

JON LINDSTROM

To whom it may concern:

Though I am best known as an actor, my passion is filmmaking. My inspiration grew out of the work of the visionary dramas by the great directors of the 1970's; Francis Ford Coppola, Stanley Kubrick, Sidney Lumet and Peter Bogdanovich, though I am equally influenced by contemporary filmmakers such as The Coen Brothers, Debra Granik and Paul Thomas Anderson. I tend towards dramatic character-driven material, though I am always sensitive to the opportunity for humor.

I believe I can make a significant contribution to directing the right project because of my knowledge of film and video styles, composition and tone, my history of working with actors and crews, and my healthy respect for budgets and schedules. All are assets for executive producers and studios who are looking for fast, creative directors. I can also provide personal recommendation letters.

I am an established entertainment industry professional with 30+ years experience in multiple disciplines:

- Feature directorial debut, *How We Got Away With It*, modeled after the European crime dramas of the 1960's-70's and produced under strict schedule and budget constraints. Received positive critical notices and multiple festival awards and nominations. Released by Devolver Films (Digital) and Alchemy (Optical).
- Finalist in the Emerging Director Competition at the St. Louis Int'l. Film Festival and 1st Runner-up for the Stolman Audience Award for Best American Independent Film at the Sonoma Int'l. Film Festival.
- Producer on the award-winning documentary feature, *Seeing Is Believing: Women Direct*. Released by Tugg EDU.
- Wrote the original story and co-wrote the screenplay for the thriller, *The Hard Easy*, starring Bruce Dern, Vera Farmiga and Peter Weller. Also served as co-executive producer. Released by HBO/Time Warner.
- Have collaborated with, while learning the directing craft firsthand, from some of the most respected directors in film and television;

Justin Lin, Miguel Sapochnik, Larry Teng, John Crowley, Russell Mulcahy, Joanna Kerns, Rob Bowman, Martha Coolidge and the late Gary David Goldberg and Burt Kennedy.

- 2-time Emmy nominated actor having carried Lead, Supporting and Featured roles onscreen with major stars including Vince Vaughn, Brie Larson, Titus Welliver, Rachel McAdams, Mandy Patinkin, Colin Farrell, Wendie Malick, Alec Baldwin, Diane Lane and John Larroquette.
- Written, produced, directed and edited numerous short films, all of which have been Official Selections at multiple film festivals.
- Parlayed a performing contract on ABC's *General Hospital* into becoming a DGA director of multi-camera shows for the ABC and CBS networks.

I am very proud of my work for Kids In The Spotlight, a nonprofit dedicated to mentoring foster kids to tell their stories through film, having directed, produced three films for "KITS" in as many years. I invite you to visit my website, jailbreakfilms.com, where you will find my biography, reels, trailers and press and awards, and also visit my feature's site, howwegotawaywithit.com, for more info about that project.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss the possibility of working together on the appropriate project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Lindstrom', is written over a light green rectangular background.

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