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FILM

# Not EVERY- THING IS FUNNY

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**GENRE** Drama

**DURATION** 9 min 9 sec

**RATING** Mature Audiences

**COUNTRY OF ORIGIN** United States

**LANGUAGE** English

**SCREENING FORMAT** Digital

**ASPECT RATIO** 16:9

**FRAME RATE** 24 FPS

**PRODUCTION COMPANY** Joshua Kaufman Production Co.

**FILMING LOCATION** New York City, NY

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# OUTLINE

## LOGLINE

Unsettlingly vulnerable, *Not Everything Is Funny* is a montage of still photographs turning stale.

## SYNOPSIS

Groups of people pose for the camera together and, one by one, succumb to the new emotions that emerge when they're disarmed of the armor of their smile.





# DIRECTOR STATEMENT

Opening during a seemingly fleeting moment, time stretches to absurd lengths in this nine-minute film, subverting expectations about bodily performance, while demanding viewers to soak in the tension of posing for a photograph that never happens.

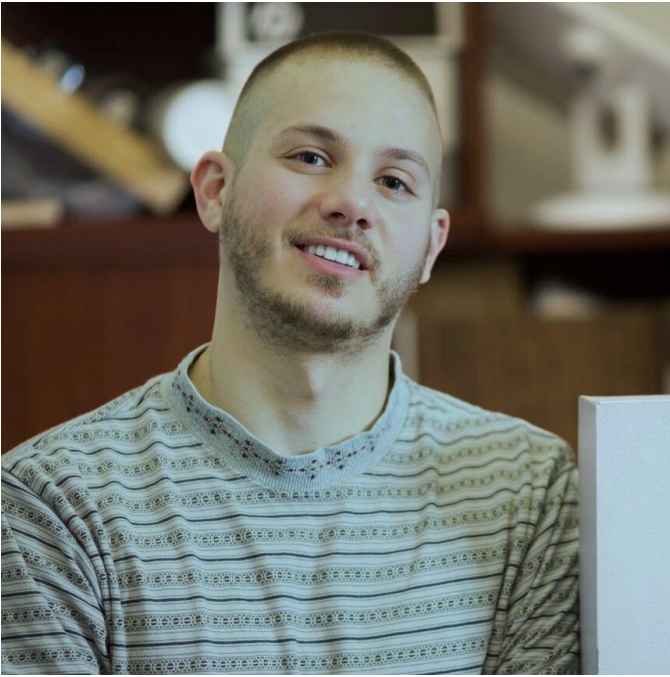
This tension, however, is soon transmuted as smiles slowly, imperceptibly, fade. Like rotting fruit, this transition, first perceived as something ominous, changes meaning entirely in the brutality of elongated time.

In this empty space, the proverb of the film's title keeps boomeranging back into existence to act as an anchor, or perhaps a clue. It makes a statement, but in the middle of the awkward silence, it also asks, "Why are you laughing?"

Smiles contextualize, they perform, they play the game. But the smile is not the natural state; the smile is the farce. Not everything is fucking funny.



# BIOGRAPHIES



**Joshua Kaufman** is a filmmaker and multidisciplinary artist based in New York City.

His recent work includes three short films: **THE CAR IS OUTSIDE**, **THINGS THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN**, and **LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**.

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**Matthew Kyle Levine** is a filmmaker and cinematographer based in New York City.

His short films have won awards and played at numerous film festivals throughout North America, including the Williamsburg Independent Film Festival and the Canada Shorts Film Festival, most notably for his short film **MISS FREELANCE**.

Matthew directs, shoots, and edits films, music videos, commercials, and documentaries for a variety of clients and artists.

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# CAST & CREW

## CAST

**Angelo** Angelo Aon  
**Ryan** Ryan Boloix  
**Yen** Yen Wen Chen  
**Solange** Solange Coronel  
**Sifu** Sifu Howsen  
**Marie** Marie Christine Katz  
**Nastasja** Nastasja Radovic  
**Carole** Carole Real  
**Kailer** Kailer Scopacasa

## CREW

**Written and Directed by** Joshua Kaufman  
**Director of Photography** Matthew Kyle Levine  
**Sound** Shea Glasheen  
**Lighting** Shane Singh  
**Edited by** Matthew Kyle Levine  
**Facilitator for Performers** Allie Marotta  
**Production Assistant** Jack Meriwether  
**Creative Consultants** MJ Halberstadt, Kyle Kucharski  
**Graphic Designer** Julian Leon

# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



For additional production shots, theatrical poster please visit

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