

# PRESS KIT

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A Feature Film By  
Toni Parker

Based on the Book By  
Crystal Senter-Brown

## PRODUCTION COMPANY

- 15L PRODUCTIONS, LLC
- GABBY GIRL MEDIA

## LOG LINE

When one man tries to flee from his future by abruptly leaving his fiancée just two weeks before their wedding another man is forced to come face-to-face with a past that threatens to jeopardize his marriage.



Mason (JAIDEN KAINE) and his fiancée, Sasha (BROOKE DEANA ROBINSON), argue about wedding details.

## SYNOPSIS

Mason, an up and coming DC lawyer, is getting married in two weeks but Sasha, his “Bridezilla” planning fiancée, is making him crazy. After a big argument, Mason decides to leave for a couple of days to clear his head. His destination is Blue...Jasmine’s house.

Jasmine is Mason’s best friend, his “homie” as they like to joke. Although there was that one time hook up long ago, they have kept their relationship strictly platonic. After a night in Blue, Mason gets a call that would change his life forever. Meanwhile, Mason’s boyhood friend, Jacob, a popular pastor at the Elm Street Baptist Church gets a surprise visit that threatens to destroy his marriage.

## FILMING LOCATIONS

- St. Joseph's Hospital, Yonkers NY
- Washington, DC
- Media Mix Studios, Allendale NJ
- Charleston and Myrtle Beach SC Areas
- Charlestown RI

## DIRECTOR'S NOTES

While making 'The Rhythm in Blue', there were two things I was certain of; The locations had to be as authentic to the book as they could get and since the film is based on a popular novel, I put an enormous pressure on myself to not disappoint its fans.

About 25 cast and crew descended on South Carolina in the dead of summer where we were able to replicate the feel of the town of Blue. Approximately 65% of filming was done over the course of two weeks. From filming in the sweet resort town of The Isle of Palm to the rural towns of Ridgeville (just outside Charleston) and Conway (just outside Myrtle Beach), my sleep deprived cast and crew were able to get the job done.

Although we had a very successful crowdfunding campaign with Kickstarter, the majority of the film's financing came from maxing out my credit cards which, looking back was a foolish thing to do but, at the time, was my only option to get this film made.



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Mason (JAIDEN KAINE) and his best friend, Jasmine (JASMINE THOMAS), enjoy their morning coffee and conversation.

## THE FILMMAKERS

### DIRECTOR/PRODUCER

*TONI PARKER*



In college, Toni majored in Journalism and Political Science but her true love was acting. After working for years in the corporate world, she finally decided to follow her passion for the Arts and co-founded 15L Productions, a media production company, along with her son, Malik. 15L Productions has produced several films, including two award winning shorts.

Toni currently resides in Connecticut.

### WRITER/PRODUCER

*CRYSTAL SENTER BROWN*



Crystal is an award-winning writer, community leader and performer who has been featured in Essence and Redbook Magazines. She is the author of six books including "The Rhythm in Blue" as well as an adjunct professor at Bay Path University.

Crystal lives in New England with her husband Corey, son Adonte and a maniac dog, Venus.

## LEAD CAST

### JAIDEN KAINÉ [MASON]

Soon after Jaiden began studying acting in New York City, he immediately found work in film, television & theatre. He has had recurring roles in the Netflix series Marvel's 'Luke Cage' and the WB's 'Vampire Diaries'. Jaiden is also featured in the 20th Century Fox movie, 'Hidden Figures' (**Christmas 2016 release**), starring alongside Academy Award winners Tajari P. Henson and Octavia Spencer.

### STEVEN STRICKLAND [JACOB]

In addition to acting, Steven has directed five short plays, two short films and one Web Series. Born in Newark, New Jersey, Steven started performing in school and church theater at the age of four. He studied Theater Arts at Wagner College on Staten Island, NY and was the recipient of the Alumni Theater Scholarship. In addition to starring in 'The Rhythm in Blue' Steven will appear in Boxed Out Productions' indie film, "Mars & Venus: Operation Equilibrium" slated for a 2017 release.

### JASMINE THOMAS [JASMINE]

Jasmine received her BFA in Acting from Syracuse University and is currently pursuing a career in writing. Her newly-launched blog site, FreedomIsFly.com, seeks to have a candid conversation about the truth of the life of a liberated Black artist, and reveals how to use music and spirituality to help heal broken communities. Thomas is also an avid spoken-word artist and is currently in the process of writing her first novel.

