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UNCAGED A STAND-IN STORY





UNCAGED: A STAND-IN STORY

The documentary short about a career spent wearing the face of someone else.

Marco Kyris worked as Nic Cage's stand-in for a decade on 20 films; everything from Cage's break out role in *Leaving Las Vegas* to the blockbuster franchise *National Treasure*. In **UNCAGED: A STAND-IN STORY**, Marco talks about his early life as an actor, his journey into the entourage of Nic Cage, and what it was like working in the shadow for one of Hollywood's Legends of Cinema.



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FILM FESTIVAL ACCEPTANCES / AWARDS

Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Festival - Toronto, Canada 2019

SF DocFest - San Fransisco, United States 2019
New York Shorts International Film Festival - New York, United States 2019
Melbourne Documentary Film Festival - Melbourne, Australia 2019
Best International Short - Melbourne Documentary Film Festival - Melbourne, Australia 2019
Tokyo Lift-Off Film Festival Online - Tokyo, Japan 2019
European Independent Film Awards, Documentary Short Diamond Award (Winner) - Online, May 2019
VIFF Vienna Independent Film Festival - Vienna, Austria 2019
LA Shorts International Film Festival - Los Angeles, United States 2019
DC Shorts Film Festival - DC, United States 2019
Toronto Lift-Off Film Festival - Toronto, Canada 2019
The IndieFEST Film Awards, Platinum Winner - La Jolla, United States 2019
Milwaukee Film Festival - Milwaukee, United States 2019
Rhode Island International Film Festival - Rhode Island, United States 2019
Canadian Diversity Film Festival - Toronto, Canada 2019
FIN Atlantic International Film Festival - Halifax, Canada 2019
FIRSTGLANCE Film Festival - Philadelphia, United States 2019
LA INDIE Film fest - Los Angeles, United States 2019
Sydney Underground Film Festival - Sydney, Australia 2019
DOC LA - Los Angeles, United States 2019
Studio City Film Festival - Lost Angeles, United States 2019
San Diego International Film Festival - San Diego, United States 2019
Chicago REELShorts Documentary Film Festival - Chicago, United States 2019
Winner Best Documentary - Chicago REELShorts Film Festival 2019
London Lift-Off Film Festival Online - London, England 2019

BACKGROUNDER

DoMeRight Productions LLC, is a Toronto based company started by Marco Kyris which endeavours to launch the story of the man in the shadows, coming into the spotlight. The company started in 2015, intends to turn **UNCAGED: A STAND-IN STORY** into a feature length documentary, with options to have the his story be adapted to a screenplay and a television series, with eventual plans to branch out into other projects. Kyris can be heard hosting the podcast Babble Bullshit & Beyond through iTunes, and is also working on a book regarding his time in “Cage Wage World”.

MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE FILM & MARCO KYRIS

Now Magazine, April 17, 2019:

<https://nowtoronto.com/movies/features/marco-kyris-nicolas-cage/>

Zoomer Radio, April 25 2019:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=2&v=800VPpxAoKE

InTheSeats, April 26 2019:

<http://intheseats.ca/hot-docs-2019-talking-nic-cage-with-marco-kyris-and-blake-johnston-of-uncaged/>

Cult of Personality Podcast, May 3 2019:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SOGtRzmlh8Q>

Reddit AMA (combined 1065 upvotes and 247 comments)

https://www.reddit.com/r/onetruegod/comments/bghkp4/i_was_nic_cages_standin_for_20_films_from/

CBC The Q, May 8th, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/q/wednesday-may-8-2019-josh-ritter-marco-kyris-and-more-1.5126432/meet-the-canadian-actor-who-spent-years-as-a-stand-in-for-nicolas-cage-1.5126627>

We Are Moving Stories, May 28th, 2019

<http://www.wearemovingstories.com/we-are-moving-stories-films/2019/1/17/uncaged-a-stand-in-story>

Film Daily, July 18th, 2019

<https://filmdaily.co/craft/spotlight/uncaged-a-stand-in-story/>

SBS Greek, July 18th, 2019

<https://www.sbs.com.au/yourlanguage/greek/en/article/2019/07/15/growing-greek-canada-bakaliko-boy-who-spent-years-standing-nicolas-cage-2019>

Neos Kosmos, July 6th, 2019

<https://neoskopos.com/en/140532/uncaged-marco-kyris-crazy-life-as-nicolas-cages-stand-in-for-20-films/>

OK Whatever, August 9th, 2019

<https://www.okwhatever.org/topics/things/nicolas-cage-stand-in>

Greek City Times, August 23rd, 2019

<https://greekcitytimes.com/2019/08/23/uncaged-greek-canadian-stood-standing-nicolas-cage/?amp>

History of Cinema, August 31st, 2019

<https://www.thehistoryofcinema.com/being-nicolas-cage-the-story-of-marco-kyris/>

