

SIX WEEKS OF SUMMER

A Coming of Age feature film for a new Punk Rock Generation

Written by [Serena Chloe Gardner](#)

DIRECTED BY: SERENA CHLOE GARDNER

PRODUCED BY: NASREEN CULLEN

Cast **includes:**

- ▶ Em Bristow - Summer
- ▶ Hugo Hamlet - Steven
- ▶ Paul Kaye - Mick
- ▶ Hannah Waddingham - Jackie
- ▶ Gwyneth Keyworth - Carnage

Set: 2019, London, UK

Budget: £3.1m (GBP)

Proof of concept short "Summer" – [here](#)
(password: Summer2022)

Sizzle Reel – [here](#) (password: Slav3s)



TAGLINE

After the sudden death of her brother, 17-year-old punk rocker Summer's world turns upside down when she finds out she needs to raise a large sum of money to get his ashes back.

We don't got much but **we got each other.**

SYNOPSIS

Summer, 2019, London, England.

After the sudden death of her brother, 17-year-old punk rocker Summer's whole world turns upside down when she finds out she needs to raise a large sum of money to get his ashes back. Giving up her golden ticket to university, and escape from the rough council estate she grew up on, Summer conforms to get a job in a local office.

Set against a backdrop of political unrest, climate change, Brexit, housing crisis, depression, poverty, food banks, and universal credit; our story is set in a non-linear timeline, switching between the past and present as Summer examines her pain of losing a loved one. With the support of her friends, she tries to overcome her grief and understand her place in the world.

An alternative coming-of-age tale for the modern world with sprinkles of love, laughter and everything in-between.

They don't got much but they got each other.

CHARACTERS & CASTING



EM BRISTOW
- SUMMER

Em is an 'alternative' model and musician from London. They are 20 years old and graduated with a 1stBA (Hons) in Fine Art from Canterbury University in 2021.

Em recently starred in the proof of concept short film "Summer" (2022)



HUGO HAMLET
- STEVEN

Hugo is a London based multidisciplinary performer. A gifted musician, actor and model. Having spent time in Australia and Paris as well as speaking Swedish fluently, Hugo recently joined the iconic Cirque du Soleil team. His recent appearances include lead vocals with his group "Voo Le Voo" in "Mary Mary Quite Contrary" at the Cockpit Theatre in London and "The Slinks" at Edinburgh Underbelly which received 5 star reviews. Hugo recently starred in the proof of concept short film "Summer" (2022)

CHARACTERS & CASTING



PAUL KAYE
- MICK

Paul Kaye is originally known for his portrayal of controversial comedic punk reporter Dennis Pennis and offensive New-Yorker Mike Strutter. Since then Paul has become well known for his recent roles in TV shows The Stranger, Game of Thrones, Afterlife and independent features Anna & the Apocalypse, It's All Gone Pete Tong.



HANNAH WADDINGHAM
- JACKIE

Hannah is an actress and singer, best known for her roles in Ted Lasso, Game of Thrones and various West End shows. She has received three Olivier Award nominations for her work and in 2020 won the Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Supporting actress in a Comedy.

CHARACTERS & CASTING



GWYNETH KEYWORTH
- CARNAGE

Gwyneth has appeared on TV in Season 5 of Game of Thrones, Misfits, Black Mirror and The Crown as well as feature film Elfie Hopkins: Cannibal Hunter and on stage at The Globe in The Heresy of Love.

MARKET

AUDIENCE DEMOGRAPHICS: 18-30 YEARS

- ▶ Lady Bird - \$79m USD Box Office
- ▶ I, Daniel Blake - \$15.8m USD Box Office
- ▶ The Florida Project - \$11.3m USD Box Office
- ▶ Green Room - \$3.8m USD Box Office
- ▶ Her Smell - \$255,600 USD Box Office

BUDGET & FINANCE PLAN

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Key Team	£	184,475
Pre-production	£	122,520
Production	£	1,816,151
Post-Production	£	258,624
Other	£	424,745
Core Total Spend	£	2,381,770
Total Core & Other	£	2,806,515
Contingency @10%	£	280,652
Total		£3,087,167

FINANCE PLAN

The intention is to raise the finance through a combination of investment from public and private equity as well as UK tax credit and a Post deal.

