

PRESS KIT

Whitch

A film by Hoku Uchiyama

5'47 · 2025 · United States · Horror, Dark comedy

When a mysterious elderly woman breaks into her home, a mother finds herself caught in a race against midnight to stop a sinister blood ritual.

SXSW 2025 — Special Jury Award
Spasm Short Film Fest 2025 — 1st Place Audience Award
Popcorn Frights Film Festival 2025 — Best Short Film
Filmets Baladona Film Festival 2025 — Best Sound

SYNOPSIS

After putting her daughter to bed, Aura finds that an elderly woman has broken into her house. The intruder, who acts strangely familiar, begins a ritual, summoning something dark into the living room. Aura tries to keep her daughter safe and grasp just what the hell is going on.

SPECIFICATIONS

Year	2025
Running time	5'47
Country	United States
Language	English
Genre	Horror, Dark comedy
Production	iNC Films

DIRECTOR



Hoku Uchiyama

Hoku Uchiyama is an American filmmaker and editor with a passion for fantasy, horror, and animation. Over the past decade, he has directed and edited music videos, documentaries, and commercial projects, collaborating with artists and leading brands including Katy Perry, They Might Be Giants, National Geographic, and YouTube.

His short film WHITCH had its world premiere at SXSW, where it received the Special Jury Award in the Midnight Shorts competition, establishing him as a distinctive voice in contemporary genre filmmaking.

CAST & CREW

Written by	Hoku Uchiyama
Produced by	Kelly King, Hoku Uchiyama
Gladys	Rosemary Hochschild
Aura	Alicia Blasingame
Sage	Nora Harriet
Phyllis	Carol Merrill-Mirsky
Trish	Joy Mamey
Quinn	Geffen Aviva
Debra	Kindred Gottlieb
Director of photography	Kenneth F. Wales
Production designer	Adam Henderson
Original music	Anton Patzner
Costume designer	Caroline Allander
Editing and VFX	Hoku Uchiyama
Color grader	Marco Mauti

FESTIVALS & AWARDS

Brugggore FilmFestival 2026 — Best Int’l Short Film

Cabin In The Woods Film Festival 2025 — Best VFX

Celluloid Screams 2025 — Silver Short Film Jury Award

Filmets Baladona Film Festival 2025 — Best Sound

Halloween International Film Fest 2025 — Best Short Film

Landshut Short Film Festival 2025 — The Deadline Award

Midnight Fest 2025 — Best Horror Short

Molins de Rei Horror 2025 — Audience + Best Short

Northwest FearFest 2025 — Audience Award - Best Short

Popcorn Frights Film Festival 2025 — Best Short Film

Portland Horror Film Festival 2025 — Funny Bone Award

Reel Horrors Film Festival 2025 — Best Horror Short Film

SXSW 2025 — Special Jury Award

Samain du Cinéma Fantastique 2025 — Best Horror Short

Skiptown International Film Festival 2025 — 4 Awards

Snake Alley Festival of Film 2025 — Best of Fest

Spasm Short Film Fest 2025 — 1st Place Audience Award

Temecula Valley Film Festival 2025 — Golden Poppy Award

WIGU Festival 2026 — Best Dark Comedy

ALPINALE Short Film Festival 2026

Allentown Film Festival 2026

BFI London Film Festival 2025

Bahamas International Film Festival 2026

Balkan Cinefest 2026

Beyond Fest 2025

Brooklyn Horror Film Festival 2025

Buffalo International Film Festival 2025

Byron Bay International Film Festival 2026

Cabane à Sang Film Festival 2026

Calgary International Film Festival 2025

Chicago Critics Film Festival 2025

Cleveland International Film Festival 2025

Court Métrange 2026

Davey Fest 2026

El Paso Film Festival 2025

FANTASPOA 2026

FUNCINEMA Festival 2026

FantaFestival 2025

Fantasia International Film Festival 2025

Fantasy FilmFest 2025

Fenêtres sur Courts 2026

Feratum Film Festival 2025

Film Club's Lost Weekend 2026

Film Fest Petaluma 2025

Finger Lakes Film Festival 2026

Frayeurs Phocéennes 2026

Frightfest 2025

Gorgazma Horror Show 2025

Hawai'i International Film Festival 2025

Hollyshorts Dubai 2026

Hollyshorts Film Festival 2025

Horror-Nacht, Germany 2026

Hysteria Fest 2025

I Know What You Did Last Dead And SudBuried : Horrorthon IX 2025

Int’l Fantastic Film Fest of Reunion Island, MEME PAS PEUR 2025

Jim Thorpe International Film Festival 2025

Kortfilmfestival Leuven 2026

Kyiv International Short Film Festival 2025

L'Étrange Festival 2025

Leeds International Film Festival 2025

Mayhem Film Festival 2025

Milwaukee Film Festival 2025

Minimalen Short Film Festival 2026

Montclair Film Festival 2025

Palm Screams Horror Short Film Festival 2026

Palm Springs International Festival of Short Films 2025

Panic Film Festival 2025

Philadelphia Film Festival 2025

Regard - Saguenay International Short Film Festival 2025

SHIVERS Film Festival 2025

SI-FAN 2026

Salute Your Shorts Film Fest 2025

Short Com 2026

Southside Film Festival 2026

Strasbourg European Fantastic Film Festival 2025

TOhorror Fantastic Film Festival 2025

Telluride Horror Show 2025

Three Rivers Film Festival/Pittsburgh Shorts 2025

Victory International Film Festival 2025

ZUBROFFKA International Short Film Festival 2026

Wreak Havoc Film Festival 2026

deadCenter Film Festival 2025

STILLS









INTERNATIONAL SALES

Tre Colori Films
Campus Georges Méliès, 216 avenue Francis Tonner, 06150 Cannes, France
info@trecolorifilms.com
https://trecolorifilms.com/films/whitch.html