Enter TV / Star TV Interview - "Truths with Zina", September 2019

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2078722308894312>

Scottish Daily Express (Print only), December 21st, 2019

<https://www.uncagedastandinstory.com/scottish-daily-press>

United Kingdom Speaking Tour featuring "Uncaged A Stand-In Story" (London, Bristol, Glasgow), January 3rd 2020 - January 11th 2020

talkSPORT - "The Sports Bar with Andy Goldstein & Jason Cundy", Jan 8th, 2020

<https://talksport.com/radio/listen-again/1578520800/1578524400/>

The Bristol Post, January 10th, 2020

<https://www.bristolpost.co.uk/whats-on/whats-on-news/nicolas-cage-marco-kyris-actor-3727488>

BBC Radio Bristol, January 10th, 2020

<https://www.uncagedastandinstory.com/copy-of-scottish-daily-press>

The Scotland Herald, January 11th, 2020

https://www.heraldscotland.com/life_style/18153613.diary-large-life-really-like-body-double-movie-star/

CREDITS

Director:	Blake Johnston, Kelso Steinhoff
Dir. Photography:	Greg Francis
Executive Producer:	Marco Kyris
Associate Producer:	Walter Woodman
Editors:	Daniel Haack, Luca Tarantini, Kelso Steinhoff
Sound Recordist:	Adrian Pop
Post Color & Sound:	Triangle Post Production
Subject:	Marco Kyris
Executive Assistant:	Carson Gale // DMR Productions

BIOS

Directors & Producers

Executive Producer: Marco Kyris

Biography:

Marco Kyris was born in 1961 and raised by Greek Immigrant parents in Toronto, Canada.

He was never the studious type and thought his fluffiness would secure him as an actor when he moved to Los Angeles in the 1980s. Marco then tried and failed as an actor in Los Angeles before he moved back to Canada. He continued working in restaurants for the next several years, only to be pulled back into the film industry after auditioning to become a Stand In for Nicolas Cage in the 1994 comedy "Trapped in Paradise".

This turned into a whirlwind career that included 20 films over 10 years with Mr. Cage and the Camp Cage entourage. After which, Marco decided to retire from the travelling carnival film biz for a more common life. He then bought into real estate holdings, which has secured his future.

He has a podcast series with guests from his film-past called "Babble B.S and Beyond", while currently writing his memoirs of that time. Check out his website www.mkkyris.com for more fun photos from behind the scenes of his "Cage Wage World". This is Marco's first crack at producing his own Uncaged story.

Filmography:

Stand-in

- 2005 - The Weather Man (stand in: Nicolas Cage - uncredited)
- 2005 - Lord of War (stand-in: Mr. Cage)
- 2004 - National Treasure (double: Ben) / (stand-in: Ben)
- 2004 - Against the Ropes (stand in: Tony Shalhoub)
- 2003 - Matchstick Men (stand in: Nicolas Cage - uncredited)
- 2003 - Cybermutt (TV Movie) (stand-in)
- 2002 - Adaptation. (stand-in: Nicolas Cage)
- 2002 - Windtalkers (stand-in: Nicolas Cage)
- 2001 - Captain Corelli's Mandolin (stand-in: Mr. Cage)
- 2000 - The Family Man (stand-in: Mr. Cage)
- 2000 - Gone in 60 Seconds (stand-in: Nicolas Cage)
- 1999 - Bringing Out the Dead (stand-in: Mr. Cage)
- 1999 - The Boondock Saints (stand-in: Utility Male)
- 1999 - 8MM (stand-in: Nicolas Cage)
- 1998 - Snake Eyes (photo double: Rick Santoro)
- 1997 - City of Angels (stand in: Nicolas Cage - uncredited)
- 1997 - Face/Off (stand in: Nicolas Cage - uncredited)
- 1997 - Con Air (stand in: Nicolas Cage - uncredited)
- 1997 - That Old Feeling (stand-in)
- 1996 - Mars Attacks! (stand in: Pierce Brosnan - uncredited)
- 1996 - The Stupids (stand-in: Mark Metcalf)
- 1996 - The Rock (stand in: Nicolas Cage - uncredited)
- 1995 - Family of Cops (TV Movie) (stand-in: Daniel Baldwin)
- 1995 - Leaving Las Vegas (stand-in: Mr. Cage)

1995 - The Possession of Michael D. (TV Movie) (stand-in: Steve Lange)
1995 - A Pyromaniac's Love Story (stand-in)
1995 - Kiss of Death (stand-in)
1994 - Trapped in Paradise (stand-in)

Actor

2007 - Dimension - Marco
2003 - Matchstick Men - Pizza Boy
1997 - Face/Off Recreation - Guard
1996 - Con Air Cindino's - Pilot
1996 - Mrs. Winterbourne - Scuzzy Friend
1994 - Trapped in Paradise - Extra
1991 - Sweating Bullets (TV Series) Ep. "This Years Model" - Karl
1991 - Hangfire Convict - Guard
1988 - Terror Squad - Hassan

Director: Blake Johnston

Biography:

Blake Johnston is a 28 year old actor, writer and director that lives in downtown Toronto. He was the voice of the Kellogg's Frosted Mini Wheat commercials and the 2016 Canadian Champion of Air Guitar.

