

**Psychosexual Revenge Drama *Perfectly Good Moment*
to Have Western U.S. Premiere at Nevada Women's Film Festival**

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When: Sunday, June 25th, 2023, at 5:25 PM PDT

Where: 4505 S. Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89154

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Award-winning feature film *Perfectly Good Moment* is thrilled to play at the 9th annual Nevada Women's Film Festival on June 25 at 5:25 PM. Screenwriter/Lead Actress Amanda Jane Stern and Producer/Story Co-writer Julian Seltzer will be in attendance for a Q+A after the screening. This thriller explores a sexually charged, toxic, age-gap relationship through a revenge lens.

In *Perfectly Good Moment*, Ruby and David have been together on-and-off for 8 years, since she was 19 and he 34. Six months after Ruby last ran out on him, she has returned. Once the initial bliss of the reunion wears off, old toxic patterns re-emerge. Is David too demanding and controlling or is Ruby just too sensitive? Is Ruby as delicate and demure as she appears to be...or is there something more sinister behind the surface? Why did Ruby really come back?

Perfectly Good Moment marks the narrative feature debut for director **Lauren Greenhall**, a 2021 resident at the Jewish Film Institute for her documentary *Zelda*, a film proud to be sponsored by the New York Foundation of the Arts.

Greenhall wants *Perfectly Good Moment* to give women a way to process a common relationship dynamic, where a woman begins to modify her behavior to appease a sensitive man. Over time this need to keep the peace extends to changing her plans, friends, and effectively losing herself in the process.

As the screenwriter and actress, **Amanda Jane Stern** (*1 Angry Black Man*, Lifetime's *Amish Witches*) wanted to explore the power imbalance in these age-gap relationships. "We are in a moment of cultural reckoning about these stories. Time and time again, audiences have seen the age-gap relationship story told from the man's perspective."

One of the most critical aspects of the film's story is how sex and intimacy are interwoven. The extended intimacy scenes are integral to how the two characters communicate. For Greenhall, Stern, and Lead Actor **Stephen Carlile** (*The Lion King* on Broadway, in his cinematic debut), bringing on an Intimacy Coordinator was an absolute must.

Intimacy Coordinator, **Acacia DëQueer** (*Kissing Kerouac*, *The Robosexual*) collaborated with the cast and crew during intimacy scenes to achieve the artistic vision while maintaining the actors' safety. The team explored themes of abuse, violence, and intimacy from an unequivocally female gaze while respecting the boundaries of all involved to produce a film that is honest, sexy, and suspenseful.

Stern wrote the script from a story she co-wrote with Producer **Julian Seltzer** (HBO's *DMX: Don't Try to Understand*, and *House of Hammer* for Discovery+). The film features an original score by *Mdou Moctar's* **Mikey Coltun**.

Perfectly Good Moment had its world premiere at the 2023 Sarasota Film Festival, where it was nominated for the Independent Vision Award. It took home the award for Best Use of Music at the Julien Dubuque International Film Festival. And it won a Special Mention for Best Foreign Feature at London's Unrestricted View Film Festival, where it was also nominated for Best Actor/Best Actress.

Principal photography for *Perfectly Good Moment* was completed on location in New York City, and is produced by Phaedra To Black, LLC. Stern, Greenhall, and Carlile are also Producers on the film.

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