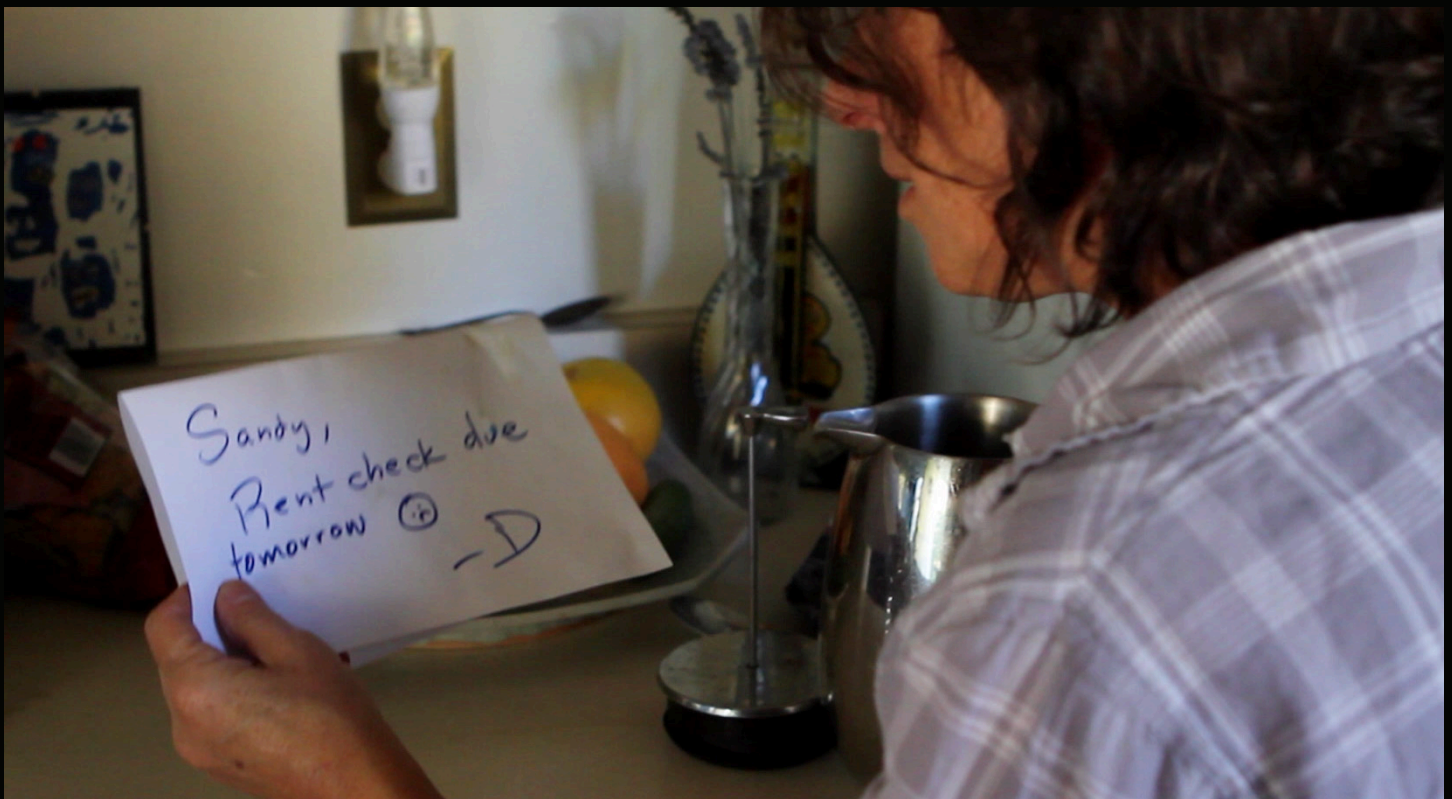


ODDS

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ODDS is a dark comedy about a woman's struggle with looking for work, meaning, and possibly love in a strange, difficult and modern world – while an odd cast of characters weave through her life. She tries to find her way by seeking the counsel of psychics, therapists and other help, and her superstitions lead her to finding omens in everyday events and creating her own fortune telling cards. While she often gives good advice, things never turn out to be as they appeared. Unfortunately, she isn't as good at predicting her own fate.

Loosely based on the "Cassandra" myth, in which a woman's predictions are not heeded, this feature film follows the comic misfortunes of a woman named Sandy as she seeks a job and possibly love. As a novice fortune-teller, Sandy superstitiously finds good-luck symbols in everyday life and believes that omens determine the path to take. Though she meets many odd characters to whom she gives accurate counsel, she unfortunately misreads her own future and greets the unexpected with continued trepidation. Even after a number of ridiculous job interviews and failures, and disastrous dates and encounters, she sustains her positive outlook despite things not being what they appear to be.



SYNOPSIS



DIRECTED BY

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deniz demerir

CINEMATOGRAPHY

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EDITING

jeff kao

FEATURING MUSIC BY

zukko

the bayonettes

mark zucker

phillip park

LIGHTING

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SOUND

josh peterson

paul zahnley

chris damm

jordan anderson

CREDITS



CAST

sandy: penny werner
therapist: rob nilsson
danielle: anastasia pritchard
teddy: dean haakensen
boss: celia shuman
toy store clerk: jeff kao
german student: kris caltagirone
homeless guy: deniz demerir
amanda: shelley caltagirone
mr. cabra: celik kayalar
madame sabina: galina pasternak
busker: mark zucker
homeless woman: melanie von der schulenberg
mr. delanos: kris caltagirone
young boy: solomon zucker

cafe mc: charles townner
blind date: alex hero
secretary: carol carbone
job applicant: josh peterson
rabbi: daniel kremer
miriam: jeannette ferber
little girl: xanthe litt
cabra's girlfriend: christine yang
zukko: dimitri zucker
neighbors: michelle anton allen
erich fleschman
zukko's cone squad: ariel gottlieb
lorena arriola
dante kaleo
bayonettes: jasmine stade
emmalee johnson-kao

CAST



CHARACTERS



While ODDS is a light drama with comedic undertones, it touches on some serious issues of our times. The film subtly reflects on how women can face discrimination in the current “gig economy” – needing to find odd jobs or to be underemployed in order to survive; how age and beauty can be determining factors in whether women can find love and partnership; and on the very real possibility of becoming marginalized and impoverished in these tenuous economic times. The protagonist Sandy perseveres regardless of difficult and ridiculous circumstances. In spite of her seemingly mild nature, she remains strong, independent and determined, choosing to remain single rather than compromising herself. Sandy is a model in the true meaning of the word– not as a beauty or super-woman, but of an aging every-woman, peculiarly unique, striving for an authentic, dignified life of value amidst an unpredictable world.

ODDS features gorgeous photography by Jeff Kao and Deniz Demirer, sincere and genuine acting by all of the cast, and a funny, poignant, and entertaining story. Also featured are live performances by Berkeley hip-hop artist “Zukko”, Oakland female duo “The Bayonettes”, and street guitarist Mark Zucker.



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