### SHEMEKA R. WRIGHT [KEISHA]

Shemeka splits her time working as an actor and print model. Born in New Haven, CT, she began her career as an actress in commercials and model in print publications throughout New England. She is most known for her CT Tourism commercial (2014), the cover of the Connecticut Travel Magazine (2015) and the Foxwood Resort and Casino print advertising campaign (2016). Shemeka studied acting at the New York Film Academy and business management at Southern New Hampshire University.



Courtesy of 15L Productions, LLC

First Lady of the Church, Keisha Anderson (SHEMEKA R. WRIGHT)



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Pastor Jacob Anderson (STEVEN STRICKLAND) of Elm Street Baptist Church

## **COMPOSER**

*Nabaté Isles*



Born in New York City, Nabaté earned his BM from the Eastman School of Music and his MA from New York University. He has performed and/or recorded with artists such as Mos Def, James Newton, Charli Persip, Dianne Reeves, Philip Bailey, Jeffrey Osbourne, Steve Coleman, Ravi Coltrane, the Mingus Big Band, Rochester Pops Orchestra and the José Limon Dance Company. Nabaté provided private instruction to Rob Brown, for his role as trumpeter, Delmond Lambreaux, on the hit HBO series, 'Treme'. He was part of the Christian McBride Big Band Grammy-winning album, 'The Good Feeling' as well as the band's performance at the White House for the last concert under President Barack Obama's administration.

## **DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY**

*Christen Cofer*



Christen developed an interest in filmmaking at the age of 15 and has been doing it ever since. He has been involved in countless projects within the genres of music videos, events, short and feature length films as well as documentaries. As a teacher, Christen has created curriculum to help teens and adults learn how to edit and how to correctly use camera and lighting equipment. Christen currently works as a freelance director of photography, photographer, and editor for film and fashion industries. Christen was born and raised in Harlem. NYC.

## CAST

Jaiden Kaine (*Mason*)  
Steven Strickland (*Jacob*)  
Shemeka R Wright (*Keisha*)  
Jasmine Thomas (*Jasmine*)  
Brooke DeAnna Robinson (*Sasha*)  
Chantal Maurice (*Frankie*)  
Bryan Moise (*Joshua*)  
Teresa Smith (*Lucille*)  
Shashone Lambert (*Sarah*)  
Carl Allen, Jr. (*Mr. McCarthy*)  
Star Davis (*Mrs. McCarthy*)  
Crystal Senter-Brown (*Nurse 1*)  
Sharon Carter (*Nurse 2*)  
Phil Hahn (*Newscaster 1*)  
Rodne Brown (*Newscaster 2*)  
David Pollard (*Doctor*)

## KEY PRODUCTION CREDITS

**Director of Photography**  
Christen Cofer

**Music Composer**  
Nabaté Isles

**Editors**  
Stefanie Alleyne  
Malik Parker

**Script Consultant**  
Michael Thompson

**Editing Consultant**  
Alec Asten

**Sound Editor**  
Martin "Mity Moase" Prospere

**Assistant Director**  
Portia Knights

**Special Effects Make Up**  
Stella Stensil for SKY VEGA

**Sound Recorders**  
Malik Parker  
Gavin Borden  
Nikolas Long

**Lighting**  
Joseph Astarita

## PRODUCTION NOTES

**US Filming Locations:**  
Charleston, SC  
Washington DC  
Yonkers, NY  
Charlestown, RI

**Date of Completion:**  
2016

**Camera:**  
Canon C100

**Format:**  
Digital

**Ratio:**  
1:85:1

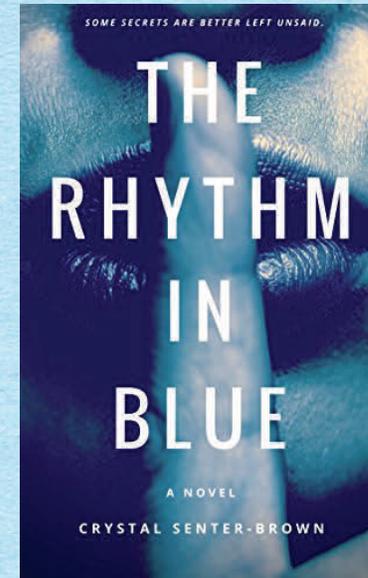
**Duration:**  
72 mins 30 secs

**Genre:**  
Drama

**Budget:**  
\$65,000

## DOMESTIC DISTRIBUTION & INQUIRIES

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Book Cover

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Christen Cofer

## **EXECUTIVE PRODUCER**

Andre W. Parker

## **ASSOCIATE PRODUCERS**

Sharon Carter

Rosa M. Brown

Alec Asten



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# Production Stills and Screenshots

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