

## **WITHOUT A BODY**

### **Press Kit**

***WITHOUT A BODY*** (previously *Asomatous*) is a ghostly thriller that stars Jack Campbell (*The Pack*), Whitney Rose Pynn (*21 Days*), Isabella Kai Rice (*Jem and the Holograms*), Lauren Shaw (*Monday at 11:01 A.M.*), Rena Owen (*Star Wars: Episode III: Revenge of the Sith*), Kevin Sorbo (*Hercules: The Legendary Journeys*), Michael Welch (*Twilight*), Jayden Besana (*Dognapped*), Jordan Besana (*The Bandit Hound*) and Catherine Kresge (*A Good Day to Die Hard*). Acclaimed special effects makeup artist and FX producer Harvey Lowry (*The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*, *Watchmen*) directs from a script by associate producer Andrew B. Chisholm, making his big screen debut, and Cecile Cinco, who also serves as executive producer for Global Edge Pictures.

### **Synopsis**

***Asomatous***: From the Greek word meaning “without a body,” bodiless, or incorporeal

In a rural farmhouse, little Gabriel Mendez, 10, (JAYDEN BESANA) flees into the family basement as his drunken father (A. J. CASTRO) goes on a rampage in the household, killing his mother (ANJANETTE ABAYARI) in cold blood. However, there is something else in that basement, something even more terrifying than his murderous father. And that powerful supernatural presence is unquenchable.

Thirty years pass. Abandoned for many years, mostly because of its reputation as a murder site, the Mendez property is now available for rental. Seeking solace after his own family tragedy, author Alex Gibbs (JACK CAMPBELL) arrives with his two adorable daughters, Rachel, 16 (WHITNEY ROSE PYNN) and Sophie, 8 (ISABELLA KAI RICE) to take possession of the dusty, abandoned homestead. The Gibbs are mourning the death of wife and mother, Cynthia Gibbs (LAUREN SHAW), who died in a house fire.

It doesn't take long for unusual events to transpire. Almost immediately, the ghost of Gabriel Mendez befriends little Sophie. He becomes her imaginary buddy – but Gabriel materializes for more than play. He's there to warn the Gibbs that a deadly spectral presence inhabits the house – a demonic creature named Mordeya, who appears in the form of an old woman (RENA OWEN), aided by Miguel (JORDAN BESANA), an

equally formidable spectral twin of Gabriel. Mordeya is determined to destroy Alex and both his daughters.

After cleaning up the basement, where his deceased wife's clothes cartons have been mysteriously rifled, Alex receives a welcome wagon visit from his friendly neighbor, Hannah (CATHERINE KRESGE) who later warns him about the home's history. Alex doesn't appear to be overly concerned. Meanwhile, Jerry (MICHAEL WELCH), a telephone company repairman enters the basement to reconnect the phone, and is confronted by the twin ghosts of Gabriel and Miguel. Trapped behind the locked basement door, Jerry finally crashes through and runs for his life, leaving a bewildered Alex in his wake.

Gradually, Alex begins to realize that their lives are in danger. One night, the specter of his deceased wife, Cynthia appears in his bed, and Alex is delighted to enjoy a bout of passionate lovemaking with her – only to discover that Cynthia is really Mordeya in disguise, and that Alex has been making love to a frightening demon. Meanwhile, Rachel is nearly drowned in her bathtub by the ghost of Miguel. Alex, finally, grabs the kids and heads for the family truck, but he can't start the vehicle, so they are all forced back into the house. Hannah summons Malcolm Osbourne (KEVIN SORBO) a native-American shaman, to help solve the riddle of the farmhouse, and for the first time, Alex learns about Mordeya and her vendetta against humankind.

The final battle takes place in the basement where Alex grabs a sledgehammer and starts to chip away at a wall, where he finds the skull of little Gabriel. He also confronts Mordeya who has possessed Malcolm the shaman. Fortunately, Alex has a formidable ally, one that won't stop until the demon is sent back to the netherworld from where she came.

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### ABOUT THE CAST...

