#### **ZERO** a short film by Clare Louise Frost

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an homage to Chris Marker's La Jetée



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Running Time Written + Directed Produced **Co-**Produced

Production Company

Edited

Photography

13:37 minutes Clare Louise Frost Clare Louise Frost Micah Stathis

SK Deli Market Productions New York, NY

**Clare Louise Frost** 

Jeremiah Cothren Micah Stathis

Original recording of "Alto Giove" performed by

**Derek Lee Ragin** 

## LOGLINE

A survivor of a global pandemic is chosen by scientists to time travel in an attempt to locate Patient Zero.

#### **SYNOPSIS**

A short film homage to Chris Marker's La Jetée, Zero takes place in a contemporary world struggling with the effects of a global pandemic.

A woman, one of the few survivors of a global pandemic, is chosen as the perfect candidate for time travel. Scientists send her into the past and the future in their attempt to track down Patient Zero, neutralize them, and change the future of humanity forever. Selected for her strong mental imagination, the insistent pull of an image from her forgotten pre-pandemic life leads her to re-live her own past.

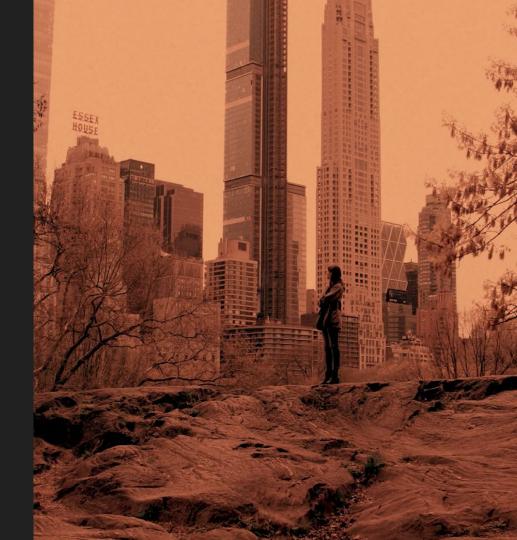
## THE STORY ZERO

Zero is an homage to Chris Marker's La Jetée, told from the perspective of a woman.

A pandemic survivor is chosen as the ideal candidate for time travel. Scientists send her into the past and future in their attempt to find and neutralize Patient Zero, but to save humanity she is forced to relive her forgotten past.

**Zero is a woman's story.** Told from a woman's perspective, the narrative shifts instantly. What decisions does a woman make? What makes up a woman's heart, in the past, present, and future?

Zero is also document of New York City in 2020, shot on location in Manhattan and Brooklyn during the height of the pandemic's lockdown. Universal and specific, Zero will echo its themes to a wide audience.









#### THE MAN Micah Stathis

Micah Stathakopoulos is a Greek-American filmmaker and actor. A founder of the independent film company SK Deli Market Productions, Micah is also a decorated veteran, having served three years in the US Army, including in combat in Ramadi, Iraq. Micah has made several short films, and wrote and directed his first feature, *The Sisters Karras*, in 2020.

#### SCIENTIST Derek Lee Ragin

Noted American countertenor, Derek Lee Ragin has performed and recorded extensively in the US and Europe. His voice provided half of the blend of Farinelli's voice in the 1994 film about the famous castrato. Derek provided ZERO with an original a cappella recording of Alto Giove for the film's score.

#### SCIENTIST Alastair J H Boag

Alastair Boag is an actor, director and teacher. He began his film acting with Italian director Giacomo Martelli (*In Ascolto*), and has appeared in a number of independent films for UK director Keith Rodway, and for Tony Britten of Capriol films. He is the Chair of the Packer Collegiate Arts Department in Brooklyn where he teaches courses in acting and Shakespeare.

#### Clare Louise Frost WRITER + DIRECTOR + THE WOMAN

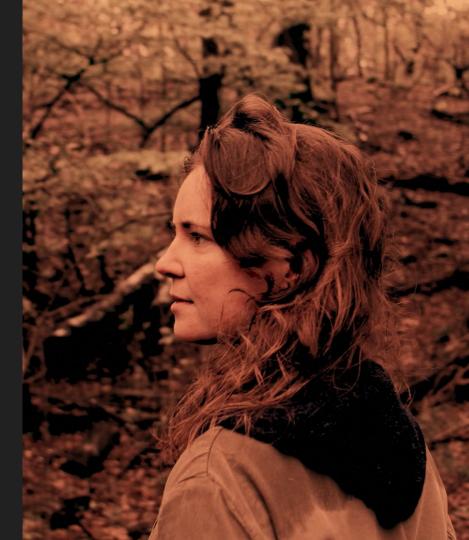
ZERO is Clare's first film.

