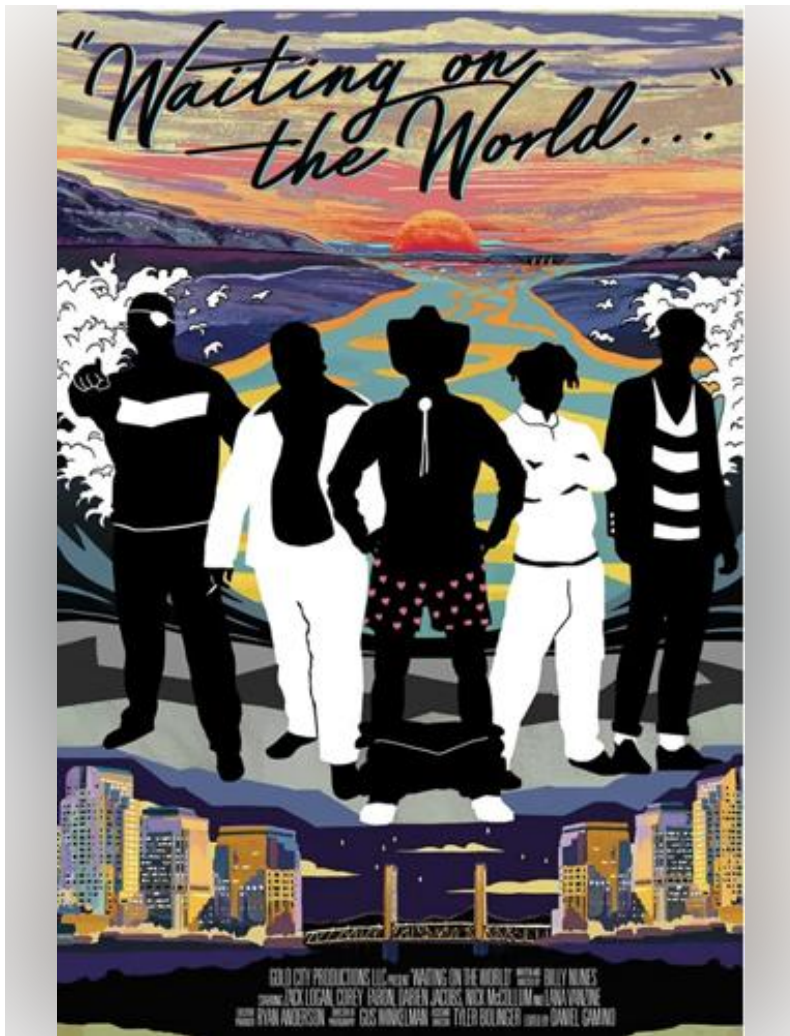


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The wait is over for local filmmaker's debut

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"Waiting on the World," written by an EDH native, premieres at the Crest Theatre Sept. 24.

You can't get more local to the El Dorado Hills area than native William (Billy) Nunes. His younger years began at Lake Forest Elementary School, the on to Marina Village Middle School and Oak Ridge High School, where he played basketball with the 2005 state championship team. His time on the court continued at California State University, East Bay but abruptly came to an end during an adult recreation league game.

Nunes headed south, graduating from Concordia University in Irvine with a degree in sports management. At the time, he said, he thought he wanted to be Jerry Maguire but then explained, "Unfortunately, after I graduated, I saw fairly quickly that being a sports agent wasn't where I wanted to be."

Where did he want to be? Behind the camera. After moving back to Rancho Cordova to help with his family business, Nunes realized two things. "I wanted to be in Sacramento and if pressed what I wanted to do with my life, it was to tell stories. Specifically, stories from this region. I learned I am not a very practical person."

Nunes and his wife moved to Nashville, where she attended nursing school while he did odd jobs that gave him the time to write, completing the first draft of a film within three months. The couple returned to El Dorado Hills and began the filmmaking process — raising money, hiring a crew, holding casting calls and everything else involved in the making of a film. Postproduction on “Waiting on the World” wrapped this past March.

The film, on which Nunes received help from another famous ORHS alum — former NBA player Ryan Anderson — follows a former basketball legend who finds himself back in his hometown with his three best friends. He tries to fight off time, women and change to keep his group of BFFs together — but nothing lasts forever, the film’s synopsis notes. Anderson serves as the film’s executive producer.

Important to Nunes was that the movie was filmed in Sacramento. “I am the grandson of a lumberman and a native son to Sacramento. My roots are in this city,” he shared. “Making this movie in the city I grew up in was extremely important to me. “It made some things easier and certain things much harder,” he added. “After climbing a few mountains to finish my first feature-length film, we are ready for the premiere.”

“Waiting on the World” will premiere at the Crest Theatre in downtown Sacramento on Saturday, Sept. 24, doors open at 6:30 p.m. To purchase tickets visit eventbrite.com/e/waiting-on-the-world-tickets-381224030337.

Nunes, who uses the stage name William Henry and acted in his debut film, said he had to call in a lot of favors to get his project off the ground. “I really want to treat everybody to a night. Sacramento people are the best.” he said of the upcoming premiere. “This is my first film, but the plan is to make this a common occurrence around these parts. Depending on how this goes will determine the scope of the next project. I am trying to build something here in Sacramento. I am tired of losing people to Los Angeles.”

The couple currently live in Fair Oaks and Nunes said he hopes this is the start of his production company, Gold City Productions. “We have several other scripts we plan on filming here,” he said. “The success of this first one will determine the scope of our next one, but this won’t be my last.”

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