**Jack Campbell** (“Alex”) is best known for his role as Dr. Steve Taylor in Australia's number one medical drama, *Allsaints* for Network Seven, and his portrayal of infamous gangster Big Jim Divine in *Underbelly Razor*, set in the criminal underbelly of 1920s

Sydney. Prior to *Without a Body*, he starred as Adam Wilson in director Nick Robertson's horror thriller *The Pack*, and he portrayed Vladimir Cheniy in the indie thriller *Mafia*.

He grew up on a wheat and cattle farm in Outback Australia, finished high school, and moved to Sydney, where he worked in childcare, and pursued acting at the Actor's Center in Surry Hills.

Campbell's feature credits include: *Risen*, *Choir Girl*, *Porn Girl*, *The American King-As Told by an African Priestess*, *The Nostradamus Kid*, *Devil's Gateway*, *The Catalpa Rescue*, *Gabriel*, and *Burning Man*.

On television, he's starred in the series *Shortland Street*, *City Life*, and *Home and Away*.

In his native Australia, Campbell has been nominated twice for his acting work: in 1992, for Best Supporting Actor at the Australian Film Critic's Awards (for *The Nostradamus Kid*), and 2008, for Most Popular New Male Talent at the Australian Logie Awards.

**Whitney Rose Pynn**'s ("Rachel Gibbs") first leading role in a feature film came in 2014 when she portrayed Shauna Roberts in director Kathleen Behun's award-winning horror-thriller *21 Days*. She recently joined the cast of the NBC drama *Aquarius*, in which she will portray a pivotal member of the Charles Manson family. She also appeared in a two-episode arc on TNT's *Murder in the First*.

Whitney grew up in the little town of Sayville, New York on the South shore of Long Island. She spent the majority of her adolescence focusing on becoming a professional ballet dancer, and later attended The School of American Ballet, performing in *The Nutcracker*, *Sleeping Beauty*, and *A Midsummer's Night's Dream*. She went on to study at the University of Maryland, where she double-majored in theatre and psychology.

Pynn's television credits include: *Victorious*, *Devil in the Details*, and *Married*. Other feature film credits after *Without a Body* are *Lost Vegas* and *Death Camp*.

**Isabella Kai Rice** ("Sophie Gibbs") previously portrayed the Young Jerrica Benton in the adventure-fantasy *Jem and the Holograms*, which stars Molly Ringwald and Juliette

Lewis. She also portrayed Becca McKinnon in *Kidnapped: The Hannah Anderson Story* for Lifetime Television.

Isabella's additional television credits include: *Glee*, *Two and a Half Men*, *True Blood* (as Sarah Compton) and *Pretty Little Liars*. Isabella's other feature film credits include *Cutman*, *The Friend*, and *Unforgettable*.

**Lauren Shaw** (“Cynthia Gibbs”) is an actress and experienced stunt person. She made her acting debut on *Baywatch* in 2000. Her episodic acting credits include: *Outrageous Fortune*, *Legend of the Seeker*, *Power Rangers Samurai*, *Nothing Trivial*, *Spartacus: War of the Damned*, *Go Girls*, *The Spy Within*, *The Walking Dead*, *Parks and Recreation*, *Crossbones*, and *Monday at 11:01 A.M.*

On the big screen, Shaw has been featured in *Matariki*, *Zero Dark Thirty*, *The Late Bloomer*, *True Memoirs of an International Assassin*, *Relentless*, *Aloha Surf Hotel* and a number of shorts.

On the stunt side, Shaw received her first credit on *The Cult* TV series (2009). Since then, she has performed stunts on *Legend of the Seeker*, *Go Girls*, *Outrageous Fortune*, *Ice*, *Spartacus: Gods of the Arena*, *The Almighty Johnsons*, *The Blue Rose*, *Spartacus: War of the Damned*, *Revenge*, *Legends*, *Gang Related*, *Criminal Minds*, *Scorpion*, *Holidays*, *Tell Me How I Die*, *31*, *The Secrets of Emily Blair*, *Only for One Night*, *Chips*, *The Row*, *Fighting with My Family*, *Flashout*, *Home is Where the Killer is*, *Countdown*, *A Quiet Place Part II*, *Jungle Cruise*, *Malignant*, and *Elyse*.

