



Alt Angle Films in association with Amber Tint Innovations

Present

A Film by Darren Langlands

THE SANTA LIE

Written and Directed by Darren Langlands

Official Selection:

2013 Adelaide Kids Film Festival
2013 Kino Shorts Manchester

PRESS NOTES

5 minutes 34 secs, 16:9

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SYNOPSIS

Six-year-old Amy confronts her parents on the truth about Santa early one Christmas morning.

ABOUT THE PRODUCTION

The Santa Lie was produced specifically for the Virgin Media Shorts Competition in 2013. It is the second short film from Writer and Director Darren Langlands and the first to be produced under the Alt Angle Films banner, in association with Amber Tint Innovations.

The film was shot in late February 2013 and is the debut film role for seven-year-old actress Claudia Jean Lewis.

“I really liked the story of the Santa Lie and I had fun playing the part of Amy. I was really happy to be in this film. My favourite part of the Santa Lie is what happens at the end,” says Claudia.

The film also stars experienced actors Nicole Gaskell (who also cast and produced), Jonny Black and Jack Pybus.

The project is inspired both by the filmmaker John Hughes (Home alone, Uncle Buck, Ferris Bueller’s Day Off) and the Director’s four-year-old daughter.

“I wanted to make something that she could watch and enjoy. Lying about Santa is something that many parents can identify with and hopefully this strikes a chord with them. It’s also something lighthearted and fun for them to watch with their children as well,” he adds.

Aatif Ati Zafar of Amber Tint Innovations is Director of Photography, alongside Sound Recordist & Mixer Martin Colclough (formally of The Answering Machine), Colourist Kenneth James, Gaffer T.H. Griffiths, Assistant Director Amy Hicks and Clapper Loader Alex Lewis (the lead’s nine-year-old brother).

Co-producer Nicole Gaskell says “I was very pleased to be part of this film as first time Producer. Darren and the rest of cast/crew made the journey very smooth & enjoyable for me. Over the moon to discover that it has made the final selection at AKFF, what wonderful news to receive on my birthday! It just goes to show, anything’s possible!”

The Santa Lie was officially selected for the 2013 Adelaide Kids Film Festival in Australia and has also been picked up by online distributor IndieFlix.

ABOUT THE CAST

CLAUDIA JEAN LEWIS Prior to her debut performance in The Santa Lie, Claudia appeared in various TV Commercials over the years for Yorkshire & Clydesdale Bank, Clarks Back to School, and Boots Mini club range. Claudia is regularly involved in Gymnastics and weekly Drama Classes. She also takes part in twice yearly productions for Little AllStars.

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NICOLE GASKELL Nicole is a London based actress, writer, producer and casting agent who is originally from Cheshire.

She initially qualified in Performing Arts & Drama at the Arden & The Manchester College (City College as it was then). In her third year she began to explore her curiosity with Method Acting at The Acting Studio, Manchester where she went on to complete two years training there in Stage and Film. Most recently she has trained with Tom Radcliffe, Simon Furness, Dominic Kelly and American Meisner Tutor, Martin Barter in London at the Actors Temple in acting, writing and directing.

As an actress her stage credits include appearances at theatres nationally, including The Royal Exchange Theatre. Her debut performance was at the Garrick Theatre in 1995 as Juliet. Her film credits include several independent shorts, including "Normale" (writer/actress) which was part of the the Cornerhouse's 2012 Filmed Up event. She co wrote and is also co producing/starring in a sketch style Comedy Pilot "Sexdate", which is a 'fly on the wall' look at two people who meet on a sex site and is aimed at an internet audience. She most recently Produced and cast for Alt Angle Films short, 'One In A Million'. She is also Exec Producer and Casting Agent for their new Christmas film 'The Kids That Saved Christmas' (currently in Pre-Production).

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JONNY BLACK Born and brought up in Chester, and now dual based between the North West and London, Jonny is an experienced actor who trained at Central School of Speech and Drama in London.

An accomplished musician and singer, Jonny has performed in a number of touring and West End musicals and plays including 'Blood Brothers', 'The Buddy Holly Story', 'Rock Legends', 'The Beatles Musical', 'Of Mice and Men', 'The Lion The Witch and The Wardrobe' and 'Reservoir Dogs'.

He has appeared in a number of commercials and shorts and plays a lead role in the forthcoming sci-fi feature 'The Drift' for Backyard Productions.

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JACK PYBUS is an experienced actor, singer and poet with a range of TV, stage and credits who has recently branched out to form his own Actor's Agency – The Jack Pybus Actor's Agency.

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ABOUT THE FILMMAKERS

DARREN LANGLANDS (Writer/Director) grew up by the seaside in sunny Sydney, Australia. After years of extensive travel, he now calls the mostly dreary north of England home - don't ask, people do silly things for love. Darren worked for many years in journalism and marketing (where he won several awards for his innovative digital marketing campaigns), but has recently returned to his first love, filmmaking.

He recently formed Alt Angle Films - an exciting new film production company that has a slate of unique short films in production. His debut short Normale has screened at a number of film events across the UK including the Cornerhouse Filmed Up series.

His second short The Santa Lie was recently officially selected for the 2013 Adelaide Kids Film Festival. Darren often hosts Q&As with filmmakers as part of Kino Shorts in Manchester. His original screenplay Last Man on Earth was shortlisted in the top 100 in the 2013 Collaborate8 scriptwriting competition.

He is currently in post production on two new shorts and hoping soon to take the step up to a feature.

NICOLE GASKELL (Producer) is a Wigan-born Actress and Producer who divides her time between London and Manchester.

She initially qualified in Performing Arts & Drama at the Arden & The Manchester College. In her third year she began to explore her curiosity with Method Acting at The Acting Studio, Manchester where she went on to complete two years training there in Stage and Film. Most recently she has trained with Tom Radcliffe, Simon Furness, Dominic Kelly and American Meisner Tutor, Martin Barter in London at the Actors Temple.

As an actress her stage credits include appearances at theatres nationally, including The Royal Exchange Theatre. Her debut performance was at the Garrick Theatre in 1995 as Juliet. Her film credits include several independent shorts, including "Normale" and "Vibration" and the features "The Baseline" and "The Wedding".

She co wrote and is also co producing/starring in a sketch style Comedy Pilot "Sexdate". She most recently Produced and cast for Alt Angle Films short, 'One In A Million' for the 2013 Virgin Media Shorts competition and The Santa Lie which was officially selected for the 2013 Adelaide Kids Film Festival.

CREDITS

Amy	CLAUDIA JEAN LEWIS
Amy's Mum	NICOLE GASKELL
Amy's Dad	JONNY BLACK
Santa	JACK PYBUS

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