

Kevin O'Keefe

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reconnecting with those you never met



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From Director Brandon Ho & Writer Joseph Reidhead comes the Romantic Comedy "Missed Connections" a story about love, identity, the universe, and well, sandwiches.

Marc Reid (Kevin O'Keefe), a discouraged romance novelist, is setup on a blind date with girl named Melissa by his over excited sister Julia (Sarah Kent). Marc, a little less than enthusiastic, ends up picking up Jessie (Tatum Langton) instead of Melissa from the apartment complex. As the night unfolds Jessie and Marc meet up with old friends Gary (Bryce Chamberlain) and Mary (Renny Grames) and make a couple of new friends along the way.

Things are complicated by Jessie's boyfriend Trent (Lawrence Fernandez). But will Jessie and Marc be able to find love? Can Jessie help Marc rediscover romance and his passion of writing or are they cursed to simply be another missed connection?

Missed Connections was filmed over a period of 2 weeks, with just 12 days for principle photography the cast and crew faced many large challenges to complete the project while maintaining the high standard of quality with such a compressed filming schedule. Filming took place in locations spread across the Utah and Salt Lake Valleys.

Missed Connections is a story about connections, and relationships. In the words of John Donne "No man is an Island," we all form relationships with the people around us. Missed Connections explores the the magic of the how and the why of these relationships through the eyes of a writer who's greatest story turns out to be his own life. We are able to observe family interactions, as well as the friendship between an aging old widower and an energetic young author. We also have the chance to see two complete strangers interact for the first time. Most importantly we are given a glimpse into the beginnings of the most interesting relationship of all, love, how is it formed and what is important to get that cocktail right.

"The magic of cinema is not in the acting, it's not in the editing, it's not in the directing, it's not even in the story. The magic of cinema is in the passion, the drive and the dedication of the filmmakers, beginning with the writer and producer, continuing through the director, the actors, the sound mixer, the production assistants, the countless editors, and finally ending up with the viewers. But even there it doesn't end, but continues on through the sharing and remembering of the stories we grew up with." - J.R. Andrus (Producer Missed Connections)

Missed Connections began as a small project with three friends who had a passion for film making and story telling. With time and hard work it developed into a project involving over 40 friends, and years worth of work. Each member of the cast, and crew put a little piece of themselves into the project and left behind their mark. The director's first child was born on the last day of filming, the cinematographer risked bodily injuring hanging onto a trailer to shoot some of the scenes.

Missed Connections has gone on to receive an Award of Excellence from the International Film Festival for Comedy Romance and Musical in Jakarta, Indonesia, The Best Feature Film award at the Bakersfield Outside the Box Film Festival and nominations for 9 different awards at the Filmed In Utah Awards.

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Brandon Ho - Director

Director of the short film “My Hero” winner of the 2012 College Television Award for Best Children’s film. Brandon was raised in Colorado and attended the BYU film school in Provo, UT. He has been actively seeking both old and new ways to use film as both a teaching and promotional tool. Working closely with experts in the music and educational industries, he has produced music videos teaching children strong values and promoting respect and friendship. He is currently working toward increasing the quality of cinematic book trailers to help promote literacy and literature.



J.R. Andrus - Producer

J.R. has 15+ years of experience in technology, ranging from computer support to smart home integration and design. Over 8 of those years were spent as a project manager and supervisor. J.R. was part of the sound team for the award winning short film “My Hero” directed by Brandon Ho. J.R. studied applied physics at BYU in Provo, UT, emphasizing his studies on acoustics. “Missed Connections” is his first time producing a feature film. He is currently project managing the Audio Visual packages for the new City of Dreams Manila Resort in Manila, Philippines, while preparing for his next feature film.



Joseph Reidhead - Writer/Actor

Joseph first got into writing as a way to create more opportunities as an actor. He quickly discovered a talent and passion for wit, comedy and good story telling. His first full TV Pilot script was ranked above the semi-finals in the national Page Awards competition. Missed Connections represents his passion for the Romantic Comedy genre with a dose of the ridiculous. He is currently working on a feature length Science Fiction script that will challenge the viewers sense of self and make us take a closer look at what defines who we are.



Micah Brown - Director of Photography

Director of Photography and 1st Camera on the short films “My Hero” and “Steamed Dumpling” Micah has worked closely with Brandon Ho for several years. He has filmed several short films, and been involved with the feature film projects such as “Redemption: For Robbing the Dead.” He has also spent several years working in the marketing department for web hosting company Blue Host, where he has been responsible for the production of several successful commercials and youtube videos.



Cliff Newman - Sound Designer

Cliff studied music and sound production at BYU in Provo, UT. His experience includes years of work as a Dialogue editor for the LDS motion picture studio. He has worked in every aspect of film including as a Foley artist for feature film “Redemption: For Robbing the Dead” With extensive knowledge of sound and the software used to record and manipulate it, Cliff has the ability to push on your emotions, transport you to another realm, or put you off balance all with the push of an audio fader.



Eric Pasternak - Colorist/1st Assistant Camera

Eric’s experience includes photography, cinematography, color correction, directing, and nearly anything else related to film, color, or cameras. He is the director of the short film “Dance” and has been the Colorist for several Commercials and advertisements for a variety of products. He is currently working with the cinematography team for the up coming film “Mythica” with Kevin Sorbo. He is also writing a feature length thriller drawing upon his education in both film and psychology.



Boston McConnaughey - 1st Assistant Director/Editor

Boston has been involved with several award winning film projects. His experience includes the full spectrum of film, from music videos and short films, to documentaries and feature length narratives. He has been part of the crew for the highly successful Studio C series produced by BYU Broadcasting. Anyone who has worked with Boston can tell you that he brings a unique energy and atmosphere to every project he works on. He is able to foster hard work mixed with excitement and fun no matter what time of day or night.

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Tatum Langton plays Jessie, a lovable girl in a less than ideal relationship when she meets Marc Reid (Kevin O' Keefe)



Actor Kevin O' Keefe plays Marc Reid a Romance Novelist who must learn to connect with the insane world around him.



Lawrence Fernandez plays Trent, a jerk of a boyfriend and all around clueless guy, that you just can't help but love.



Marc Reid (Kevin O' Keefe) opposite his sister Julia (Sarah Kent) as she reads to him personal ads in the "Missed Connections" section of the newspaper.



Nurse Mary (Renny Grames) describes just how romantic Marc's (Kevin O' Keefe) novel really is.



Bryce Chamberlain plays Gary, as lovable and goofy old man that Marc (Kevin O' Keefe) has grown to love and admire.