
Short Thin Lines
A Nice AF Productions Film

Logline

On the day of the most important callback of her career, a struggling Australian-Filipino actress races across New York to outrun her addiction—and the heartbreak waiting to catch her.



Synopsis

Set in pre-COVID New York, Short Thin Lines is a dark comedy following Kathy Valez, a struggling Australian-Filipino actress caught between ambition and addiction. When she lands the most important callback of her career, a buried heartbreak and active spiral threaten to derail her as she races across the city to make it—only to face a reckoning she can’t outrun.

Short thin Lines

Written by Martha Millan

Executive Produced by Martha Millan, Claudine Millan

Produced by Martha Millan, Liza Weil, Diva Magpayo

Cinematographer/Director Yanina May

Edited by Diva Magpayo

Genre Dark Comedy

Rating Mature Audiences

Short Film 17:52 minutes

USA, English

Screenplay Awards and Recognitions

**New York International Film Awards - Best Dark Comedy Script*

**Manhattan Short Film Festival - Semi-Finalist, Short Screenplay*



Short Thin Lines Cast



Kathy Valez (Chaotic and a Perfect Mess)
Played by Martha Millan

Kathy Valez is a determined, self-destructive actress who masks her unraveling life with humor and denial. Trapped in rejection and reckless escapism, she remains haunted by past mistakes, lost love, and relentless self-sabotage.



Kendra Phillips(Kathy's Best Friend)
Played by Liza Weil

Kendra quit her corporate career to pursue acting. Bold, flirty, and thrill-seeking, her tough exterior masks a quiet crisis of mortality. Facing an unexpected curveball, she needs Kathy's honest friendship more than ever.

Supporting Cast



Michelle Lao (Kathy's nemesis)

Played by Michelle Park

Michelle is a polished industry shark and Kathy's ultimate frenemy: perpetually booked, flawlessly fake, and ruthlessly calculated. In a town that favors image over talent, she'll gladly step on anyone to claim the spotlight.



Ashton Childe (Kathy's Toxic Ex)

Played by Christian Robinson

A writer, artist, and master of emotional puppetry, Ashton draws people in only to leave them hollow. As Kathy's toxic ex-boyfriend, his sudden return threatens to unravel the fragile life she's built.



Daniel (Kathy's True Love)

Played by Shareef Taher

Daniel was Kathy's safe place and true love before their relationship collapsed in betrayal and terrifying chaos. He survived the wreckage of their past, but as Kathy's deeply buried guilt proves, she never truly did.

Supporting Cast



Tania Beckford

Played by Lauren Molina



Jalissa

Played by Sonya LaTorre



Actress

Played by Hannah Fernando

PRODUCERS



Martha Millan

Writer/Producer

IMDB

Martha Millan is an actress best known for her role as Fiona De La Rosa on FOX/WBTV's "***The Cleaning Lady"***—a performance that has earned Honorable Mentions from the Gracie Awards, presented by the AWM Foundation. She also appeared as Mercy in Guy Ritchie's Netflix series "***The Gentlemen"*** and as Faith Valentine on Apple TV+'s "***Cape Fear,"*** produced by Steven Spielberg and Martin Scorsese. Born in the Philippines and raised in Australia, she studied at the University of Sydney before graduating from the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York. She is also the founder of Nice AF Productions, dedicated to developing bold, inclusive, character-driven stories for film and television.



Liza Weil

Producer

IMDB

Liza Weil is an American actress known for bringing intelligence, dry humor, and emotional complexity to her roles. Her early work was rooted in theater and independent films, including Susan Skoog's *Whatever*. She later became widely known for playing the sharp, driven Paris Geller on "***Gilmore Girls"*** (2000–2007), a role that highlighted her distinctive comic timing, and returned for the Netflix revival *Gilmore Girls: A Year in the Life* (2016). She then played the guarded and fiercely loyal Bonnie Winterbottom on "***How to Get Away with Murder"*** (2014–2020), moving into darker and more emotionally layered dramatic territory. Her more recent credits include ***"The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel," "The Cleaning Lady,"*** and the upcoming feature film "***Lunar Sway."***



Diva Magpayo

Producer Editor

IMDB

"Life is like a camera, capture what makes you happy" and editing is what makes Diva Magpayo happy. Working on such multi-layered and nuanced projects as "**The Cleaning Lady"**, "**Your Honor"** and "**Man in the High Castle**", Diva brings her expertise, infectious enthusiasm and laser sharp story focus to the cutting room every chance she gets. As a Filipina American woman born in rural Salinas, CA, raised in Hawaii and California, she is able to contribute her perspective of growing up in diverse cultural communities and varying economic circumstances. Always curious and strongly collaborative, she is committed to finding the strongest combination of picture, sound and dialog to create the most compelling story.