**Rena Owen's** (“Mordeya”) first feature film was a supporting role in the Kevin Reynolds/Kevin Costner film, *Rapa Nui*, followed by the leading role in the cult-classic New Zealand film *Once Were Warriors*. The film was voted one of Time Magazine's top ten films in 1994, it garnered over 30 international awards, and screened in sixty-six countries.

A native of Bay of Islands, New Zealand, Owen moved to Los Angeles in 2000, and was cast as the voice of Taun We, the tall-thin alien in charge of clone building in director George Lucas' *Star Wars: Episode III – Revenge of the Sith*, followed by a cameo role in director Steven Spielberg's *A.I.*

Owen's additional feature credits include: *The Call Up*, *Savage Play*, *Dance Me to My Song*, *When Loves Comes Along*, *I'll Make You Happy*, *What Becomes of the Broken Hearted?*, *Soul Assassin*, *Star Wars: Episode III – Revenge of the Sith*, *The Crow: Wicked Prayer*, *A Beautiful Life*, *Alyce Kills*, *The Dead Lands*, *The Last Witch Hunter* and *Escape and Evasion*.

On television, Owen was a regular on *Adrenalin Junkies*, *Shortland Street*, and *The Straits*.

**Kevin Sorbo** (“Malcolm Osbourne”) first achieved international stardom as the stalwart title hero of *Hercules: The Legendary Journeys*. Since then, he has become one of the most prolific actors in Hollywood, moving easily between indie action roles, family dramas, westerns, and fantasy adventures. To the science fiction crowd, he's well-known as Captain Dylan Hunt in the *Andromeda* series, which ran from 2000-2005.

A native of Mound, Minnesota, his feature credits include, among others: *Kull the Conqueror* (the title character), *Meet the Spartans*, *An American Carol*, *Fire from Below*, *Soul Surfer*, *Sam Steele and the Crystal Chalice*, *Sorority Party Massacre*, *God Is Not Dead!*, *Mythica: A Quest for Heroes*, *Confessions of a Prodigal Son*, *Hope Bridge*, *The Secret Handshake*, *Jesse James: Lawman*, *One More Round*, *Mythica: The Darkspore*, *Gallows Road*, *Single in South Beach*, *Mythica: The Necromancer*, *The Sparrows: Nesting*, *Beyond Game*, *Caged No More*, *Mythica: The Iron Crown*, *Joseph and Mary*, *Forgiven*, *Spirit of the Game*, *Mythica: The Godslayer*, *Rodeo Girl: Dream Champion*, *Piranha Sharks*, *The UnMiracle*, *Let There Be Light*, *The Old Machine*, *Bernie The Dolphin*, *The Reliant*, *Miracle in East Texas*, *Six Feet of Separation*, *The Penitent Thief*, *The Pastor*, *The Girl Who Believes in Miracles*, *Poison Sky*, *One Nation Under God*, and *Faith Under Fire*.

Sorbo's television credits include: *1<sup>st</sup> & Ten: The Championship*, *Murder, She Wrote*, *The Commish*, *Xena: Warrior Princess*, *Dharma & Greg*, *Two and a Half Men*, *The O.C.*, *Psych*, and *Hawaii Five-0*.

**Michael Welch** (“Jerry”) is best known for his role as popular Mike Newton in *The Twilight Saga* film series, and Luke Girardi on the *Joan of Arcadia* television show. He

can also be seen in award-winning indie festival favorites such as *Archie's Final Project*, *An American Crime*, *United States of Leland*, *American Son*, and *The Cover-up*.