Tax credit (cash flowed)	£	420,000
Equity (Private)	£	2,402,747
Equity (Public)		£227,097
Post Deal	£	37,323
	£	3,087,167

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

This story is based on my life growing up in South London surrounded by drug addiction, mental health and suicide within my immediate family. Going through this at such a pivotal time in my young adulthood shaped my future life and my struggles with anxiety and PTSD. I'd like this film to explore the effects of depression and suicide not only for those who suffer it but also for those who are left behind. I'd also like to look into the effects of heroin addiction and how this overpowers even the basic need to provide for yourself and your family and what it's like growing up in that environment.

I plan to give this film a non-linear time line. Showing the present while revealing the story of the past through a series of flashbacks. Also linking what it's like to live with grief and PTSD as a visual metaphor for trauma.

When someone you deeply care about dies you live in a suspended state of the past, constantly dwelling there, trying to understand anything that will help fill the missing part of the puzzle.

With my filmmaking I'm very interested in stories that highlight under-represented members of society. Matters that showcase Mental Health, Drug Addiction, Suicide and Poverty are often not shown on screen in depth anymore and I feel that this would only help to better understand these elements with a newer fresher take. I was selected as part of BFI's Film London 'London Calling' scheme for my short film 'Blackout' which is based on my schizophrenic mother. This film did well at festivals and also with young care groups who related to the film and felt they identified with it but hadn't seen this expressed before on film. This is why I feel these issues are universal in the undercurrent throughout the UK.

My inspiration for this film is Lynne Ramsey, Andrea Arnold, Greta Gerwig and Desiree Akhavan.

