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## SYNOPSIS

Chris Karas is the brilliant leader of The Pranksters, a secret society that rights the wrongs of high school by pulling sophisticated pranks on deserving oppressors. But with graduation looming, Chris longs for more from life. Guided by the homespun wisdom of his charmingly eccentric Uncle Nick, Chris embarks on a challenging path of self-discovery and romance. Hilarious, heartfelt, and magical, *The Prankster* is an exciting new high school comedy, destined to be the next teen classic.

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**Stats:** 117 minutes - Color - Widescreen - Not Rated – Closed Captioned

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- Director's Commentary
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- The Making of The Prankster
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## CAST

### MATT ANGEL

Matt Angel is certainly a rising young star. He has been acting in theatre since he was six years old. He has appeared in TV shows such as, *Terminator: The Sarah Conner Chronicles*, *The Suite Life of Zach and Cody* and the MTV original movie, *My Super Psycho Sweet 16*. *The Prankster* is Matt's first lead starring role in a feature film and he delivers an amazingly heartfelt and natural performance. Matt seems poised to become one of the top actors of his generation.

### VERONICA SIXTOS

Veronica Sixtos is another huge talent whose first starring role in a feature is *The Prankster*. Veronica has been seen in many television commercials, and has also appeared on *Wizard's of Waverly Place* as "Negative Nelly" and *Tyler's Perry's House of Payne* as "Alexandra Hernandez". She also landed costar roles on *Ned's Declassified*, *Strong Medicine* and *Zoey 101*. She was also in the award -winning movie *Quinceanera*. Veronica's beauty and polished acting skills also poise her for full-blown stardom.

### KURT FULLER

An actor's actor, Kurt Fuller is best known for his work in the films such as WAYNE'S WORLD with Mike Myers, and ANGER MANAGEMENT, with Jack Nicholson and Adam Sandler, although others may know him best as the wacky sheriff who likes to pose in Speedos in SCARY MOVIE. Recently, Kurt appeared in MR. WOODCOCK, with Billy Bob Thornton and Susan Sarandon; and PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS, with Will Smith, and most recently in SUPERHERO, NAILED, and of course, THE PRANKSTER.

Kurt has worked with Hollywood's best directors including Paul Schrader, Ridley Scott, Wim Wenders, Taylor Hackford, Mike Newell, Harold Ramis, Brian DePalma and Ivan Reitman. He has also recurred and guest starred on over a hundred TV shows and telefilms over the years, including recent arcs on DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES, BOSTON LEGAL, and ALIAS. His other TV appearances include HBO's LIVE FROM BAGHDAD with Michael Keaton, and the series UNSCRIPTED and CARNIVALE. Most recently he has been recurring on PSYCH and SUPERNATURAL. On the other networks, Kurt was seen recently on such hits shows as UGLY BETTY, CSI, THE 4400, GREY'S ANATOMY, SHARK, HOUSE, MY NAME IS EARL, and MONK.

In short, Kurt brings amazing talent and a well-known, well-loved comic face to THE PRANKSTER.

## MICHAELA WATKINS

Michaela Watkins is a gifted comic actress, best known for her various roles as a cast member on Saturday Night Live; a regular performer with The Groundlings in Los Angeles; and for her recurring role as "Lucy" in the sitcom The New Adventures of Old Christine. She just made her breakthrough into features with her supporting role as Mona in the romantic comedy The Back-Up Plan, starring opposite Jennifer Lopez. As wacky French teacher Madeline LaFleur, Michaela brings a high profile comedienne's presence to *The Prankster*.

## KEN DAVITIAN

Ken Davitian experienced his third consecutive feature film premiering at the top box office spot with the opening of GET SMART. For his role, he stepped into the shoes of the TV show's villain 'Shtarker,' alongside vets Steve Carell, Alan Arkin and Anne Hathaway. In March 2009, he was on the NBC hit show "Chuck." Davitian is perhaps best known for wrestling his way into the Hollywood spotlight as "Azamat Bagatov" in the critically-acclaimed 2006 blockbuster, *BORAT: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan*.

Ken, a Los Angeles native, has been pursuing a career in acting for the past 15 years, with guest-starring roles in "The Closer," "Boston Legal," "Six Feet Under," "Gilmore Girls" and "Becker." He has also appeared in the hit films S.W.A.T and Disney's HOLES. Ken's most recent credits include NBC's "ER," and "The Ghost Whisper" on CBS, New Regency's MEET THE SPARTANS, and the Weinstein Company's feature SOUL MEN with the late Bernie Mac.

