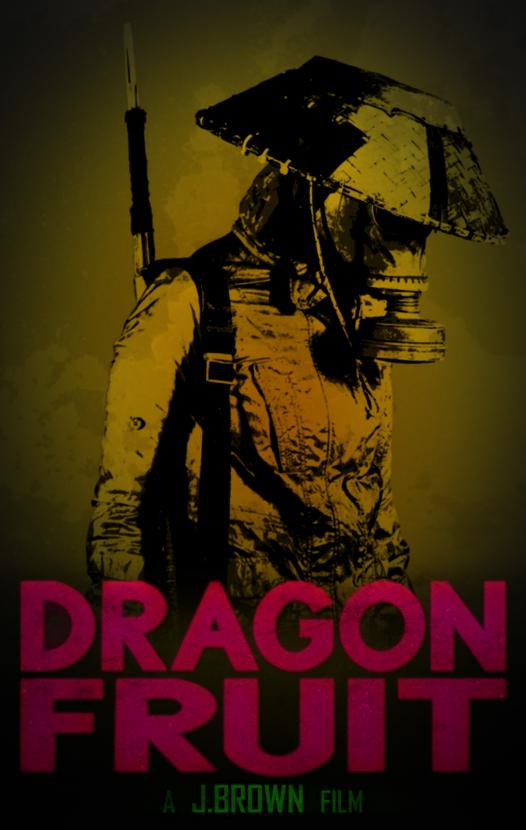
# PRESS KIT YVONNE CHAPMAN





#### **TECH SPECS**

Country of origin: CANADA

Year: **2023** 

Run time: **27 MINUTES** 

Shooting Format: 4K Blackmagic BRAW 23.976

Available in: **2K DCP 24fps with CLOSED CAPTIONS** 

and DESCRIPTIVE AUDIO or 2K Stereo .MP4

Aspect ratio: 2.39:1

Sound: 5.1 or Stereo

Language ENGLISH

**LINKS** 

Official Instagram: www.instagram.com/dragonfruitfilm

Official YouTube: www.youtube.com/@dragonfruitthemovie

IMDB: www.imdb.com/title/tt14623962

Hashtag: #dragonfruitfilm

Official Website: www.dragonfruitthemovie.com



#### **CAST**

The Mother

The Son

The Neighbor

The Boss

The Cop

The Man

**Left Twin** 

**Right Twin** 

Trigger-happy Cop

Apple Man

**TP Kingpin** 

Ol Fish Face

Big Yellow Taxi

The Veteran

**Hose Nose** 

**Furry Tube Face** 

**Buckethead** 

Soup Can Puppy

The Slowpoke

Metal Head

**Chrome Dome** 

**Space Gardener** 

Mr. Mystery Meats

**YVONNE CHAPMAN** 

**AZRIEL DALMAN** 

**NICOLE MUÑOZ** 

**CHRIS GAUTHIER** 

**OMARI NEWTON** 

**KEN LAWSON** 

**JACQUELINE ROBBINS** 

**JOYCE ROBBINS** 

**KRISTOF GILLESE** 

**ANDREW DUNCAN** 

**TANDIA MERCEDES** 

**SARAH CONLISK** 

**KELSEY WAGNER** 

**VESPER SHOUSHOUNOVA-CORMIER** 

**ELLA TOTINO** 

**SHALINA NURLY** 

**ANGELIKA JACKLYNE** 

**BRITTANY WAGNER** 

**KIYANA DARBANDI** 

**RYAN BEGG** 

FRANCESCO CAMMARDELLA

**NASTASSJA DOROTICH** 

J.BROWN



Writer and Director

**Producers** 

J.BROWN

**J.BROWN** 

**JEN ARAKI** 

YVONNE CHAPMAN

**HENRY HAYHURST-FRANCE** 

**JESS RIVERS** 

Executive Producers J.BROWN

**LORI ZEI** 

**JEN ARAKI** 

**DYLAN PLAYFAIR** 

Associate Producers LYNETTE GARRISON

**LORI ZEI** 

Director of Photography **HE** 

**Editors** 

**Original Music** 

HENRY HAYHURST-FRANCE

J.BROWN

MELANIE SNAGG

**SHAWN PENNER** 

Sound Designer JEFF DAVIS

Production Designer J.BROWN

Costume Designer J.BROWN

Prop Maker J.BROWN

Visual Effects Supervisor J.BROWN

First Assistants Camera JOHN KELLY

**NICK TAILLEFER** 

Makeup Designer KATE ELLIS

Colourist HENRY HAYHURST-FRANCE

### SYNOPSIS



**LOGLINE:** In a violent, dystopian future, a single mother attempts to grow a dragon fruit sprout in hopes of one day selling it for cash.

DRAGON FRUIT stars Yvonne Chapman as The Mother, a lone woman forced to make ends meet while caring for her son in an cruel, barbaric world. Told largely without dialogue, the film follows her as she struggles to grow a small plant sprout into a fully-ripened dragon fruit. If she can sell it for enough money, and if she can survive, she might be able to afford a better life for her and her son...but at this point, she'd settle for a small vacation.



