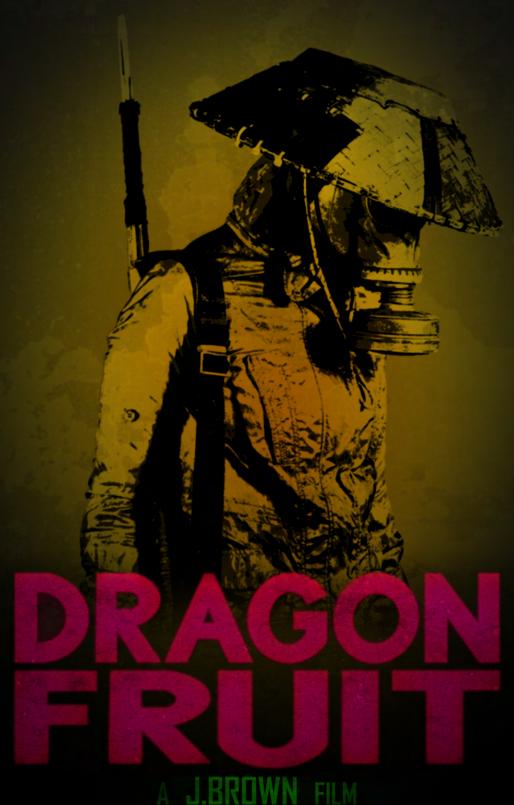
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TECH SPECS

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

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J.BROWN



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DYLAN PLAYFAIR

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MELANIE SNAGG

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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 so she can one day sell 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 awful, dystopian 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 honestly, at this point, she'd settle for a small vacation.



Inspired by Canada's now-annual record-breaking wildfire seasons, *DRAGON FRUIT* is set in a smoggy, hellish world where the atmosphere itself has become 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 ideology 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 himself, mostly in his apartment, and mostly 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.







Nicole Muñoz joins the cast of *DRAGON FRUIT* as the supercool **Neighbor**. An actor since the age of four, Nicole is best known for her roles as Jack in Syfy's *Van Helsing* and as Ellery in CBC's *Diggstown*.





CAST





DRAGON FRUIT'S villainous **Boss** is brought to life by BC's own **Chris Gauthier**. Chris has been in everything from Zack Snyder's *Watchmen* to ABC's *Once Upon A Time*. Director J.Brown met Chris while singing karaoke at a pub on a night neither of them can remember. He can currently be seen on *Joe Pickett* for Paramount+.

DRAGON FRUIT

Omari Newton brings the long arm of the law to the world of *DRAGON FRUIT* as the enigmatic **Cop.** An accomplished voice actor, playwright, and director, Omari is also known for his roles as Larry on *Blue Mountain State* and Lucas on Showcase's *Continuum*.



CAST



Ken Lawson is The Man.

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DIRECTOR





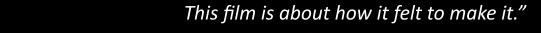
J.Brown is a director, producer, and animator based out of Vancouver, BC. He has nearly 20 years of experience working in television, feature film, and video games, working on titles like Stranger Things, The Mandalorian, and The Avengers. He created all costumes, props, and visual effects for DRAGON FRUIT in his apartment on his own—partly to save money, and partly because there was a pandemic and he had nothing else to do. He also built two sets, acted as locations manager, and played the character 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

"You get an idea you're so excited about, you feel like running. But then it's harder than you think. There's a pandemic. And a miscarriage. You lose your job. But you're still alive, so you work harder. You get other jobs. You turn 40. You keep making things, you work so hard. You work all the time, you're so tired. You have to see it through—the only way out is through. The work never ends. You turn 41. You've tried your best. You're nearly done! You feel alive! You don't know what it cost you, but you feel it. In your back. In your heart. You wonder if it was worth it, but that's not up to you. You feel silly. It's only a short film. Whatever. You lose your job again, but now you don't know if you can stand another.

Dragon Fruit is about being consumed by your side hustle during a terrible time.

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*.



