



# LIFE OF KEA

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5X 6MIN COMEDY WEB SERIES  
EXCLUSIVE TO YOUTUBE, FUNDED  
BY SCREEN AUSTRALIA

## Synopsis:

Aunty Kea; a brash, no-nonsense, Chinese-Malaysian woman navigates an impending financial demise which pushes her into the dating game for all the wrong reasons. Amidst this, Kea and her daughter struggle to mend their frayed relationship upon discovering a suitor that Kea does not approve of.

# CHARACTERS



## AUNTY KEA

*Aunty Kea (late 40s) – A tenacious, passionate woman who is the embodiment of a typical Chinese-Malaysian maternal figure with high expectations, all of the sass, and zero subtlety.*

*She's a single mom who is trying to navigate life the best way she can.*

## WEI LIN

*Wei Lin (late 40s) – Best friends with Kea since secondary school. Malaysian born and raised alongside Kea as her partner-in-crime.*

*She is the fun-loving, flirty friend to Kea's stern tendencies. Unfortunately, her flirtatious nature often leaves her biting off more than she can chew.*



## LYANNA

*Lyanna (mid 20's) – struggles to negotiate her duties as a filial daughter and living her life by her own rules as a bright young woman in Melbourne. She is full of untapped potential.*

*Underneath the humour and light stabs, Lyanna and Kea have a strained mother-daughter relationship which reaches boiling point as she tries to free herself from traditional expectations.*



# CAST & CREW



## LYANNA KEA

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CREATOR | ACTOR | WRITER  
DIRECTOR | PRODUCER

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Lyanna Kea is an award-winning Chinese Malaysian actor, producer, and director with a great comedic edge. She is a social media heavy-hitter with over 10 Million fans globally who follow her for her relatable comedy skits and singing prowess. The singer, actor, social media star was recently announced Top 5 Australian Breakout Creators on YouTube. Lyanna is also the writer, producer, director, and lead actor of the new series, "Life Of Kea", funded by Screen Australia. She was awarded Best Actress for her performance in "V-Day", and award-winning animations featuring Lyanna's voice acting work were screened at several festivals including the Sunshine Short Film Festival and Los Angeles Horror Film Festival.

## TAYSHA MCFARLAND

### **Producer/Co-Director**

*Taysha is a producer, director and founder of Toprock Productions. Recently she produced the AACTA-nominated short film 'Jia', directed by Vee Shi, and produced and co-directed alongside Lyanna Kea on the Screen Australia and YouTube funded comedy series, 'Life of Kea'.*

*In 2023, Taysha was honoured with the Berry Family Fellowship at the State Library Victoria for her documentary, "Unheard Memoirs" and was selected as a participant of the Australian International Documentary Conference's Leading Lights program.*

*Taysha has achieved both wins and nominations for Best Director and Writer for her film, 'Zarephath,' which she wrote, produced, and directed. 'Zarephath' has received over 15 international awards and is currently available for streaming on Amazon Prime Video in the US and UK.*



## TRISTAN BRAINES

### **Producer/Co-Director**

*Tristan is a Melbourne-based film producer, writer, director and co-founder of Toprock Productions. Tristan studied Film and Television Production at Swinburne Faculty of Design 2010-2012 and completed a Foundation short course at VCA. Since then, he has gone on to produce and direct a multitude of productions, including the mental health film, "If Only" which has garnered over 50K views on YouTube, and picked up the accolade for best mental health film at the Screen It! Film Festival 2018. Other notable accolades includes consecutively winning the audience choice awards at the Melbourne 48-Hour Film Festival (2018, 2019). Tristan has also been a participant in the AIF Untapped Masterclass 2021 – 2022 and Writers Club with Heath Davis. Tristan is currently writing and producing the web series "Life of Kea", starring and directed by Lyanna Kea.*



## SASHA LEONG

### **Associate Producer**

*Sasha Leong is a Malaysian Chinese actor and producer based in Naarm/Melbourne. With a passion for performance from an early age, Sasha has honed her skills at Howard Fine Acting Studio in Melbourne, and at The Australian Film & Television Academy (TAFTA). Sasha's recent on-screen experiences include lead roles in The Unshakable Destiny 2 (2023) and Some Company (2022), as well as a supporting role in Agent Provocateur (2022). She appeared as a series regular in the web series Kea's Life (2022) and reprised the same role in Life of Kea - Season One (2023). Her passion for acting extends to the stage where she first started. Her recent theatrical credits include Flesh Disease (2023), Shadowfall (2023), Ken's Quest (2022), and Dear Mama (2022). Sasha is also an experienced event and live performance producer, and co-produced her first short film, Eating the Other, premiered at Flickerfest 2023. She is a proud member of MEAA Equity.*

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# CREDITS

Kea/Lyanna/Anh  
Wei Lin  
James  
Bank Operator  
Ronnie  
Ryan  
Bartender  
Police Officer  
Security Guard (Adam)

Lyanna Kea  
Sasha Leong  
Berlin Lu  
Ella Watkins  
David Margetts  
Douglas Rintoul  
Darren Levy  
Dylan Joyce  
David Fletcher Ly



Written and Directed by  
Co-Directed by  
Story Developed by  
Produced by  
Associate Producer

Lyanna Kea  
Taysha McFarland, Tristan Braines  
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Sasha Leong

1st Assistant Director  
Script Supervisor.  
Production Assistant.  
Runner.

Vikki Blinks  
Stefanie Fazzari  
Blair Allen  
Jean Ngooi



Director of Photography  
Camera Assist  
Gaffer.  
Stills Photographer  
Sound Recordist

Samuel Vella  
Sal Hicks  
Nicholson Ren  
Bryce Haggett  
Chris Tuazon



Production Designer  
Hair and Makeup Artist

Jennifer Tran  
Ivana Ciccone



## POST PRODUCTION

Editor  
Colour Grade  
Sound Mix  
Original Score  
Composed by

Jim Cruse  
Nicholson Ren  
Jim Cruse  
  
Chris Tuazon



# LINKS



[Episode #1](#)



[Trailer](#)



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[Screen Australia Media Release 21/2/23.](#)

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# TECHNICAL DETAILS

*Country of Production: Australia*

*Genre: Comedy (5 x 6 min episodes)*

*Language: English, Cantonese, Mandarin, Malay*

*Aspect Ratio: 16:9*

*Date of Release: 21st October 2023*

*Supported by Screen Australia*

*and YouTube through the*

*Skip Ahead initiative*



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