A native of Los Angeles, California, Welch's additional feature credits include, among others: *Star Trek: Insurrection*, *Delivering Milo*, *The Angel Doll*, *Day of the Dead*, *Hansel & Gretel Get Baked*, *Grace Unplugged*, *Boys of Abu Ghraib*, *Boy Meets Girl*, *Chasing Eagle Rock*, *The Perceivers*, *A Haunting in Cawdor*, *Karkutong*, *A Killer Walks Amongst Us*, *M.F.A.*, *The Grounds*, *I'll Be Watching*, *Before Someone Gets Hurt*, *The Final Wish*, *Heatstroke*, *Blood Craft*, *A Soldier's Revenge*, *The Gift*, and *A Christmas Hero*.

Welch's television series credits include, among others: *Frasier*, *Chicago Hope*, *Two Guys, a Girl and a Pizza Palace*, *Jesse*, *The X-Files*, *Malcolm in the Middle*, *The Invisible Man*, *House of Mouse*, *Stargate SG-1*, *Cold Case*, *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit*, *The Riches*, *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation*, *Z Nation*.

Twins **Jayden Besana** ("Gabriel") and **Jordan Besana** ("Miguel") aka **JorJay** made their motion debut in director Russell Vance Bailey's indie drama *Barmy*. Their feature credits include: *Monster & Me*, *Dognapped*, *Displacement*, *Revelations* and *The Bandit Hound*. The twins started at the Hollywood Improv doing stand-up comedy with the *Standing Tall Comedy Kids & Teens*.

**Catherine Kresge** ("Hannah") is best known for her roles in *A Good Day to Die Hard*, *R.I.P.D.*, *The Things We Carry*, and *Devil's Due*. She made her feature debut as Tabitha opposite James C. Burns and Richard DeGuilio in writer/director Sam Choula's indie thriller *The Trap*. Her additional feature credits include: *Ball Don't Lie*, *Brahmin Bulls*, *1<sup>st</sup> Date*, *Hello, My Name is Doris*, and *You & Me*.

On the television front, Kresge has appeared on: *The O.C.*, *The '70s Show*, *Moonlight*, *CSI: Miami*, *Eleventh Hour*, *House M.D.*, *The Middle*, *All My Children*, *90210*, *Franklin & Bash*, and she was a recurring character on *RCVR*, playing Sandy Bergson.

## ABOUT THE FILMMAKERS...

**Harvey Lowry** (Director) has recently forged a solid career as a prolific independent film director. His directing credits are: *Blood Pageantc*, *A Deadly Dance*, *The Christmas Trap*, *The Competition*, *Cassidy Way*, *Monday at 11:01 A.M.*, *Union Bound*, and *A Play on Words*. He entered the film industry in 1990 and soon became the Director of Operations for one of the largest special effects and film production companies in California. Over the course of fifteen years, he supervised the production, special effects, makeup effects, visual effects, animatronics and specialty costumes for over 150 feature films, television shows, music videos, commercials and documentaries. Harvey's work has been featured in the films *The Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *A Beautiful Mind*, *The Passion of the Christ*, *Hannibal* and *Big Mommas House*. His collaborating teams have won two Academy Awards with six nominations, and have garnered two Emmys.

Harvey began producing independent films in 2000 with the independent production of *Darkworld*. Since then, he has produced eighteen other projects ranging from the dark horror film *Trailer Park of Terror* (the only film in the Slamdance Film Festival history to have a second screening due to high demand), to the family comedy *Soccer Mom* starring Emily Osment and Missy Pyle.

In 2006, Harvey formed his own very successful special effects and film production company and immediately began production on a series of feature films, such as *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button* and *The Watchmen*, television shows such as *Moonlight* and *Saving Grace*, and many commercials and music videos.

As his company continued to grow, Harvey put more emphasis on producing independent films such as *Farmhouse* and *Night of the Demons* starring Shannon Elizabeth and directing special effects heavy scenes for movies. In 2009, under his Green Pictures banner, he produced the family comedy *Monster Mutt*. In 2010, Harvey furthered his independent producing career with such films as *Sinbad: The Fifth Voyage* featuring Patrick Stewart and *Paranormal Whackitivity*, as well as directing three documentaries. Harvey continued his success producing special effects for blockbuster films such as *Dead of Night* starring Brandon Routh, *Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian* and the upcoming *Humpty Dumpty*.