MOOD BOARD: PAST

Grade: Vivid & Colourful / Aspect Ratio: 2.39:1



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ANIMAL SAVE
MOVEMENT



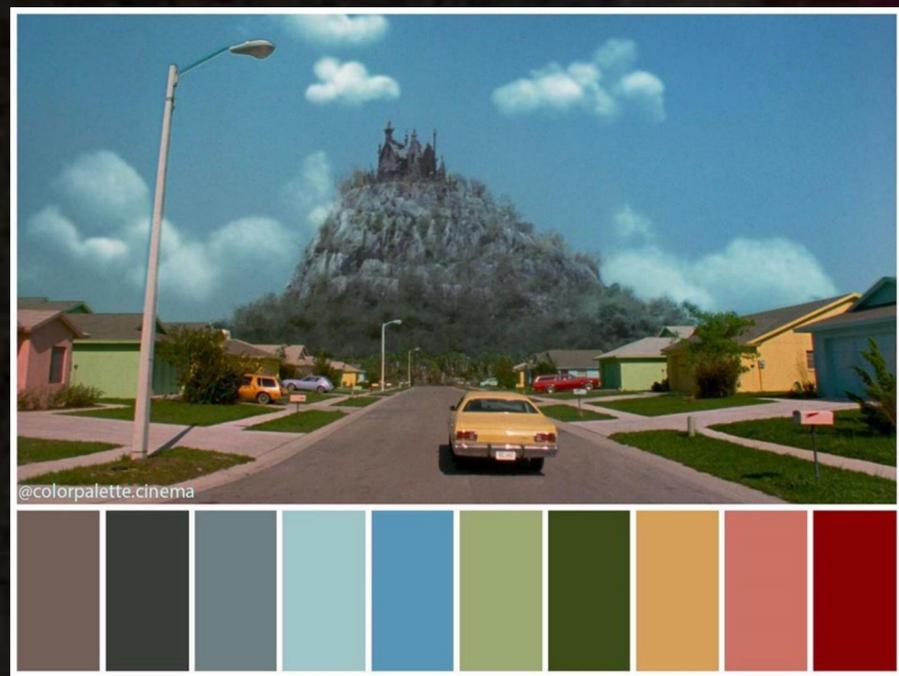
MOOD BOARD: PRESENT

Grade: Washed out & bleak/Aspect Ratio: 2.39:1



COLOUR PALETTES

The Past



The Present



Aspect Ratio: 2.39:1



OUR THEMES

- ▶ **Family**
- ▶ Parental responsibility
- ▶ Poverty/Benefits
- ▶ Broken home
- ▶ **Mental Health**
- ▶ Suicide
- ▶ PTSD / Night Terrors
- ▶ Drug Addiction
- ▶ **Music**
- ▶ Friends are family
- ▶ Community
- ▶ Support Network
- ▶ Home
- ▶ **Society**
- ▶ No hope for the future
- ▶ Climate Change
- ▶ Politics gone bad
- ▶ Brexit



TEAM

WRITER/DIRECTOR:
SERENA CHLOE GARDNER

PRODUCER:
NASREEN CULLEN

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY:
JASON WEIDNER



Serena is an award-winning Writer/Director. Her films have screened in the UK and Internationally (including the Oscar qualifying Rhode Island International Film Festival), winning fourteen awards with an additional twenty-four nominations.



Having worked on award-winning films with Secret Garden Pictures over the last five years including 2019's Chasing the Vein and again on the hugely successful 2017 "Blackout", Nasreen rejoins Secret Garden Pictures on Six Weeks of Summer.

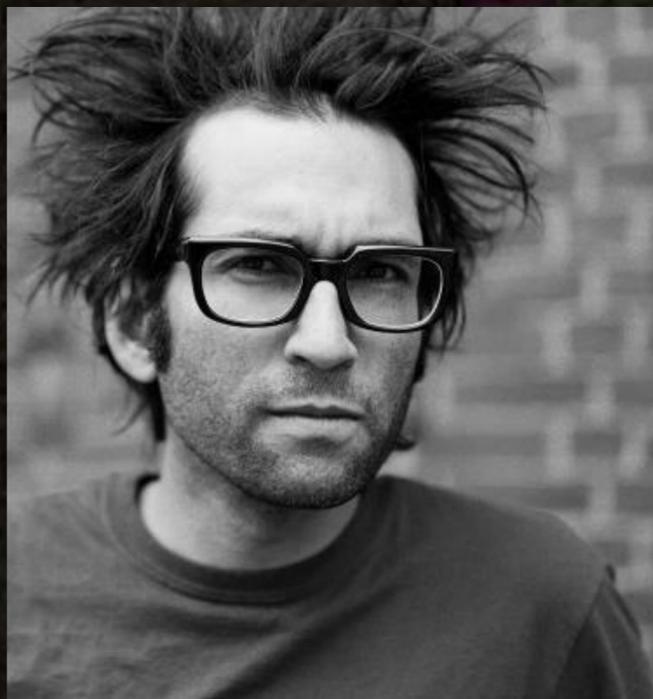


Jason has shot a Gaelic TV pilot for BBC Alba, award winning short films and Scottish BAFTA nominated music videos. He also directs music videos, most notably for the band 'Desperate Journalist' which he has gained critical acclaim for and over 72k views on YouTube.

MUSIC

Composers creating original songs for the film

JUSTIN PIERRE



Justin Courtney Pierre is a singer, songwriter and guitarist from the United States. He is the co-founder and lead vocalist of the pop punk band Motion City Soundtrack who have sold over 500,000 albums worldwide.

OLLIE HOWELL



Ollie Howell is a multi-award winning composer, instrumentalist, producer and broadcaster. Protege of legendary Quincy Jones. Ollie has written music for both film and television, including most recently 'Dynasties' for the David Attenborough series

