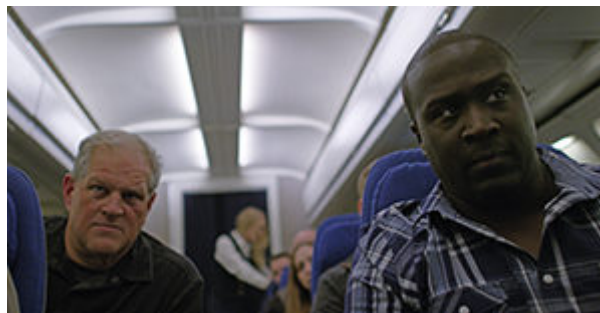


## Filmmaker Shines Light on Chauvinism in the Commercial Airline Industry



LOS ANGELES, CA - May 24, 2017 - Short film, Aileron, makes its Los Angeles debut at the Chaplin Theater at Raleigh Studios on Wednesday June 7.

Starring Maureen McCormick ("The Brady Bunch", "Dancing with the Stars"), Sayed Badreya ("Iron Man", "The Insider"), and Shi Ne Nielson ("Grey's Anatomy", "Home Again"), Aileron is a suspenseful film with themes of Islamic racism and PTSD, as well as inherent problems built

into the commercial flight industry.

The June 7 screening includes:

6:45 pm: Early screening followed by a brief Q & A

7:15 pm: Reception

8:00 pm: Late screening

A tough, female co-pilot (Nielson) fights to prevent a passenger jet from crashing after the mysterious death of the captain. A knock on the cockpit door brings further complications, holding the lives of everyone on board in the balance.

“I loved playing a woman who was pushed to the edge. She made a decision for her friends and herself to end the abuse in their lives. Not knowing what the outcome would be, but she felt she had no choice,” said McCormick.

In addition to strong female roles, the film features a multi-cultural cast. Egyptian actor Sayed Badreya, plays a Federal Air Marshal, which is far from his usual casting. “I read the script and called the filmmakers immediately,” said Badreya. “I knew this could be a great film and I needed to be part of it.”

“My goal is always to create entertainment first, so I hope it’s a fun ride. If people understand the deeper meaning behind it, that’s icing on the cake,” said A.J. Wedding, writer-director.

A feature film version of the story is currently being developed. For more information about the film, please visit: <https://www.aileronmovie.com/>

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About the Filmmakers

A.J. Wedding, Writer/Director

A.J. Wedding is a graduate of Western Michigan University that began his filmmaking career on the Paramount lot reading scripts for Cruise/Wagner Productions. Soon he got involved in all aspects of production from cinematography to VFX and editing. In 2008 he co-wrote the hit web-series INFAMOUS which spawned interest from major networks to create a series based on the property. He was hired to direct the comedic horror film THE JOKESTERS in 2014, and the television pilot LIVE @ SUNSET MARQUIS last year. He is currently the Creative Director for Raleigh Enterprises.

Lisha Yakub Sevanian, Producer

Lisha Yakub was born in New York City and grew up in the suburbs of Los Angeles. She is currently building a brand of youth-oriented content for film, television and digital platforms. Her latest films, OPERATION: NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH! and LIFT ME UP both received worldwide distribution. Prior to focusing on producing, Lisha managed writers, directors and producers under Discover Management. Lisha also worked for Elsa Ramo (currently Ramo Law PC), as a creative executive, and Sony Pictures Television in the international publicity department. She has a B.A. from the University of Southern California and a J.D. from Hofstra Law School.

#### Berly Ellis, Producer

Berly-Wedding has over 15 years of hands-on experience in Experiential Marketing Management, Program Design, Graphic Design and Web Design. Over 10 of those action-packed years have been in a management position. She also brings with her 20 years of experience in news and theatrical production, both on-camera and behind the scenes. Ms. Ellis holds a Bachelor of Arts, Theatre Arts, with Minors in Business Management and Kinesiology from Pennsylvania State University.

#### Leonidas Jaramillo, Cinematographer

Leonidas Jaramillo is an American Cinematographer. The Son of Doctor and Nurse, both immigrants from the Philippines. Born an Artist, he laid down the paint brushes to join the Circus of Showbiz. He moved to LA in 2005, but due to the writers' strike of 2008, he left the movies to work lighting for High Fashion Photography. Eventually lighting for Annie Leibovitz and Tom Munro others for several years before returning to cinema in 2013. He has lensed 7 features since and many music videos and commercials. He has two Children, Vivien,10, and Jake, 7, both of which he would move Heaven and Earth for(and has.)

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