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Short Film, *Yogurt Girl Two*, To Premiere August 23

LOS ANGELES, CA – Michelle Merring and Kissing in a Tree Productions are thrilled to announce the official release of the short film sequel, *Yogurt Girl Two*, premiering on **August 23, 2024**. The film continues the story of the beloved protagonist, exploring how imagination can combat the challenges of adulthood.

About the Film

Yogurt Girl Two picks up with our hero, now a grown-up, feeling overwhelmed by the mundane tasks of daily life—work, chores, and endless to-do lists. Seeing their sadness, Yogurt Girl's younger sibling is inspired to help. By creating a new "mask of magic," the sibling transforms into **Yogurt Girl Jr.**, a new hero with the power to make chores fun.

Together, the two "Yogurt Siblings" tackle laundry, clean their room, and even get the family cat's approval. When Yogurt Girl is unable to fold the laundry, Yogurt Girl Jr. lends them the mask, restoring their magical power. Their adventure continues as they help their mom with yard work, convincing the family to take a spontaneous trip to Disneyland.

The journey takes a surprising turn when they encounter their neighbor, Mr. Poubelle, littering. With a little magic and the help of the community, the Yogurt Siblings convince him to help clean up the neighborhood. The film concludes with Yogurt Girl's power fully restored and a new mask of magic for Yogurt Girl Jr., proving that with double the imagination, anything is possible.

Production

Yogurt Girl Two was produced by Michelle Merring and Kissing in a Tree Productions, the same creative team behind the original short film. The film's message about finding joy and creativity in everyday life is a theme the filmmakers are passionate about sharing with audiences.

About Kissing in a Tree Productions

Kissing in a Tree Productions is a company that tells stories "showing the beauty found in the ordinary and the magic we all possess." In addition to "Yogurt Girl Two," which is an official selection of the San Diego International Kid's Film Festival, the company has also produced projects such as "Atti-Tutor," "Interference," "Need Money For College Cooking Show," and a teaser for the superhero story titled "County Man."

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Project Type:	Short
Genres:	Family, Children, Imagination
Runtime:	9 minutes 20 seconds
Completion Date:	July 7, 2025
Production Budget:	2,000 USD
Country of Origin:	United States, United States
Country of Filming:	United States, United States
Language:	English
Shooting Format:	Digital
Aspect Ratio:	16:9
Film Color:	Color



Yogurt Girl Two Film Synopsis

Adulting is hard, but not with the power of imagination.

Synopsis:

On a normal day, in the everyday world, our two heroes are stuck! Yogurt Girl is now all grown up, and they are worn down from the everyday, boring tasks of life, work, laundry and cleaning up! When Yogurt Girl arrives home, their Yogurt Sibling notices how overwhelmed and sad they are. However, when there is a good snack, there is always inspiration!

Our young Yogurt Sibling gets into action re-creating Yogurt Girl's mask of magic! When she puts it on, she becomes Yogurt Girl Jr and has the power to make chores fun! The Yogurt Siblings get to work: Yogurt Girl reads her piles of mail, while Yogurt Girl Jr starts the task of doing the laundry! They both clean up their room and get approval from the family cat! When the laundry is done, Yogurt Girl can't face the folding, but Yogurt Girl Jr gives them the mask of magic, and soon the laundry is done!

Yogurt Girl Jr notices Mom struggling to do her yardwork outside. The Yogurt Siblings go to help, but Yogurt Girl Jr has a better idea. Asking for the mask of magic back, Yogurt Girl Jr finds a sleeping Dad on the couch and a picture of Mom and Dad at Disneyland. Maybe an impromptu trip to the land of Disney can help Mom feel better about not getting the yard work done! The Yogurt Siblings dress up sleeping Dad in Disney gear, and when Mom comes inside, she sees that Dad is ready to go!

The Family packs the car for the trip, but Yogurt Girl Jr sees their neighbor, Mr. Poubelle throw trash on the ground. Not to worry, with a little magic, she convinces him to pick up the trash and place it in the bin. Then we see there is so much more trash on the ground! The Yogurt Siblings and Mr. Poubelle are shocked! Our Heroine will not be deterred. With the power of fun, and a little help from the community, the clean-up goes fast!

Yogurt Girl Jr hands back the mask of magic to its rightful owner, Yogurt Girl, who is now restored to full magical power. Yogurt Girl Jr is sad to give back the mask of magic, but what she doesn't know is that Yogurt Girl made a new mask of Magic just for her! Now the power of imagination and fun is doubled with Yogurt Girl and Yogurt Girl Jr.



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Directors Statement

I am Michelle Merring and I would love to tell you a little bit about my film- **Yogurt Girl Two**!

Yogurt Girl Two is a sequel to my first film **Yogurt Girl**, which was filmed over ten years ago!

With **Yogurt Girl**, I wanted to create a story that was full of magic and fun for the whole family. I loved how much my children used their creativity and imagination to make every day so special, and I wanted to capture that joy and share it with the world!

However, as my kids grew up, I saw them struggle with the transition into adulthood. The little tasks that can be overwhelming (like reading your snail mail!), the pressures of the world that seem more crushing than when they were children (bills, the endless, bills!), and the loss of their everyday enchantment. So, I thought it was time to bring back that magic!

Yogurt Girl Two was a reminder that we can still find magic in the ordinary. If we can pause a moment and breathe, then find the fun, even grown-up tasks get better. It is a rediscovering of the silly person we were as kids and recapturing that unlimited imagination. I am a long believer in the "Spoonful of Sugar can make the medicine go down", and this film shows that the "sugar" can be a shift in our perspective with a good sense of joy.

We are lucky enough to have my 10-year-old niece as part of our daily lives and it was obvious that she would be our **Yogurt Girl Jr**! Her relationship with her older cousin (**Yogurt Girl**) is so lovely and I think we captured how even different generations can connect meaningfully and in an impactful way. It was a request of my niece that **Yogurt Girl Jr**. do more than just solve the family's problems, but do something for the community! (Yup! Little kids are amazing!) So, in **Yogurt Girl Two**, we see the yogurt siblings inspire and engage the whole community in a task that helps, well, the whole community! We are reminded that it only takes one person to start, and others will come along and join in!

I hope you enjoy the film and the everyday magic in your own life.

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