In THE PRANKSTER, Ken plays Stavros Karas, father of the protagonist, and shows great acting chops in scenes that are both comic and emotional.

## GEORGES CORRAFACE

European superstar Georges Corraface is of Greek origin, born and raised in Paris. Fluent in French, English, Greek and Spanish, Georges remains based in the French capital but works regularly on foreign productions.

He has filmed many movies and TV productions in France including "Long Live the Bride and the Liberation of Kurdistan" directed by Hiner Saleem, "Préférence" (Grégoire Delacourt), and "Love, Math and Sex" (Charlotte Silvera). Leading roles in French mini-series include "Le Château des Oliviers" with Brigitte Fossey, "Tramontane" with Alexandra Vandernoot and, most recently, "La Bicyclette Bleue" with Laetitia Casta.

He has also worked on many English-language films, both big-budget and independent, including "Escape From L.A.", "Christopher Columbus, The Discovery", "Not Without My Daughter", "Impromptu", "Minotaur" and "The Mahabharata". The latter, directed by Peter Brook, a reference for film buffs, launched his film career.

After numerous screen tests, he was also chosen by David Lean to play the lead role in "Nostromo", based on the Joseph Conrad novel. This film, originally to be produced by Steven Spielberg, was in preparation for four years. During this time Georges had the privilege of meeting with Sir David Lean several times for unforgettable work rehearsals.

In Greece, he earned notoriety with Lucia Rikaki's "Quartet in Four Movements", followed by Andreas Pantzis' "Slaughter of the Cock", which won numerous awards at film festivals including that of The Thessaloniki Film Festival where he was named Best Actor. "To Tama" got him another Best Actor Award at The Greek State Awards of the Thessaloniki Film Festival in 2001. In 2005, the commercial success of "Politiki Kouzina", in which he starred, made him a box office celebrity. In Spain, he enjoys popularity in the wake of Vicente Aranda's "Pasion Turca" followed by Mar Taragona's "Muere Mi Vida" and "Km 0". In England, he has worked on several BBC films including "Bambino Mio" with Julie Walters.

In short, Georges is the most popular actor of Greek origin in the world, and certainly one of the top actors working in Europe today. In THE PRANKSTER, he brings authenticity and soul to his role of Uncle Nick, the Zorba quoting mentor to the protagonist.

## **MAIARA WALSH**

Maiara (My-ya-ta) Walsh is known for playing Eva Longoria-Parker's niece, Ana Solis, on the hit ABC show, *Desperate Housewives*, and as Meena Paroom on the Disney Channel sitcom *Cory in the House*. Walsh was born in Washington to a Brazilian mother and American father. She speaks fluent Portuguese and she is proficient in Spanish. Maiara and her family moved to São Paulo, Brazil for two years when she was very young. She started pursuing her acting career at the age of 14 in Southern California.

In *The Prankster*, Maiara plays the delightfully eccentric girl prankster, Sage. Her radiant personality, and international renown add another shining light to the production.

## DEVON WERKHEISER

You know Devon Werkheiser for his starring role as Ned Bigby in the hit Nickelodeon TV series *Ned's Declassified School Survival Guide*, which continues to air daily in the US and around the world. At the 2010 Kids Choice Awards, Devon won the Italian award for favorite TV Actor for his work on Ned's. Most recently, he was in Boston filming the pilot *The Quinn-tuplets* for CBS. Devon's film credits include *Shredderman Rules*, *Christmas in Paradise*, *Casper's Scare School*, *Love at First Hiccup* and *We Were Soldiers* playing Mel Gibson's 10 year old son. Devon, now 19, started writing his own music at age 16, with several of his original songs featured in his films. Devon was a featured musical performer on the nationally televised 2009 Hollywood Christmas Parade and released his first single "*If Eyes Could Speak*" on iTunes on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Find out more about Devon at [www.devonwerkheiser.com](http://www.devonwerkheiser.com).

In *The Prankster*, Devon displays his talent and versatility, playing Brad Burris, the class suck up, to comic perfection, and also contributes two of his songs, *To Do Right*, and *Never Walk Away*, to the soundtrack.