He is currently co-writing a feature film script called "The Dopplegang" that is being funded by Zapruder Films through Telefilm's Development Program.

"Uncaged: A Stand-In Story" is Blake's directorial debut and he is thrilled to have the World Premiere in his hometown.

Director Kelso Steinhoff

Biography:

Kelso Steinhoff is a Toronto based director and composer who is known for his visceral, comedic works.

His work has played around the world at festivals such as the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF), Mecal Pro Film Festival, Vancouver International Film Festival, Kerry Film Festival and Brussels Film Festival.

"Uncaged: A Stand-In Story" is Steinhoff's fifth short film and second documentary short.

Filmography:

2013 - Way Charn: The Legend of Scrin Pipjaw - 14min Short Film

Writer/Director - Screened at Toronto Independent Film Festival in 2013

2014 - Pitkä Koirat: A Horse in the Folds - 16min short film

Writer/Director

2015 - Behind the Scenes of "ZOOM" - Documentary - Rhombus Media

Director & Editor

2016 - Present - Cheap Whine - Web Series

Director

2018 - Glitter's Wild Women - 14min short film

Producer/Composer - Official selection TIFF 2018

2019 - Uncaged: A Stand-In Story - 10min Documentary Short

Director, Editor - Official Selection HotDocs 2019

Producer Walter Woodman

Biography:

Walter Woodman is a filmmaker from Toronto, Ontario. He was part of the team behind TIFF 2013's Best Canadian Short Film 'Noah', and has worked with his production company 'shy kids' since then creating music videos, short films, and motion graphics for TV shows and films for a wide range of clients including Snapchat, MTV, Spotify and many more. He is currently abroad in Australia animating and editing a show for the Australian Broadcast Corporation. Other recent projects include: leading a small team of GFX artists for "The Great Hack", a new Netflix documentary that recently premiered at Sundance, making videos for Shania Twain's 2018 world tour and charity, and editing a short form documentary for VICE. Walter is represented in the United States by WME along with the other members of the shy kids team.

Filmography

2013 - Noah - 17m Film - shy kids inc
 Director/Writer/Producer - TIFF (best short), CSA, Clermont Ferrand (Grand Prix, Audience Choice), Toronto Film Critics Award, Top 150 Canadian films (TIFF), Yukon International (best short), Munich Filmschool (best short), AFI fest, Lago FF

2014 - Spotify (Say More With A Playlist) - 3m Ad - Anonymous Content (USA)
 Director/Animator

2015 - TAG - Digital Show 6 Episodes - MTV, Snapchat (USA)
 Director/Animator

2016 - Nerve - 5m Animated Opening - Lionsgate (USA)
 Animation - NYC Film Fest

2016 - (rough cut) - 5m Film - shy kids inc / VIEW Entertainment / Walt Sidney Productions
 Director/Writer

2017 - Downtime - 5m Film - shy kids inc / Vice Media
 Director/Writer

2017 - Frozen (A Lullaby) - Animated Music Video - Vimeo
 Director/Animator - Emmy Nominated

2017 - Shania Twain "We Got Something They Don't" - 4m Music Video - UMG (USA)
 Director/Animator

2017 - Always "Dreams Tonite" - 5m Music Video - Royal Mountain (CANADA)
 Editor/Animator/SFX - Top 10 PRISM PRIZE

2017 - I Was in New York - 6m Music Video
 Director/Writer/Sound - Vimeo Staff Pick

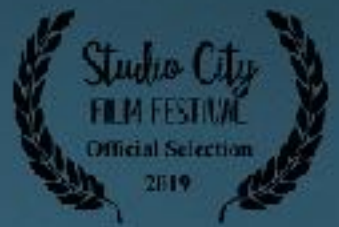
2019 - The Great Hack - Animated Segments - The Others, Netflix (USA)
 Director/Animator - Premiere at Sundance

2019 - CONTENT - Digital Show 6 Episodes - ABC (Australia)
 Director/Animator



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Featuring
MARCO KYRIS

A Documentary Short Film Created and Produced by DoMeRight Productions
Directed by **KELSO STEINHOFF & BLAKE JOHNSTON**, with associate producer **WALTER WOODMAN**.
Edited by **DANIEL HAACK, LUCA TARANTINI, & KELSO STEINHOFF**. Cinematography by **GREG FRANCIS**.
Post color and sound by **TRIANGLE POST PRODUCTION**