Clare started her acting career over a decade ago in Istanbul, Turkey, where she lived for many years, acting in many commercials, TV series, and film. Her first TV role was Kristen in What is Fatmagül's Fault?, the world-famous series that has been broadcast in over 40 countries to date.

Based in New York City since 2015, Clare continues to work in both the States and in Turkey. Most recently, she portrayed Agatha Christie in Netflix's upcoming *Midnight at the Pera Palace*.

In 2020, Clare formed SK Deli Market Productions with writer/director/actor Greek-American Iraq War combat vet Micah Stathis to develop and produce their own work. ZERO is their first production. Their first feature, The Sisters Karras, is headed to film festivals in 2022.

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#### PHOTOGRAPHY MICAH STATHIS

Micah Stathakopoulos was born in the Midwest and raised in Greece.

Micah spent three years serving in the US Army, being deployed in combat in Ramadi, Iraq. He is a decorated veteran.

Micah earned his Masters in Film Studies at NYU Tisch. He has written and directed several short films and been director/cinematographer of many music videos and short documentaries. Micah also worked as a television producer and technical director at MNN (Manhattan Neighborhood Network).

Besides writing, directing, and producing his own work, and being co-founder of SK Deli Market Productions, Micah teaches film production and acting for film at New York Film Academy.

https://sk-deli-market.com/



#### PHOTOGRAPHY JEREMIAH LEE COTHREN

Jeremiah Lee Cothren is an architect turned visual journalist and producer whose primary focus is to capture vivid histories of human rights, social justice and migration. A graduate of the University of California, Berkeley and the International Center of Photography's Masterclass in Visual Storytelling, his work and studies have carried him throughout North America, Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

He is currently based in New York City and working on his podcast, Unarmed + Unplugged.

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#### PRODUCING COMPANY SK DELI MARKET PRODUCTIONS

SK Deli Market Productions was formed by writer/director/producer/actors Clare Louise Frost and Micah Stathis in 2020 to write and produce independent film. SK is dedicated to creatively telling authentic stories, with a collaborative environment of diverse cast, crew and post-production experts.

ZERO is SK's first production, followed by their first feature, THE SISTERS KARRAS, currently in post-production. A second feature is in development.

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#### **ZERO** CREDITS

Written + Directed

Produced

Photography

Additional Photography

Editing

Sound Design

Color

"Alto Giove" performed by

**Production Company** 

Clare Louise Frost Clare Louise Frost

Micah Stathis

Jeremiah Cothren Micah Stathis

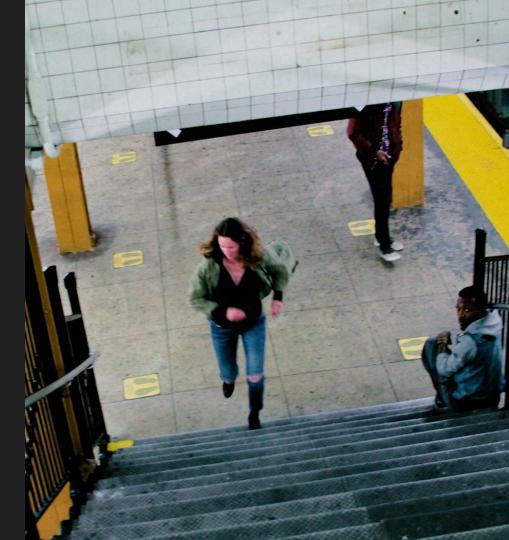
Kara Head Clare Louise Frost

**Clare Louise Frost** 

Samira Tazari

José "Javch" Venutolo Derek Lee Ragin

SK Deli Market Productions





#### ZERO CAST

NARRATOR THE MAN THE WOMAN

SCIENTISTS

FUTURE PEOPLE

THE MOTHER

THE GIRL

Laurel Crosbie Frost

**Micah Stathis** 

**Clare Louise Frost** 

Alastair J H Boag

**Derek Lee Ragin** 

**Gil Charleston** 

Jeremiah Lee Cothren

**Brock Forsblom** 

Stephanie Gunn

Maria Lacava

**Ethan Wayne Smith** 

Sophia Cook

**Mirele Ciccarone** 

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