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RICHARD NIXON, JACKIE GLEASON... THE HISTORY YOU NEVER KNEW

SEARCHLIGHT, A OWEN ROYCE FILM
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SEARCHLIGHT

AT A GLANCE

Narrative Short Film

Sci-Fi, Drama, Comedy

Finished: June 2023

Directed by Owen Royce

Produced by Reyna Rios-Starr

TAGS: Aliens, Presidents, Movie Stars

TECHNICAL INFO

Running Time: 15 min

Exhibition Format:

Audio Format: (5.1, Stereo)

Aspect Ratio: 2:35

Shooting Format: Digital

Color, English

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SYNOPSIS

LOG LINE

Richard Nixon pays an unexpected visit to Jackie Gleason.

SHORT SYNOPSIS

Set in the early 1970's, Richard Nixon sneaks away from his secret service staff and pays an unexpected visit to Jackie Gleason in the middle of the night, taking him on the trip of his lifetime to Homestead Airforce Base to uncover beings not of this planet.

LONG SYNOPSIS

Set in the early 1970's, Richard Nixon, the most guarded president of the United States of his time, manages to sneak away from his security detail to visit an old golfing buddy, Jackie Gleason one fine evening.

Jackie Gleason renowned actor, musician, ufologist and golfer is starstruck accepts the invitation and sneaks away with Richard Nixon on a leisurely drive to Homestead Airforce Base.

The drive supersedes all their expectations as they both come to realize they are about to experience a moment that will question LIFE for years to come. Nixon, candidly opens up about his experience as the president of the United States and certain luxuries he is afforded as president. Including his personal feelings about being the most guarded president, his ability to play tricks on his security detail, his fascination with messing with the human mind.

Richard Nixon surprises Jackie by treating him to a once in a life time experience to show him the mangled bodies of what appear to be other earthly beings stuffed in a coke cooler. This experience is finely engrained in Jackie Gleason mind, leaving him wondering if what he saw was true or if it was president Richard Nixon messing with his mind the moment he showed up at his home.





DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT



Owen Royce

One of my interests in life besides film is Ufology. I love UFOs, and stories about them. I came across a story too good to be true, involving Richard Nixon and Jackie Gleason.

In 1978, Beverly McKittrick, Jackie Gleason's, Ex-wife, gave an interview for a magazine and where she described the night then President Richard Nixon, Showed up at the Miami home of Jackie Gleason with no security or anyone else with them. Nixon took his friend Jackie Gleason to Homestead Air force base to show him a crate that he claimed to contain a UFO.

He then proceeded to show Gleason to the back part of a hangar where it is described that 3 coke freezers Housed the bodies of alien lifeforms that had been in a crash.

Beverly, claims that Gleason, had been golfing earlier in the day with Nixon at his own celebrity golf tournament. That is when Gleason, asked Nixon, if he knew anything about UFOs as president. Nixon said he had heard somethings but nothing to exciting. The part of the story that perplexed me was the idea that Nixon showed up by himself, without any secret service or a driver with him. I investigated and confirmed that 1. Gleason had in fact hosted a celebrity golf tournament where Gleason and Nixon did play together on the day and time Beverly said this took place. 2. Nixon left his security behind on more than one occasion. He eventually had his security detail tripled. His code name for the secret service was Searchlight.

Now with the admission that there is in fact UFOs in the atmosphere being verified by the U.S. government, documents being disclosed and people coming forward this urban legend starts to look more like fact.

Also, that this is just too weird not to be true is why I had to make this story into a short film. It gave me characters, drama, comedy, and some aliens to top it off. What more do you want in a film?

Jackie Gleason UFO Shocker! I SAW BODIES OF DEAD ALIENS AT TOP-SECRET AIR FORCE BASE



EXCLUSIVE: His Ex-Wife Reveals ...