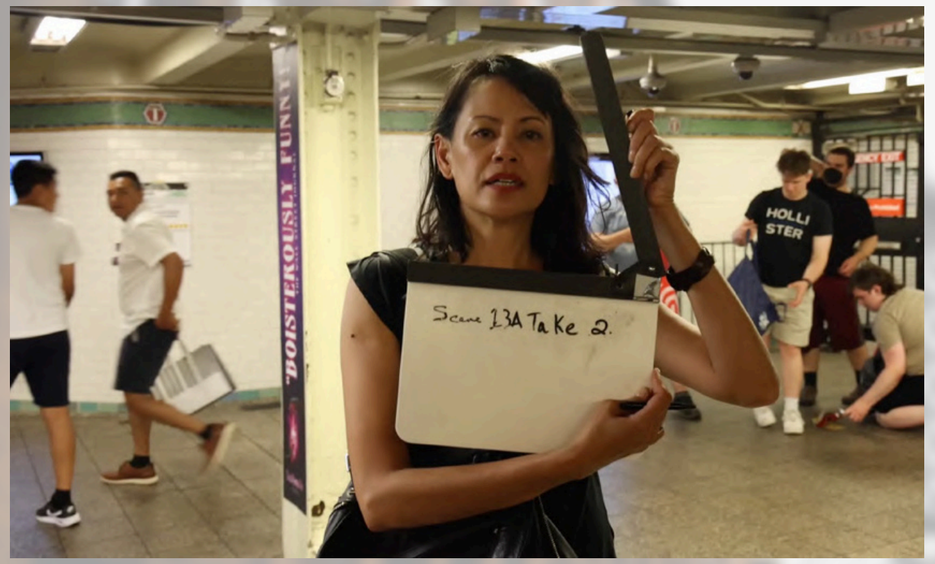
Claudine Millan

Executive Producer

IMDB

A New York-based leader with over 20 years of global experience in banking and finance, Claudine Millan brings a wealth of expertise to the *Short Thin Lines* production team. Born in the Philippines and raised in Australia, her career has spanned continents, where she has led complex initiatives and built high-performing teams.
A passionate advocate for innovation and lifelong learning, Claudine is deeply committed to supporting independent storytelling and elevating diverse voices. As Executive Producer, she leverages her leadership experience to help bring this Filipino-led narrative to a global audience.

Short Thin Lines Film Crew



Watch Footage



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Martha Millan

Writer and Producer

IMDB Link

Yanina May

Cinematographer/Director

Website

Marcel Paige

Sound Recordist

Website

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Short Thin Lines Post-Production Team

Short Thin Lines is honored to be in post-production with an extraordinary team of acclaimed industry veterans.

