez | Victor Hung

ADR Sound Recording: Curtis Pettaway Jr "CJ"

Digital Colorist: Rey Francis

CAST



REY FRANCIS AS SEAN | CREATOR/WRITER

A soul with a thirst for the greatest of artistic achievements. Rey Francis began his career as a musician. He went on to pursue a music degree which he received a BA from the Moore's School of Music of UH. For the next several years he would teach music and perform in bands at the professional level as a guitar player. Later in life he enrolled in acting classes and realized that this was something he wanted to take seriously. Rey went on to explore other endeavors related to acting such as editing, cinematography, directing, and writing. Overall, Rey Francis has set his sights to be an all-around filmmaker whether in front or behind the camera. He's an artist who strives for the best in himself and everyone else around him. He may be a jack of all trades, a master of none, but oftentimes better than a master of one.



@REY_THE_RUDE

CAROLINE HELANDER AS ALYSON

Caroline is a sag-eligible film, TV, and commercial actor from Houston, Texas. Committed to ongoing training in the craft, she's spent the last several years studying with some amazing coaches, including Rodney Rowland, Alex Collins, and Alex Wright. Before becoming a professional actor, Caroline most notably served on the staff of the Late Show with David Letterman. While working in New York for the hit CBS talk show as a page, she trained at the Lee Strasberg Theatre Institute. Prior to arriving in New York, she earned a BA in Theatre and Dance from the University of Texas in Austin. She found her calling to be onstage at the age of ten, as an actor, dancer, and singer, and went on to star in musicals at her Houston high school. Later, she shared her love of the stage by teaching theatre to middle and high school students for six years after returning to the Lone Star State from New York. After staying home to have her kids, she felt it was her purpose to further pursue her love of acting full time. Caroline resides in Houston with her husband and three children who are all her biggest cheerleaders.



@CAROLINEHELANDER



CAST



KASEY JAMES AS ADAM

Kasey is a native of Victoria, Texas with an acting resume that stretches over a decade. He is a multi-hyphenate talent as he is an actor, writer, producer, and director. Kasey has booked numerous roles in his career and worked alongside prolific directors such as Quentin Tarantino, Richard Linklater, Simon West, and Gary Ross, to name a few. You can catch Kasey at any live concert with his wife, Kelsey or at a sporting event with his three sons, Hayden, Leo, and Shia.



@OUTLAWKASEYJAMES

ANDREA PISTER AS NANCY

Andrea Pister is a passionate artist originally from Veracruz, Mexico. She has participated in various independent film productions and theatrical performances. Her most recent ones include "La Llorona" in the film "Mi Hija", produced by the Florida State University film school, and "Martina" in the play Médico a Palos, by Molière, presented by the Teatro Comunitario de Houston. Most recently she's finished filming the feature: "Liquid Lady" Other credits include Marisol's Kiss and Darwin's Duckling. Andrea will be back on stage this coming December 2022 with the play Suspensivo.



@ANDREAPISTER



CAST



AMANDA JOLIE AS VANESSA

Amanda is a Houston based actress who discovered her passion for acting through her involvement in Theatre Arts during high school. She has currently worked on a few independent films coming soon to Tubi & Prime Video. When not on-set, AJ enjoys working out, horseback riding, and watching movies of course!



@AMJOLIE

LIZZIE CORONA AS SAVANNAH

Lizzie Corona is a Texas-based Actor who has been acting since childhood. It was while using voices to read a book with her kids that she realized she needed to go ahead and sign up for that first acting class. Since that class in spring 2021, her love for the craft continues to grow. She's participated in numerous short films, including *Hard as It Gets* and *The Anxious*, which are currently circulating film festivals. With parts in two feature films currently in post-production and a growing commercial portfolio, Lizzie's thrilled to be doing what she loves- collaborating with creatives and helping bring visions to life. She's hoping to put that English degree from Southern Methodist University to good use and roll out her first screenplay sometime next year.



@ITSLIZZIECORONA





EAST OF EADO

East of Eado is a band who has had a meteoric rise in the Houston area. The group has become well-known for a party atmosphere and potent way of blending dark lyrics with infectious, upbeat music. East of Eado is meant to represent Houston from all the different music styles of the city. The group enjoys the quiet of the evening to write and reflect, sending files back and forth across the ether as they craft ideas.



@EASTOFEADO



PRODUCTION TEAM



JOEL VALDES | DIRECTOR

Joel Valdes is a filmmaker based in Texas with a concentration in digital cinematography from the University of Houston. His films depict portraits of unconventional characters and emphasize dialogue about their social condition. Joel's goal is to make films full time and is continuing to build his body of work as a writer and director.



@JOEL_AND_VALDES

VICTORIA YAP | PRODUCER

Victoria Yap is a film actor and producer based in Houston, TX. As a native Texan, one of Victoria's favorite projects has been working with fellow Houstonian cast and crew on the independent film Life Insurance Lottery. Other film and short film credits include Rage Fear Love, Perfectly Oblivious, The Cure, and Minato. When not on-set, Victoria enjoys playing tennis, reading, playing the piano, and spending time with her friends and family. Her love of the outdoors often leads her into the mountains for hiking and camping during the summer and snowboarding during the winter.



@VICTORIAJYAP

PRODUCTION TEAM



JENERRO WADE | PRODUCER

Jenerro Wade is an Actor/Producer born and founder of Banjo Beaver Productions based in Houston, Tx. Wade then transitioned to the Football Operations department in the NFL for the Houston Texans. He has been featured in numerous print and commercial campaigns, also has starred in the films Guns Down, Fear, Rage, Love; False Profits, Ebony Hustle & Vessel. Wade also starred in the national touring stage play When Temptation Comes. He is also part of the Improv troupe Emotional Pastries. Produced the short films Write On & Lips Like Fire and the award-winning short film Operation Zeugung.



@GWADE05

CASEY ENZLER | EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

Cassandra Enzler works both in front of and behind the camera in Houston, TX and is best known for her work on Tethered (2021), Before Breaker Wakes (2021), and Lucky Penny (2021). She has gained knowledge of the film and television industry through local coaches in the area, as well as direct practice on projects. Behind the camera, Cassandra has experience with script writing, casting, locations, and producing. In her free time, Cassandra can be found exercising, watching movies, playing board games with friends, and enjoying the occasional video game.



@CHIPS_N_CASEO

PRODUCTION TEAM



AJ GENZLER | PRODUCER

A.J. Genzler is a Chicago-born actor and producer who can be found most recently in the short films "Sara's Place" and "Too Many Tylers." He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Marketing and a Certificate in Entrepreneurship from the University of Illinois-Chicago. In addition to acting and producing, A.J. is an accomplished musician, currently working on music with his group Silk Panther. A.J. was also a founding member of his Chicago band Thr3 Way.



@AJTHEACTOR_

BRIAN YOUNG | COMPOSER

Brian Young is an artist, multi-instrumentalist and producer based in Nashville TN. Brian was introduced to music at an early age in Coatesville PA where his dad, Michael Young, performed regularly and taught him the foundations of music. Brian keeps busy now writing and performing with his band Toy Dinosaur, producing a variety of Nashville-based singer songwriters, and composing for films.



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