## ROBERT ADAMSON

Robert began acting when he was 16 years old while finishing his junior year of high school in Sandy, Utah. Robert then attended the prestigious American Academy of Dramatic Arts, which lays claim to such alumni as Robert Redford, Danny De Vito, Adrien Brody, Gena Rowlands, Nick Cassavetes and Paul Rudd. Once out of school, Robert booked his first lead in a film directed by famed director and actor Luca Bercovici, *Dr. Chopper*. This was followed up by guest appearances on CBS's crime drama *Cold Case* and FX's dark comedy, *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia*.

Currently, Robert is a series regular on ABC Family's hit show *Lincoln Heights*, now in its third season. During Robert's hiatus from *Lincoln Heights*, he co-starred with Demi Lovato and Selena Gomez in *The Princess Protection Program*, a made for television Disney Movie. Robert joined Chris Kattan to shoot *Devolved* where Robert plays the lead character, 'The Rag'. In *It's Complicated*, Robert did a cameo opposite Meryl Streep, Steve Martin and Alec Baldwin. Next up, Robert will recur on *Jonas* for Disney.

In *The Prankster*, Robert plays Eric Hood, an all-league quarterback whose true passion is jazz. Robert brings subtlety and likeability to his role, which finds him getting romantically involved with Sage, played by Maiara Walsh.

## MADISON RILEY

Gorgeous and talented, Madison is like a young Cameron Diaz, and surely has a bright future in feature film. Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, Madison has appeared in films and TV shows such as, *Bratz*, and *Jonas*, and has a lead role in *Without a Paddle*. Madison recently wrapped *Grown Ups*, with Adam Sandler, which will be in wide release in June 2010. In *Grown Ups*, she plays Rob Schneider's beautiful daughter, and is likely to capture national attention.

In *The Prankster*, Madison plays likeable mean girl Tiffany Fowler. Madison is a sparkling personality, poised for stardom.

## JAREB DAULPAISE

Stealing scenes as "Blotto", the intimidating jock who ends up discovering his feminine side, Jareb Dauplaise is yet another rising star featured in *The Prankster*. Jareb has appeared in *Nacho Libre*, alongside Jack Black, *Meet the Spartans* and *Drillbit Taylor* with Owen Wilson. He can also be seen in *Transformers*, *My Life in Ruins* and the MTV series *The Hard Times of RJ Berger*. As Blotto in *The Prankster*, he brings enormous energy and comic talent to his role.

## KUNAL SHARMA

Kunal Sharma is from Andover, MA. He will appear in acclaimed indie film director Lisa Cholodenko's, *The Kids Are Alright*, which is due out this summer. Kunal has made appearances in *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia*, *Veronica Mars* and *The Office*, and *The Cheetah Girls* movie. The handsome young actor of East Indian descent is well known and liked by youth audiences. In *The Prankster*, he plays Vish Armitraj, tech wizard and free spirit of the pranksters.

## MARCELLA LENTZ-POPE

Marcella is the daughter of actors Tony Pope and Patricia Lentz. She has appeared in Seth Rogen's *Super Bad* alongside Michael Cera and will be seen in *The Social Network* with Justin Timberlake. She has appeared in the TV shows, *The Closer*, *The Mentalist* and *Private Practice*. As extremely talented comedienne, Marcella plays Pookie, Brad Burris's frustrated girlfriend in *The Prankster*.

## ALLY MAKI

Ally Maki was a member of The Valli Girls - a girl band signed to Columbia/Sony Records, as a singer and keyboard player. She has appeared in TV shows such as *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, *Terminator: The Sarah Conner Chronicles* and *iCarly*. Ally also had a prominent recurring role in the series *Ten Things I Hate About You*. She recently wrapped the feature film, *The Family Tree*, alongside Dermot Mulroney and Selma Blair, and co-stars in the Disney movie, *Step Up 3D*, scheduled for wide release in August. In *The Prankster*, Ally plays Tiffany Fowler's stylish best friend, Cassandra.

## PRESTON DAVIS

Preston is that guy you see skateboarding through Venice, with his surfboard under one arm. He is a Los Angeles native, but feels like he is from wherever he is standing at the moment. Preston is known for playing the character of Jeff on HBO's *Entourage*, and has also appeared in other series like *Ghost Whisperer*, *Brothers and Sisters*, *Cane*, *Buppies* and *90210*. Currently, he is preparing to shoot a movie called *Not Today* that's filming in India and Orange County. In *The Prankster*, Preston plays "Owl", the stealthy ninja-like member of the team.

