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MISTER AMERICA

A film by Eric Notarnicola

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Distribution

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SYNOPSIS

A freshman filmmaker follows Tim Heidecker during the final month of his campaign for district attorney. What begins as a profile of an outsider candidate facing an uphill battle evolves into a study of toxic delusion as Tim's motivations and controversial past begin to unravel his candidacy. Taking on a popular incumbent has found Tim and his inexperienced campaign manager outmatched. Low on funds, experience, and connections, Tim hits the streets in an attempt to connect with voters, but has difficulty winning over the community. With word of his campaign spreading, former associates of Tim try to warn the public with stories of bad business deals, strained friendships and a failed court case in which he found himself accused of murder. With days until the election and his campaign in free-fall, Tim has to confront the unexpected costs of pursuing his dream.

ABOUT THE PRODUCTION

Filming took place on location in San Bernardino and the Los Angeles area. Using a mix of actors and non-actors, the small crew used documentary techniques to give the experience of a true story unfolding in real time. Often filming in four to five locations a day and using a script in which specific dialogue was scarce but the intention for each scene was detailed, actors improvised fully in the moment to allow their characters to develop naturally. What resulted was a team in-sync and fully ready to capture the chaotic world around them.

ABOUT THE CAST

As one half of comedy duo “Tim and Eric” and creator of Abso Lutely Productions, Tim Heidecker can easily be viewed as a godfather of subversive, alt-comedy. With roles in “Us”, “Eastbound & Down”, “Awesome Show”, “Portlandia” and more, Mr. Heidecker has helped to affect the comedy landscape for years to come. As a co-creator of On Cinema and its ensuing worlds with Gregg Turkington, he’s been able to prod at multiple facets of society. He intends to do the same with “Mister America.”

Gregg Turkington is an American comedian, actor, writer and producer whose work has spanned across film, television, stage, and musical recordings. His long-running stand-up persona “Neil Hamburger” was the focus of the 2015 dramatic movie "Entertainment," cowritten with Tim Heidecker and director Rick Alverson. As co-creator with Heidecker of the On Cinema universe, he has found the perfect vehicle for his detail-oriented, slow-burn sense of humor.

ABOUT THE FILMMAKERS

Director

Eric Notarnicola is a writer and director working in Los Angeles. An obsessive fan of outsider cinema and documentary, his work often incorporates non-actors and real situations. He is best known for his work as a television writer (*Nathan For You*, *Who is America?*), and his writing/directing for the On Cinema universe in collaboration with Tim Heidecker and Gregg Turkington.

Producer

Andrew Porter is a writer and producer based in Los Angeles. His detailed focus on fringe communities and experimental comedy has led to his work on *Comedy Bang! Bang!*, *With Bob and David* and *Check It Out* amongst others. Having been involved with the On Cinema world since the start, he's helped to oversee each of its absurd and expansive iterations.

CREDITS

Directed by ERIC NOTARNICOLA

Screenplay by TIM HEIDECKER, GREGG TURKINGTON, ERIC NOTARNICOLA

Produced by ANDREW PORTER

Executive Producers DAVE KNEEBONE, TIM HEIDECKER, ERIC WAREHEIM

Edited by SASCHA STANTON-CRAVEN

Director of Photography GABRIEL PATAY

Production Designer AYAKA OHWAKI

Cast:

TIM HEIDECKER
GREGG TURKINGTON
TERRI PARKS