Inspired by North America's record-breaking wildfire seasons, *DRAGON FRUIT* is set in a smoggy, hellish world where the atmosphere is toxic to breathe, and the gap between rich and poor has never been worse. Drinking water is scarce, militarized police roam the streets terrorizing regular people, and greed is the only thing everyone understands.

Produced through the crucible of the pandemic, writer-director J.Brown designed and created nearly all the props, costumes, set pieces, and visual effects in his apartment on his own. With a boost from creative powerhouse Crystal Mountain Films, J.Brown and his company Rattlesnake Films were able to stretch a shoestring budget into an epic short film, creating a uniquely bleak portrait of a future that feels all too familiar.











BC's Chris Gauthier. Chris has been in everything from Zack Snyder's Watchmen to ABC's Once Upon A Time. J.Brown met Chris 20 years ago at a karaoke night neither of them can remember. Reconnecting years later, they were excited to finally work together, with the role of the Boss written specifically for Chris—a first of many future collaborations. Sadly, in February 2024, at the age of 48, Chris passed away. He is survived by his wife Erin and two sons, Ben and Seb.

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He is greatly missed by all of us.



# CAST



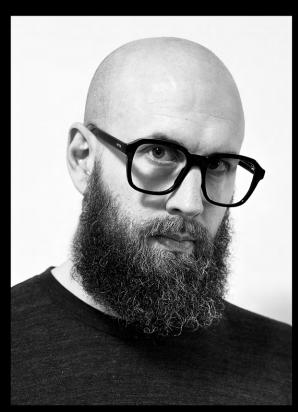
Ken Lawson is The Man.

### DRAGON FRUIT



# DIRECTOR PRAGEN





J.Brown is a director, producer, and animator based out of Vancouver, BC. He has nearly 20 years of experience working in television, feature film, and video games, on titles like Stranger Things, The Mandalorian, and The Avengers. He created all costumes, props, and visual effects for DRAGON FRUIT in his apartment on his own, which saved him a lot of money, and gave him something to do in off-hours during the pandemic. This led to him building two sets, acting as locations manager, and playing the role of Mr. Mystery Meats, because after all this work, there's no way he wasn't gonna be in this thing. Identifying marks include a rattlesnake tattoo on his arm and a beard on his face. So far, he is bald.

#### **DIRECTOR STATEMENT**

"Dragon Fruit started with the simple premise of having an idea and seeing it through, whatever the cost. But along the way, it became something more: an epic poem about the grind of modern life. This film is about how it felt to make it."





Director of Photography Henry Hayhurst-France first met with director J.Brown in a Vancouver coffee shop in June of 2020. Newly arrived from the UK, Henry was not only unphased by making a film of this scale during a pandemic, he had his own camera, which was good news for the budget. Filming on a Blackmagic Pocket adapted with vintage lenses, Henry brought J.Brown's storyboards to brilliant life, color graded every shot himself, and was so instrumental throughout production that he earned himself a battle-field promotion to producer.

Music Composer Shawn Penner was six years old when he met director J.Brown in a tree at a church picnic. J.Brown was four, and credits his love of violent movies to Shawn's terrible influence growing up. Having previously collaborated with J.Brown on multiple small videos and fan films, Shawn was keen to tackle a film where the music was so instrumental to the story. In a twenty-seven minute film with almost no dialogue, what he achieved is truly remarkable, and worth the price of admission alone.









**Producer Jen Araki** and director J.Brown grew up together, attending the same elementary school in West Kelowna, BC. After a successful modeling career, Jen moved from LA to Vancouver, and immediately began making plans to make movies. Already an actor, director, and producer under her **Crystal Mountain Films** banner, she was able to draw on her vast network to get *DRAGON FRUIT* off the ground.

Executive producer and Crystal Mountain Films co-founder Dylan Playfair is most recognizable as Reilly on Crave/Hulu's hit series *Letterkenny*. The hockey player turned award-winning actor has built a diverse resume that also includes directing, producing, and executive producing. In *DRAGON FRUIT*, he found a rich, thrilling drama that is both personal and universal, contained in a package that could only come from the unique mind of director J.Brown.







Creative Producer Jess Rivers is J.Brown's best friend and was the very first producer attached to *DRAGON FRUIT* in 2019. The first pitch for the film failed and she promptly left Vancouver to open a bakery in beautiful Victoria, BC with her partner Adam. Located in the heart of Victoria's Rock Bay, Working Culture Bread is open Thursday to Sunday and bakes organic sourdough bread from scratch. They also have really good coffee, sandwiches and pastries. Personally, I love their cinnamon buns the most.





### DRAGON FRUIT

**Dan Mangan** is a two-time JUNO Award-winning and two-time Polaris Music Prize-nominated musician and songwriter. Based in Vancouver, BC, Dan has toured extensively in North America and Europe, with stops at Glaston-bury and Jimmy Kimmel Live. Dan agreed to bless *DRAGON FRUIT* with a cover of a classic Bob Dylan song to close out the film. Pulling together a group of local musicians for one day only, they recorded it live off the floor in one take. What song? Sorry, friend. Watch *DRAGON FRUIT*.



