

KINO LORBER



NAME OF THE GAME

A Film by William Forbes & Douglas Skinner



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Logline:

NAME OF THE GAME is a feature documentary that explores the lives and history of male exotic dancers in South Central Los Angeles from the 1980's to present day.

Synopsis:

In the shadow of Chippendales, male exotic dancing in South Central Los Angeles thrived from the late 1980s until the early 2000's with clubs like The Right Track, Tigers, and The Boom Boom Room open seven nights a week and the dancers becoming local legends. In NAME OF THE GAME we follow the lives of past and current male dancers and the women that support them both as followers and managers to learn the untold story of black male exotic dancing in Southern California and how it intersects with the origins of hip hop, gang culture, and kung fu assassins. In interviews and performances we learn the behind the scenes reality of the male exotic industry as it's never been told before. Unfiltered, uncensored, and uncut.

Directors' Bio:

Longtime friends William Forbes and Douglas Skinner first collaborated on the screenplay for JOHN HENRY (2020) by weaving real stories with old legends. With William directing and composing and Douglas co-writing and co-starring, JOHN HENRY became one of the top streamed films on Netflix in 2020. Starring Terry Crews, Chris Ludacris Bridges, Ken Foree, and Jamila Velazquez and featuring original songs by DJ Quik. Following JOHN HENRY, William and Douglas founded EBE PRODUCTIONS as an outlet to tell independent stories from unique and untold perspectives. While conducting interviews as research for a project based on male exotic dancers they found the real stories to be so compelling that they decided to put down the pen, turn on a camera and make a documentary.

CREDITS

Kino Lorber Presents
An EBE Production
In association with Glass Slipper Pictures
And Superstar Empire

Written, Produced, and Directed by
William Forbes & Douglas Skinner

Produced by
Mike Strong
Shondrella Avery
Lynette Baker
Colin Geddes
Katarina Gligorijevic

Co-Producer
Jason Miller
Brandon Burems
LaLonie Gray

Executive Producer
Nick Ditri
Executive Producer Featherstone Brewer
Executive Producer Brian Gelber

Edited by
William Forbes

Sound Design by
Shawn Duffy

Music By
Arkatone Music Group featuring DOMENICO

Original Score by
William Forbes

Music Supervisor

Nick Ditri

Color by
William Forbes

Kindred Spirits Photography (Ireland) Brian Dwyer

Animation by
Benjamin Sturr

Additional Artwork by
Eric Sinha

Post Production Services Provided by
Dufftone Sound

Visual FX by
Jason Miller

Second Unit Camera
Branson Housang
Marisa Llamas
Jason Miller
Brandon Burems

Production Manager
Lalonie Gray

Production Assistants
Brandon Burems
Brian McGee

Cast
The Women of Male Exotic

Lynette Baker
Shante Alexander
Classic
Sprinkle Freak
Promise
Miss Renee

Mimi Brown
Coco McIntyre
LaLonie Gray
Jayme Turner

The Men of Male Exotic

Champagne The Champ
Dark & Lovely
Apache
DJ Howie T
Freak Nasty
Henna C
Hershey
Slam
Dynamite
Temptation
Mike Jones
Addiction
Apoc
Lovesexy
Lil Vicious
Charm
Spanish Fly
Kovas
Manaj
Tommey Gun Coleman
Matrix
Locomotive
XTC (Las Vegas)
Nino Brown
Profit The Problem
Seduction
Nite Ride Her
XTC
Lonzo Williams
Hodari Sababu

Catering

Delicia Jones

Hula Hoop Instructor

Keke Dexter, Bella McGee (age 10)

Music Featured

“Break It You Buy It”

Written and Performed by DOMEINCO and Viiq courtesy of Arkatone Music Group Publishing

“Turning You Out”

Written and Performed by DOMEINCO & Amir Royale

“Sarabande”

Composed by G.F. Handel Arranged by William Forbes

“Take You Out”

Written and Performed by Chris Featherstone Brewer

“Henny Remmy”

Written and Performed by Sparco featuring Raw Reef
Courtesy of Marcus Earl Music Publishing

“America The Beautiful”

Written by Katharine Lee Bates & Samuel Lee A. Ward
Arranged and Produced by William Forbes
Performed by LoveLogiq feat. Rahkua
Courtesy of Periscope Publishing

“Expensive Pain (ebe remix)”

Written and Performed By Profit The Problem

Clips Featured

“Facts Of Life”

Courtesy of Sony Pictures Entertainment

“John Henry”

Courtesy of Defiant Pictures/Automatik

“Stock Footage”

Courtesy of Pond5

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