Jackie Gleason actually saw space aliens and believes he lived before as a schubkingly English duke, reveals his wife Beverly, who was married to the comic from 1970 through 1974. Those are just two of the sensational revelations from a book she's writing that shows "The Great One" or Jack as

she calls him — as he's never been seen before. Gleason declined repeated attempts by The ENQUIRER to interview him about the book. Here, in a sneak preview of her blockbuster book, Beverly tells about Gleason's incredible encounter with aliens ... exclusively for ENQUIRER readers. ENQ. 8/16/83

Jackie Gleason Saw Bodies of Space Aliens at Air Force Base

By BEVERLY GLEASON
Space aliens exist! Ask Jackie Gleason — he's actually seen them the night in 1973 my famous husband came home, their and spilled out the incredible story to me. and I'd ...

President Nixon
for Him



KEY TEAM BIO



Owen Royce, Writer/Director

Owen Royce is a Writer/Director, and he also portrays Richard Nixon in Searchlight. He is an independent filmmaker in the local Twin Cities (Minnesota) market for over a decade. He has several awards under his belt that include best director and best writer. Some of his most recent films include, The Part We Keep, Away We Go, The Moment You Wake, Half Smile, The Wolf, You're in Trouble" and many more. His goal is to direct and write more engaging stories that explore reality, dreams and the profound experience that is the human consciousness, whether it be through genre films, sci-fi, horror, comedy or films that ground themselves in day-to-day existence we experience. No matter the challenge of the film, his goal is to bring complexity to characters.



Reyna Rios-Starr, Producer

Reyna Rios-Starr is the producer for Searchlight and brought the project to its feet in collaboration with local passionate artists. Her goal is to continue to produce more thought provoking stories that speak to diverse audiences . Searchlight is Reyna's first producer credit but since filming ended she has gone to produce several other projects which include; Chapulin, The Part We Keep, and Ave Maria . She's excited to keep collaborating with filmmakers in Minnesota and beyond.



Tim Schrader, Director of Photography

Tim Schrader is an award-winning Minneapolis based cinematographer with experience in both commercial and narrative filmmaking. Over the years, Tim has worked on music videos, short films, documentaries, and feature films. He is always looking for unique ways to elevate any project he is involved in. His favorite type of stories are those that toe the line between reality and the surreal or magical.



Jay Ness, Editor & Colorist

Jay Ness is an ADDY award winning filmmaker based in Minneapolis. His work has screened in the United States, Europe, and Canada. Ness has directed numerous narrative films, documentaries, commercials, music videos, etc and has as collaborated on assorted content featured on HBO, Comedy Central, Netflix and Universal Music Group's Republic & Capitol Records. His feature film debut, Dark Cloud was released theatrically and distributed in 2022.

CAST



Owen Royce, Actor /Richard Nixon

Owen Royce, portrays Richard Nixon in Searchlight. He has starred in several films often lending his on camera talents for his own projects such as Mountainberry Koolaid Sunrise: The Return, Players, Mary & Wayne, and You're In Trouble.



E.J. Subkoviak, Actor/Jackie Gleason

E.J. Subkoviak has been acting professionally in the Twin Cities for 23 years, having appeared at such venues as Hey City Theater, the Jungle Theater, the History Theater, and perhaps most frequently at Park Square Theater, where he became the first actor to play fictional detective Nero Wolfe onstage in "The Red Box" and "Might as Well Be Dead", and played Lennie Small in John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" in four separate productions. He has also made appearances in several independent film projects, including "How To Live Better" for the Ehling Brothers (Mark and Matt), and Collision Pictures' "The Good Friend", playing the ghost of JFK (yes, that JFK).



Lori Roovers, Actor/Beverly Gleason



Charla Marie Bailey, Actor/ Sherry

Charla Marie Bailey is an actress, voice over artist, host, model and novice filmmaker who enjoys writing, working with her hands and spending time with her family. She has been working professionally as a full-time actor for the past five years and has found it to be very rewarding. Charla Marie is looking forward to all the exciting adventures this industry has to offer and was happy to be a part of Searchlight!

You can find her on Amazon Prime in Miles Between US and Black In Minneapolis.

