

***Magic Valley***  
A feature film by Jaffe Zinn.

**Besito Films/Prominent Pictures**



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**Produced by Heather Rae**  
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## ***Magic Valley Synopsis.***

As one warm October day unfolds, the sleepy town of Buhl, Idaho will never be the same. A fish farmer finds his crop destroyed, a couple of kids are playing an unusual game in the sun-dappled fields, and after a wild party a sleepless teenager is harboring an awful secret

## **Director's Statement**

It is a fact of life that on any given day a person has no idea what that particular day may hold in store for them. Each day has the inherent potential to change one's life, or, at the very least, one's perspective.

Things that were once held dear or important may no longer have the same value; others that didn't seem so important may now mean the world. Only with hindsight are such revelations usually possible. And yet, once those revelations have been had, there is always more hindsight to come. Old tragedies are replaced by new ones, old joys by new ones. Everything shifts and changes with time and life goes on. Or it doesn't.

This was something I wanted to explore when I set about writing *Magic Valley*, I wanted to make a movie examining the daily lives of people unknowingly in the midst of a tragedy, and what it means to be unaware of what is just around the corner.

As a side note, I originally intended for my movie to be the quiet, relationship driven prequel to Roland Emmerich's "2012." Considering the great level of hindsight perspective such an event as the "end of the world" would shed on the tragedy of my movie, I thought it was a great idea thematically. Unfortunately it was a hard pitch and I had to scrap the final intended "end of the world" sequence due to budgetary reasons.

But, life goes on.

## **Production Bios.**

### Writer/Director.

Jaffe Zinn was born and raised in Southern Idaho. He attended New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, majoring in film.

He has made a variety of award winning short films that have been screened at the Director's Guild Theater of America as well as film and arts festivals in NYC, LA, Las Vegas, Boise, Moscow, Japan, and Portugal.

Two of his short films, "A Life for M-80" and "Bliss" were nominated for NYU's prestigious Wasserman Award; "Bliss" receiving the award and garnering Zinn another award for Best Directing. "A Life for M-80" was also awarded the New York Magazine Award of Excellence.

Jaffe's first feature film "Magic Valley," a film detailing how a tragic event unfolds over the course of a single day in the small town of Buhl, Idaho, won the Richard Vague Film Grant Fund of \$75,000 from NYU.

When not working on film, Jaffe is one half of the indie pop duo Folded Light.

### Producer.

Heather Rae was recently named one of Variety's Ten Producers to Watch. She produced *Frozen River* which premiered at the 2008 Sundance Film Festival, won the Grand Jury Prize and was acquired by Sony Pictures Classics. *Frozen River* was nominated for two Academy Awards for Best Actress and Best Screenplay, won the Gotham Award for Best Picture and Best Actress and was nominated for seven Spirit Awards resulting in a Best Actress win for Melissa Leo and the Producer of the Year for Rae. Additionally she produced *Ibid*, starring Christian Campbell which premiered at the 2008 South By Southwest film festival and internationally at the Munich Film Festival where it was nominated for the prestigious CineVision Award. *Ibid* was acquired and released by IndiePix.

Rae produced *The Dry Land* starring America Ferrera, Wilmer Valderrama, Jason Ritter, and Melissa Leo, which was financed and released by the newly formed Maya Entertainment. Sergio Aguero (*y tu mama tambien*, *Quarantine*) executive produced alongside Ferrera.

Previously Rae ran the Native Program at the Sundance Institute and was a programmer for the Sundance Film Festival. After leaving Sundance in 2001 she went on to work for Winter Films as Senior Vice President of Production. Rae has worked as an advisor or consultant to the Sundance Institute, ITVS, the Rockefeller Foundation, National Geographic, PBS, Film Independent, Independent Feature Project, and other media companies and organizations.

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Co-Produced by  
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Martha	ALISON ELLIOTT
Jimmy	WILL ESTES
MOK	MATTHEW GRAY GUBLER
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Kelly	RACHEL LEMAR
Shawna	ELLA McCALLIE
Todd	STERLING HOCH
Matt	CORY HENTRUP
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Officer Bentley	JOEL KLIEBE
Hector	FERNANDO SALINAS
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Old Woman	SALLY BAKER
Grandma	SHARON PARKER
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Boy 2	CONNOR SCHOW
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	STEPHANIE PEARL
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As ROOSTER

Armorer/Stunt Coordinator

ROB NAMER

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