

JESUSCAT

(or How I Accidentally Joined a Cult)

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JESUSCAT (OR HOW I ACCIDENTALLY JOINED A CULT) **PREMIERING AT 13th LOS ANGELES COMEDY FESTIVAL**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- Infinite Pictures is proud to announce that their first feature film, *JesusCat (or How I Accidentally Joined a Cult)* will be making its World Premiere at the 13th Los Angeles Comedy Festival on Wednesday, May 15th at 9:00pm. *JesusCat* is an improvisational mockumentary created by Julia Morizawa and Shaina Vorspan, about a vlogger, a cat, a cult, and the second-coming of Jesus Christ.

Elle (Julia Morizawa) is an amateur documentary filmmaker. Charlotte (Shaina Vorspan) is the self-proclaimed leader of the religious group, "The Movement for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ through the Seven Prophecies Which Must be Completed in Some Way Before the Evolution of Jesus Back into Man." As Elle documents the rituals of Charlotte and her followers, she struggles to retain her sanity when she realizes that she may have accidentally joined a cult.

A true example of low-budget, independent filmmaking, *JesusCat* began as a side-project for two actors wanting to create work for themselves. A general story outline was created, with the intent that the ensemble cast would improvise the bulk of the dialogue. Principal photography began in September 2011. The official wrap date was November 1, 2012. Production was stretched out for so long for two primary reasons: 1) Due to the improvisation, a large majority of the film needed to be edited first to determine if there were any gaps in the storyline that needed to be filled in before continuing to the last few shoot days, and 2) Everyone was working on a volunteer basis, so scheduling the cast together around their day jobs and other projects was a continuous challenge. Over 12 hours of improvised footage was recorded, which was slowly edited down to approximately 85 minutes. And what was initially just a side-project suddenly became an entertaining, hilarious and marketable feature film.

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JesusCat (or How I Accidentally Joined a Cult) marks the second creative collaboration between Julia Morizawa and Shaina Vorspan. They previously co-produced and starred in the original play *Twenty-Two*, which premiered at the Knightsbridge Theatre in Los Angeles in 2010. Julia is primarily an actor and has performed in over 100 film, theatre, television and internet productions throughout her career. Highlights include the feature films *Judas Kiss* and *Tied Up* (awarded Best Supporting Actress at the Denver Underground Film Festival, 2004), *Lewis Black's The Root of All Evil*, the webseries *Star Trek: Odyssey* and *Frontier Guard*; and the stage play *Masha No Home* at East West Players. Shaina earned her B.A. in theatre from the University of California, San Diego and has performed in and helped produce a number of stage productions. Feature film highlights include *Redemption*, *Gone Doggy Gone*, and *Nancy Drew*.

Infinite Pictures was founded in 2005 by Julia Morizawa for the production of the short film *Sin & Lyle*, which earned her a Best Female Filmmaker nomination at the Action on Film International Film Festival in 2007.

The LA Comedy Festival runs May 9-19, 2013. It is the largest comedy festival in the United States, featuring film, live comedy acts, and a screenplay competition. Their dual emphasis is on "discovering" great comedic talent with the purpose of promoting it to both the entertainment industry and the LA public, as well as, showcasing the works of seasoned professionals and well known stars. More information, including a complete festival schedule, can be found at www.lacomedyfest.com.

The premiere screening of *JesusCat (or How I Accidentally Joined a Cult)* will be on Wednesday, May 15th, 2013 at 9:00pm at the Let Live Theatre, 916 N. Formosa Ave., West Hollywood, CA 90046. Tickets are \$10 online or \$12 at the door (cash only). Complimentary tickets can be arranged for members of the press, plus one guest, by contacting Infinite Pictures directly at infinitepictures@gmail.com. Additional information about the film, including video, photos, and an official press packet can be found at: www.jesuscatmovie.com.

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