

Press Kit

THE MEETING

Webisode II: A Savage Meeting

A webisode directed by Russ Emanuel

Starring Howard Nash, Dyanne Mercante, Jack Brenner, Robert Harrington, Mickey Ryan, Jose Tejada, Neeli Ravi, Michael Lester, Cris Colicchio, and Paula Blum



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In 'Webisode II: A Savage Meeting', we are introduced to Angela Savage (Dyanne Mercante), who is a famous porn star, having agreed to come to the meeting because she can make money selling her DVDs. Unbeknownst to her, she is about to get swindled from a previous guest speaker.

Directed by Russ Emanuel, produced by Robert Kwartler and Richard Spitaleri.

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STATEMENT FROM THE DIRECTOR - Russ Emanuel

It's always a pleasure to work with Howard Nash, with whom I directed three feature films. So when he approached me to do this web series about a group of screenwriter wannabes, I jumped at the chance.

This is my first real foray into comedy (which I've always wanted to do) and I hope it comes across.

All in all, I had a lot of fun with this web series (which we are currently shooting more webisodes), for it challenged me in a variety of new and different ways. And I very much enjoyed these challenges. That said, I hope you enjoy this webisode as much as I did in making it.

-- Russ Emanuel

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BIOGRAPHIES



RUSS EMANUEL
DIRECTOR/EDITOR

Originally from San Francisco, Russ grew up in both Japan and the United States, garnering an international viewpoint of the world throughout his childhood. After graduating from the University of Southern California to study Cinema-Television, International Relations and Japanese, and gaining more production experience at the UCLA Extension Program, he founded Russem Productions in 2002 to promote his shorts films including **HER KNIGHT** (2003) and the award-winning **GIRL WITH GUN** (2005). He also produced several shorts including **MAVET** (2004), the zombie-flick **THE DIARY** (2004), and most recently vampire film **PERFECT RED** (2006). **P.J.**, **CHASING THE GREEN**, and **THE LEGENDS OF NETHIAH** mark Emanuel's first foray into feature filmmaking. **THE MEETING** is his current project.



HOWARD NASH
WRITER/ 'GEORGE'

Acting since the late 1970s, Howard Nash starred in numerous independent films, notably **THE MEETING** in 2004. However, he is best known as an independent filmmaker, having co-produced the cult film **CHILDREN OF THE NIGHT** for Columbia Tri-Star in 1991. He also produced **SLEEPLESS NIGHTS** (MTI, 2002), which is available in most video stores throughout the US and Canada. In 2005, he completed **TRACKS** (where he appears in a cameo alongside **CHASING THE GREEN** actor Chris Gunn), which also starred John Heard, along with Ice-T. He also produced the television special **FELICIANO, THE LEGEND** (for PBS) starring the legendary singer, Jose Feliciano, and has produced promotional videos for the Beijing Circus, Cirque du Soleil, and the original members of the Electric Light Orchestra (ELO II). Most recently, he produced/starred in Russ Emanuel's **P.J.** and **CHASING THE GREEN**.



RICHARD SPITALERI
PRODUCER

Residing in New York, **THE MEETING** (2012) marks Richard Spitaleri's fourth venture with producer Howard Nash and director Russ Emanuel. Richard previously worked with Howard Nash on the early stages of **CHASING THE GREEN** (2008) thereby making it possible to be filmed. He also worked with Howard Nash on Russ Emanuel's **P.J.** (2008) and **THE LEGENDS OF NETHIAH** (2012).

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ROBERT KWARTLER

WRITER/PRODUCER

From Bergen County, New Jersey, Robert A. Kwartler makes **THE MEETING** his fourth venture with producer Howard Nash. Robert previously worked with Howard Nash on **SLEEPLESS NIGHTS** (2002); and with Howard Nash, Russ Emanuel and Richard Spitaleri on **P.J.** (2008) and **THE LEGENDS OF NETHIAH** (2012). Robert graduated with honors from Emerson College in 1974 earning a double BA in English Literature and Creative Writing. He has published various articles and poetry, produced packaging and provided marketing for major studios including RCA and NBC, and a few joke batches to Rodney Dangerfield and Johnny Carson. His performance resume includes stand-up comedy, puppet showcases, trade shows, and street performance. Robert's current executive production funding capability stems from thirty years of institutional commercial real estate activity and private commodity transactions (visit www.kwartler.com).

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CREW LIST

Russ Emanuel	Director/Editor
Robert Kwartler	Producer/Writer
Richard Spitaleri	Producer
Julianne Carlile	Associate Producer
Pamela Kwartler	Writer
Kate McCamy	Director of Photography
John Plenge	Music
Dan Kowakofski	Location Sound Mixer
Peter Lobo	Boom Operator
Jonny Grossman	First Assistant Camera
Swain McCaughrin	Makeup Artist
Ingrid Hernandez	Makeup Artist
Barry Goldberg	Property Master
Russ Emanuel	Post Sound Mixer
Russ Emanuel	Music Editor
Russ Emanuel	Visual Effects
John Plenge	Opening Title Music
Russ Emanuel	Opening Title Sequence

CAST LIST

Howard Nash	George
Dyanne Mercante	Angela Savage
Jack Brenner	Tiberius T. Icenogle
Robert Harrington	Kim
Mickey Ryan	Mark
Jose Tejada	Jose
Paula Blum	Prudence
Neeli Ravi	Petra
Rhea Sandstrom	Johanna
Michael Lester	Max
Giovanni Sanseviero	Wilson
Cris Colicchio	Clapping Man
Robert Kwartler	Sleeping Man
Armen Matzumilian	Texting Man
Lisa Greenberg	Knitting Lady

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PRODUCTION NOTES/ANECDOTES

"BASED ON A FEATURE FILM"

The web series is actually based on a feature film version done in 2004. This is indeed a continuation of what was begun in the feature, including using the same actors/characters including Howard Nash (George), Robert Harrington (Kim), and Mickey Ryan (Mark).

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PRODUCTION STILLS