RICHARD WARREN



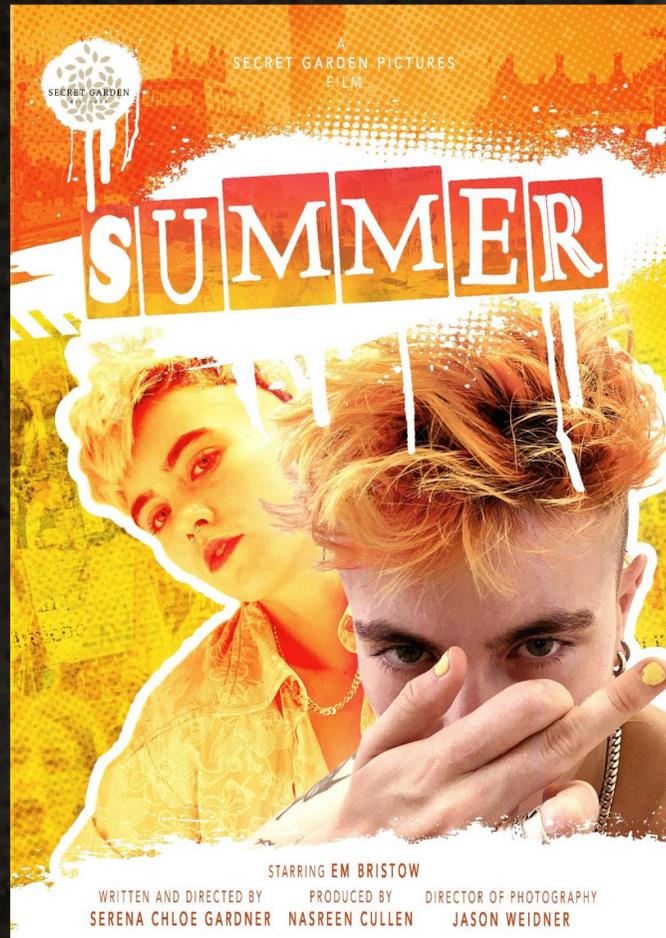
Richard Warren is a songwriter and bandleader who has written and produced several albums and toured all over Europe and North America, including stints with The Pogues, playing Reading Festival and Radio 1 live sessions.

RECOGNITION



PROOF OF CONCEPT

“Summer”



Short film “Summer” was created from an excerpt of an early script version. The short follows Summer through a day and night of her struggle with grief.

Summer stars actors Em Bristow and Hugo Hamlet who are both attached to Six Weeks of Summer.

You can view Summer [here](#)
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PREVIOUS WORK

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AWARDS



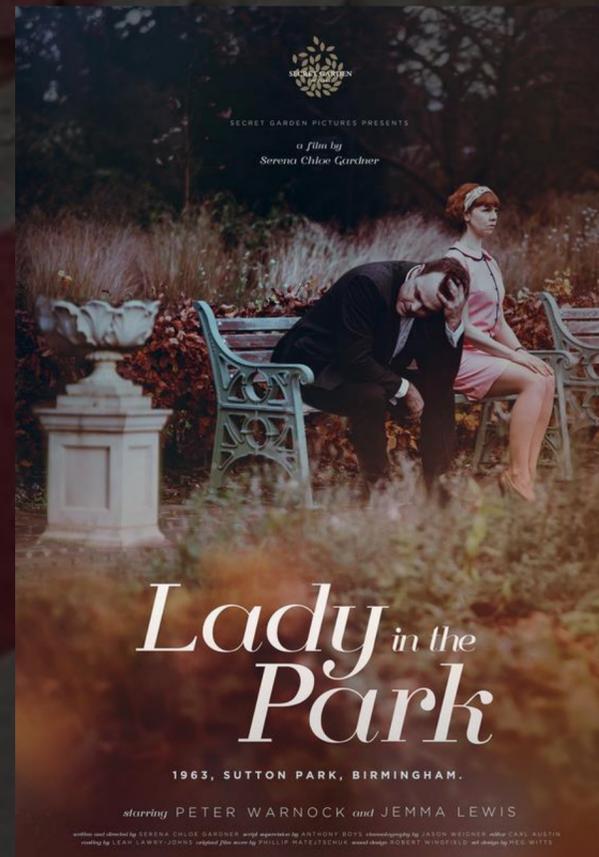
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Pwd: ctv2019



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Pwd: Blackout2017



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Pwd: wilson

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NOMINATIONS



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