

BLACK SITE

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88 min. – Color – HD – Dolby Stereo – USA

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SYNOPSIS

Short Synopsis

A group of people get captured in their homes and business and are taken to a makeshift prison. They are soon uncovered as detainees in the "War of Terror." Santiago, a new recruit, struggles between doing his job and doing the right thing. As the atrocities and sadistic actions against the detainees mount, Santiago tries to expose the truth.

Long Synopsis

Everyday people are abducted from their homes and business and are held in a privately owned makeshift prison. The guards running this covert prison include: Baker, a militant female leader determined to stay in command; Martin, a sadistic renegade who struggles with control issues; and Jackson, a Christian who has put his faith on the back burner. Enter Santiago, a new guard whose conscience is challenged by what he encounters on the job.

The bewildered detainees suspected of having terrorist ties are questioned, abused and tortured as they deny being enemies of the state. Santiago questions his peers, while they justifies their actions around them. Baker skillfully manipulates and tries to break the detainees into confessions. Jackson, doesn't let his moral compass get in the way of his duty. Martin's short fuse, extreme tactics and sadistic behavior towards the captured climaxes to fatal results.

When a scheduled television news crew comes to do a report on this so called "Black Site," the guards quickly attempt to cover their tracks and present a unified front. This leads to a boiling point for all the parties involved, as their motivations and actions come into play.

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DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

When the opportunity came to make a feature I wanted to focus on something tangible and manageable. Originally, this was going to be a typical genre film, i.e., a horror film, where a group of people in small confined place get killed off.

As I was writing the first draft, all the scandals and atrocities started to come out from the administration of George W. Bush. As quickly as they surfaced in the news, they faded away to the back pages. This led me to do extensive research and modify my script from a typical horror film to something more dramatic.

BLACK SITE is a movie where I wanted to give some answers to all the questions I had, from what I was reading and seeing in the news and newspapers, everyday.

- NECTARIOS LEONIDAS -

CREW BIOGRAPHIES

NECTARIOS LEONIDAS (Writer, Director, Editor, Producer)

Nectarios was born in Rhodes, Greece and went to the University of Connecticut and received a Bachelors of Arts in Economics. He moved to New York City to pursue filmmaking, where he attended the School of Visual Arts.

He is an award winning filmmaker, who shorts and specs have appeared in numerous film festivals throughout the world. Some of his past feature film credits include high profile independent films, like "Basquiat" In the last three years, he has focused more on editing independent films like "Blueprint," which was nominated for an IFP Gotham award for best film in 2007 and "Salud," which is currently making the festival circuit. "Black Site" marks his feature film directorial debut.

LEO CURBELO (Producer)

Leo graduated from SJU in New York City with a degree in Communications. Leo studied digital editing at The Edit Center under feature editors Alan Oxman and Affonso Gonçaves. He went on to edit television (MTV, SpikeTV, Oxygen, Universal, Nickelodeon, ESPN,) documentaries, and assist in features. As a director, his short films have screened in major local and international film festivals. His first feature script is currently climbing the uphill battle towards production.

CESAR DE LEON (Producer)

Cesar is a native Brooklynite and was raised in the Bushwick section of Brooklyn. Cesar started his career as an actor TV shows and films, such as LAW & ORDER: CRIMINAL INTENT, THE SOPRANOS, OZ. In addition Cesar wrote and directed "SALUD," the film recently started it's festival run, where it won an award for best screenplay at the 2009 Beverly Hills Film Festival.

SCOTT CRAMER (Director Of Photography)

Scott is a nine-years veteran of the entertainment industry with expertise in all facets of multimedia production. Scott always had a camera in his hands working with musicians and creating short films in his teenage years. Early in his career, he focused his passion on producing music videos. Scott has developed a strong eye for imaging and branding and is a motivated, creative, go getter. In 2008, he decided to take his career to New York City and has been working on reality television shows, music videos, commercials, and features films. Scott is constantly focusing on his craft and looking for new creative opportunities to grow as an artist.

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VASSILLIS RIZOS (Composer)

Vassilis Rizos was born in Greece. His first memories of music are at the age of 5 when he attended the Greek National Opera to watch his father perform. Vassilis was enchanted by the beauty and sound of the violin. At age 20, he performed at the Greek National Opera next to his father for the first of several performances. Vassilis had the honor of performing under the direction of the legendary, Franco Zeffirelli. He attended the Music Technology & Acoustics department of the Technological Educational Institute in Crete, Greece and studied at I.V.T. Akmi in Athens, where he received a Music Technology degree.

In 2004, he worked as a sound/PA engineer for the opening and closing ceremonies of the Olympic Games. His career in the film industry began in 2008 with the short film The Tell-Tale Heart directed by Ryan Shovey where he did the sound design and mixing. Many shorts, features and documentaries soon followed, where he has created: the film score, sound design, sound editing and mixing.

Ivica Simatovic (Composer)

The Croatian-born artist studied music and sound in his native Dubrovnik before moving on to Verona and Vienna. In studio as well as on the stage, he has performed with a range of accomplished artists, including Tomstone, Dzihan & Kamien, Wyclef Jean & Jerry Wonder. Ivica enjoys intensive collaborations and has worked in audio processing with InternetExpression in Los Angeles and Sound Design Media Studios in Vienna.

In 2002, Ivica moved to New York, where he produced titles for Sony, Epic, Arista, BMG Ariola, and, B Funk Productions. He has remixed songs for numerous artist like Pink, Buster Rhymes and Boyz 2 Men. Ivica has produced music scores and jingles for commercials for such brands as Mercedes, Philips and Blaupunkt. For this talented sound master, no beat goes unturned.