In addition to his recent directing credits, Lowry served as producer on *The Sparrows* television series for Fox; and he produced the mystery/thriller *Deadly Sanctuary*, which starred Dean Cain, Eric Roberts and Daniel Baldwin.

**Andrew B. Chisholm** (Co-Writer, Associate Producer) makes his motion picture writing debut on *Without a Body*. He is also the writer for Global Edge Picture's thriller, *The SUV*. A native of Summerside, Prince Edward Island, Canada, he's a screenwriter, musician, and food blogger who lives with his wife and son in Oslo, Norway.

Thought always interested in film, literature and writing, it wasn't until 2009 that he decided to pursue his screenwriting career.

**Cecile Cinco** (Co-Writer, Producer) graduated from the Los Angeles Film School in 2002 with an emphasis in directing, and a minor in producing and screenwriting. She also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business. As a director and producer, Cecile is a perfect mix of business acumen and creativity. She formed Global Edge Productions in 2014 for the purpose of producing quality motion picture films, with strong stories and high commercial appeal.

Her feature producing credits include: *Dognapped*, *Displacement*, and *The Bandit Hound*. She is slated to direct next feature film, *Kids Just Wanna Have Fun*, a musical kids comedy.

**Ben Gelera** (Co-Producer) was born and raised in Southern California and graduated from Cal State University, Fullerton with a Bachelor's Degree in Business and a concentration in Marketing. He has worked in Marketing and Promotions for various companies ranging from AT&T, State Farm Insurance, Angel's Baseball, and others.

Ben's business and marketing savvy combined with his 15 years of film production experience and creativity has led to a busy and fulfilling film career. Ben has produced numerous independent feature films such as *Beyond The Mat*, *Ghost Goggles*, *Buddy Solitaire*, and the Urban Musical *Gangland* among many others. He is also being considered to direct the upcoming action/horror, *Scout's Honor* with Global Edge Pictures. One of his directorial films, *Noober* is an award winner at F.A.M.E.' US



International Film Festival in 2016. Ben also produced a music video for the international Korean Popstar band ITZY, song titled “*Icy*”. Ben’s peers respect his dedication and hard work with each and every project he takes on. He is the consummate filmmaker who is passionate, honest and easy to work with. We are proud to have Ben on board as part of the Global Edge team.

**Marlon D Campbell** (Co-Producer) has over 28 solid years of experience in both the music and film industries. In the early 1990’s, Marlon started his career as lead vocalist for the Alternative/Hip Hop Band “SSTC”, signed to The Platinum Factory Records. The band found success in 1991 garnering its first gold record from the LP “Universal Scream”. He became the recipient of *Who’s Who* Billboard Awards (twice), NORAD Awards for ‘Best New Artist’ and ‘Song of the Year’ for the single *Silence the Violence*. Six months later, Marlon landed a starring role on the NBC Afterschool Special *Crack* and made an appearance on MTV’s *Snip-It*. After his tenure with The Platinum Factory Records, he found more success as a Producer and Promoter earning another 15 gold and platinum records. In the late 1990’s and early 2000’s, Marlon made the transition to the film industry as a distributor for live stage plays of Tyler Perry. It wasn’t long soon after he began producing and directing straight to DVD film properties under the moniker A-Match Pictures. The company became a major player in the independent film distribution space selling over 3.5 million DVD’s. In early 2006, Marlon entered into a partnership affording him controlling interest in his own forty-four thousand square foot film studio in Florida. Adding to his repertoire in early 2013, he decided to challenge the major league of film distribution by perfecting a system that would allow him the majority of control distributing theatrical properties in both foreign and domestic markets.

In 2020, Marlon is back in the music industry with new hits that will be released under his group, “SSTC.” He also launched *The Political Relief Organization* is a member-based community that provides raw data and analysis to the general population in the United States and around the World in order to inform the public through news and information, as it relates to economic and social futures.

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