## DANNY MAX

Born in Chicago and raised in Scottsdale, Danny Max gives a breakout performance as co-lead prankster, Larry Fasco, in *The Prankster*. Danny exhibits edge and charisma, not to mention huge acting talent, in his role. Resembling a young Brad Pitt, Danny has virtually unlimited upside potential, as an actor and a person.

Danny's previous credits include CURT'S BRAIN opposite Alan Blumenfeld and the short, DREAM GIRL. Danny also had a supporting role in the feature film JOLENE alongside Denise Richards and Dermont Mulroney, and in the David DeCoteau film, THE INVISIBLE CHRONICLES. Most recently, Danny recurred on the hot soap opera, THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL.



## **LONG SYNOPSIS**

To the outer world CHRIS KARAS is a shy, handsome, "A" student, the son of a hard-working Greek contractor. But to his closest confidants he is none other than the celebrated Prince of Pranksters, a secret society dedicated to combating the inequities of high school through masterful acts of subterfuge.

With graduation looming, Chris longs for more from life. He dreams of getting into a top college and wooing MARIAH RIVERA, the radiantly beautiful editor of the school paper. Standing squarely in Chris's way are the expectations of his fellow Pranksters, Mariah's all-world boyfriend, and Chris's old-world father, who can't understand his son's collegiate ambitions.

How Chris navigates the treacherous waters of adolescence is the story of The Prankster. Guided by the homespun wisdom of his delightfully eccentric UNCLE NICK, Chris embarks on a challenging path of self-discovery, a path fraught with peril as well as laughter.

Chris's first step is his clandestine application for the Outstanding Teenagers of America Scholarship, an award that his Prankster peers openly deride. To have any chance of winning Chris must try out for graduation speaker, vying with an insidious class suck-up, preppie student body president BRAD BURRIS. Meanwhile, fate presents Chris with an opportunity to get to know Mariah. She catches him planting an article in the school paper but doesn't turn him in. Rather, she is surprised and intrigued by this young man, whom she had once pigeonholed as a non-entity.

When catty blonde cheerleader TIFFANY FOWLER discovers Chris and Mariah's budding friendship, she makes sure both of them become social outcasts. To make matters worse, Chris's prankster cohort, LARRY, is given a brutal "swirlie" by a humongous jock, BLOTTO, while the boorish school DEAN looks the other way. Such abuse keeps Chris committed to the Pranksters' mission. They gain revenge by sabotaging the Senior Follies, humiliating the Dean in the process.

The pressure mounts as the Dean vows to discover and punish the Pranksters. After Chris beats out Brad Burris for graduation speaker in a nerve-wracking competition, the Dean finally catches one of the Pranksters. In support of their fallen comrade, Chris and his fellow Pranksters turn themselves in. The shocked Dean has no choice but to allow Chris to make his graduation speech, but warns him he won't graduate if he tries any funny stuff. Chris must now make the most difficult choice of his young life - to continue being a Prankster, to become a suck-up, or something far more difficult - to "step up" and be himself. It's a dilemma faced by other characters too, one that is resolved in a climax that is as moving as it is hilarious.

## ABOUT THE FILM

***The Prankster*** is an independent teen comedy in the tradition of John Hughes classics like ***Sixteen Candles*** and ***Ferris Bueller's Day Off***. Shot entirely in Marin County (SF Bay Area), it has exceptional production value, featuring beautiful imagery and a diverse cast, as well as a world class soundtrack by Skywalker Sound. The remarkable ensemble cast includes many rising young stars (Maiara Walsh, Devon Werkheiser, Robert Adamason, and many others) as well a wonderful group of talented adult stars (Kurt Fuller, Ken Davitian, Michaela Watkins, and European superstar Georges Corraface). The score is composed by Emmy Award Winner Charles Denler, and also features an array of pop songs by talented artists including "Impossible" by Swedish super group the Shout Out Louds, original compositions by jazz man Ralph Carney, and two songs by cast member Devon Werkheiser, who has a huge following among teens worldwide.

## DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

We live in a fascinating and crucial time. Humanity seems poised on the brink of either a huge breakthrough in consciousness or self-destruction. Now more than ever there is a critical need for stories that lighten the heart and expand consciousness. This has always been the true purpose of storytelling - to put people in touch with the sacred - as Joseph Campbell points out in *The Power of Myth*.