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CAST BIOGRAPHIES

(in alphabetical order)

VONIA ARSLANIAN (Jameela)

Vonia is a New York based actor specializing in film and theatre. After finishing “Black Site” for Flippant Films, she began production on the new series, “The Chronicles of Marco and Gina,” playing the title role of Gina. Her past film credits include: “Mulberry Street” and “The Don of 42nd St.” Vonia currently studies acting with Mary Boyer.

ASHLEY CARPENTER (Baker)

Ashley moved to NYC in the fall of 2004 to pursue acting. She is currently enrolled at Hunter College, majoring on Media Studies. She has appeared in a few shorts, commercials and has sung at the famous Apollo Theater. “Black Site” marks her feature film debut.

ANGEL DILLEMUTH (Santiago)

Angel is a member of the Bronx Repertory Company and is going on his third year at The Actors Studio M.F.A. Program. He has performed Off-Off-Broadway at Manhattan Repertory Company in original pieces he had written. He has appeared in several features including: “Liberty Kid”, “Chloe from A to Z” and “Indelible.”

HUNTER EMERY (Martin)

Hunter was born in Boulder, Colorado to a Special Education teacher and a jazz guitarist. He got involved with theatre in high school and got accepted in the prestigious American Academy of Dramatic Arts, where he spend the next three years working on his craft. Since graduating AADA he has appeared in Off-Broadway shows, on the daytime dramas, “As The World Turns” and “All My Children,” and in the upcoming feature film, “PanMan.” He is also a founding member of New York’s newest theatre company *Orphanage Productions*.

STEFANOS KORONEOS (Maazin)

Stefanos is a professional opera singer and actor. He made his debut in La Boheme at the Straatsoper in Freiburg, Germany. Since then, he has performed in theaters in Italy, Germany, Russia, Greece, Korea, Spain, Malta and Japan. His film credits include “The Hungry Ghost” and several live opera broadcast for Rai International and PBS Channels.

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DELANCE MINEFEE (Naj)

Delance is originally from Little Rock, Arkansas. He moved to NYC after graduating with a MFA in acting, from the American Repertory Theatre/Moscow Art Theatre Institute for Advance Theater Training at Harvard University. He has performed on stage in Germany, Switzerland, Russia and on regional theaters across the U.S. He was nominated for a “Best Actor in a Musical” award in Memphis.

GEORGE MORAFETIS (Aseed)

George started acting in 1995 at the age of 50. He honed his craft at HB studio and community theaters around NY and NJ. He has appeared in several shorts, including winning a best actor award at the 2001 Columbia University Film Festival, as Nico in “Nico’s Restaurant.” He recently appeared in “The Shore Happy,” with Ben Gazzara.

CAMELLIA RAHBARY (Deena)

Camellia trained at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts and the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York. She is a member of the prestigious National Youth Theatre in the UK, where she starred in a play in the West End. She then went on to do an off Broadway plays in NY, as well as shooting her first feature film in Morocco and Lebanon “Blackline - a Beirut contract.”

SAMUEL TRAYLOR (Jackson)

Samuel is a native of Oakland, CA. After four years of performing Educational Theatre in the greater Bay Area, he chose New York to start his film career. If he’s not working with kids in the outer boroughs, or working on *Under 5* in soap operas, you can find Samuel in Brooklyn living with his girlfriend. “Black Site” marks Samuel second feature film.

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Ashley **Carpenter**
Samuel **Traylor**
Vonia **Arslanian**
Hunter **Emery**
Stefanos **Koroneos**
DeLance **Minefee**
George **Morafetis**
Camellia **Rahbary**
Mike **Piazza**
Jamie **Jackson**
Cesar **De Leon**
A. J. **Nelson**
Dan **Marshall**
Dominic **Fuggetta**
Nicholas **Bulba**
Danny **Brothers**
Aquiles **Conde**
Leo **Curbelo**
Carl **Thornton**
Tim **Rachell**
George **Jackson**
James **Russell**
Aaron **Sherman**
Joffrey **Rachell**
John **(X)**
Nectaros **Leonidas**

Santiago
Baker
Jackson
Jameela
Martin
Maazin
Naj
Aseed
Deena
Reporter
Manager
Driver
Passenger
Translator
Husband
Son
Editor
Detainee 1
Driver 2
Guard 1
Guard 2
Guard 3
Guard 4 / Camera 2
Guard 5
Guard 6
Detainee 2
Camera 1

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Aaron **Sherman**
Vassilis **Rizos**
Ivica **Simatovic**
Thomas **RYAN**
Ben **Laffin**
Charles **Rokosny**
Immanuel **Morales**
Sarah **Mandell**
F. Stone **Roberts**
Vitaly **Bokser**
Marcus **Black**
Clayton **Combe**
Justin T. **Davis**
Ishmel **Muhammad**
Shady **Neal**
Jessica **Ennis**
Mark **McKennon**
Aquiles **Conde**
James **Russell**
John **(X)**
Paul **Soberts**
Jodi Ann **Willis**
Arckii **Munjohn Kim**
Edania **Wolfhart**
Robert **Graham**

Director / Editor / Producer / Writer
Director of Photography
Producer
Producer
Stunt Coordinator
Special Effects / Make-up Artist / Hair
Editor
Composer
Composer
Sound Designer
Colorist
Colorist
Title Sequence / VFX compositor
Casting
Associate Producer
First Assistant Camera
Sound Recordist
Gaffer / Electric
Gaffer / Electric
First Assistant Director
Additional Sound Recordist
Production Designer
Location Manager
Key Production Assistant
Set Production Assistant
Production Assistant / Muslim Consultant
Production Assistant / Assistant Editor
Production Assistant
Script Supervisor
Storyboard Artist
Marketing Manager