Producer/Editor - Diva Magpayo

Supervising Sound Editor - Charlie Crutcher

Sound Design - Steve Avila

Re-Recording Mixer - Rick Norman

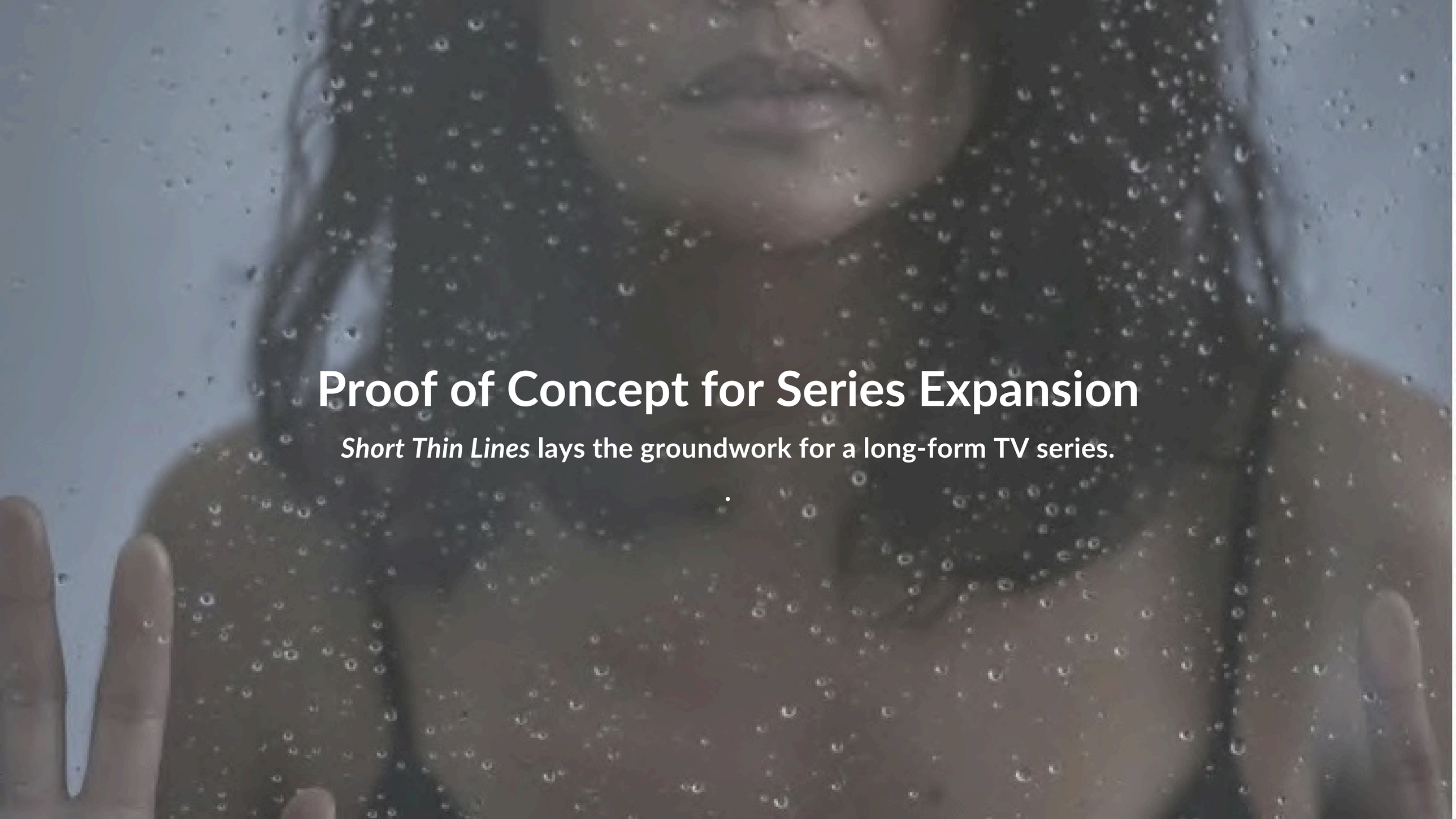
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Foley Artists: Sanaa Kelley and Andy Gheorghiu

Foley Mixer: Zoe Wozniak

Colorist: Mike Bonner

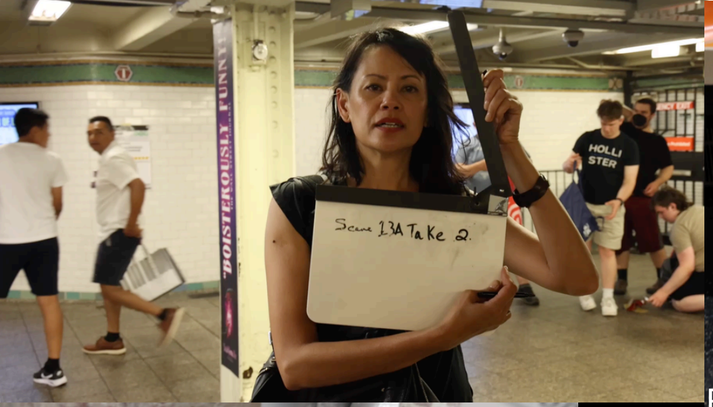
Digital Dailies Technician: Tim Nenninger



Proof of Concept for Series Expansion

Short Thin Lines **lays the groundwork for a long-form TV series.**

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Behind the scenes of Short Thin Lines