Prankster Entertainment is a conscious media company whose goal is to awaken slumbering spirits through entertaining stories geared for a mass audience. Our aim is not just to divert, but also to enlighten through conscious entertainment.

## ABOUT TONY VIDAL

Tony studied screenwriting at USC where he earned a Masters degree in Cinema Production. He later became head story analyst at Orion Pictures. Scripts he evaluated there included: *Born on the Fourth of July*, *Romancing the Stone*, *Ten*, *Caddyshack*, and *The Great Santini*. Tony later became head story analyst at The Ladd Company.

Tony later worked as a Senior Writer/Director for Playback Media, a Silicon Valley startup, streaming business and learning video programs over the Internet. In 2002, Tony was hired by Summertime Films to co-create and co-write *Her Best Move*, an indy feature about girl's soccer distributed by MGM in 2008. Tony has also written a novel about the film world, *45 Minutes to Nowhere*.

Tony's company, Prankster Entertainment, is producing *The Prankster* (and other projects), to entertain and inspire the movie audience. He lives in Marin County with his wife Joanie, and daughter, Celina.

## **CREW**

### **MARTY ROSENBERG**

Director of Photography

Marty has been involved with almost every major film to come out of Hollywood since the early 1980's. His brilliant work as a DP of Special Effects for ILM and Kerner Optical includes: *Terminator Salvation*, *Chi bi*, *Pirates of the Caribbean World's End*, *Poseidon*, *Jarhead*, *War of the Worlds*, *Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith*, *The Pacifier*, *Lemony Snicket*, *Van Helsing*, *Master and Commander*, *Peter Pan*, *Hulk*, *Planet of the Apes*, *Jurassic Park III*, and many others, including *Star Wars Episodes I and II*. In recent years, Marty has become a masterful DP of live action, with several indie films under his belt, most recently *The Prankster*. Marty brings a skill and professionalism to his craft that has been honed with some of the best film makers in the industry.

### **ROBIN LEE**

Editor

Robin Lee was born near Toronto, Canada. He studied English Literature and Film at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. Since then Robin has worked in film post-production as an Editor.

Films Robin has edited over his 25-year career include *HAIKU TUNNEL* (Sony Pictures Classics), *LOVE INTERRUPTED* (CBC Canada), and *THE PRACTICE OF THE WILD* (San Francisco International Film Festival 2010 selection). In addition he has cut music for, among others, Philip Kaufman on the films *QUILLS* and *TWISTED*, Terry Zwigof on *ART SCHOOL CONFIDENTIAL*, Michael Hoffman on *THE EMPEROR'S CLUB*, and Carroll Ballard on *DUMA*.

### **CHARLES DENLER**

Composer

According to *Film Music Magazine* and *The Scoreboard*, Charles Denler holds the record for having more upcoming films than any other film and television composer to date. With nearly 100 films and television to his credit, Charles' multiple Emmy Award-winning music can be heard all over the world. Charles received critical acclaim by winning an EMMY in 2004 for his work on *Bentley Creek* and went on to receive his second EMMY in 2005 for his score to *Beyond the Medal of Honor*. Charles' accomplishments have been featured in many articles including *Keyboard Magazine* and in *POST Magazine*.

## **CAST**

**MATT ANGEL  
VERONICA SIXTOS  
KURT FULLER  
MICHAELA WATKINS  
KEN DAVITIAN  
GEORGES CORRAFACE  
MAIARA WALSH  
DEVON WERKHEISER  
ROBERT ADAMSON  
MADISON RILEY  
JAREB DAUPLAISE  
KUNAL SHARMA  
MARCELLA LENTZ-POPE  
ALLY MAKI  
PRESTON DAVIS  
DANNY MAX**

**Chris Karas  
Mariah Rivera  
Dean Joe Pecarino  
Madeline LaFleur  
Stavros Karas  
Nick Karas  
Sage Ryan  
Brad Burris  
Eric Hood  
Tiffany Fowler  
Blotto Wojonowski  
Vish Armitraj  
Pookie Longmeyer  
Kassandra Yamaguchi  
Nathan “Owl” Owlsley  
Larry Fasco**

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Screenplay by TONY VIDAL  
Produced by TONY VIDAL  
Composed by CHARLES DENLER  
Edited by ROBIN LEE  
Director of Photography MARTY ROSENBERG**