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*"Trolls is a hit. Each seating it draws people
in, gravity"*

- D. Ebner, Globe and Mail



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TROLLS

what **"doing it"** really means...

Dawson Dunbar Sierra Pitkin Christy Andersen Darcey Johnson Jack Weatherbe

a **Brianne Nord-Stewart** film

SYNOPSIS

There comes a time in every kid's life when they realize their parents are up to more than just "cleaning their room".

For nine-year-old Billy, this discovery only comes with the help of his know it all younger cousin, Genevieve. When she explains the rules and point system of the "adults only" game, Billy and Genevieve start counting up their own points. Soon playground gossip turns anatomical, and Billy, with Genevieve close behind, tries to get to the bottom of what "doing it" actually means. *Trolls* is a hilarious reminder of those childhood moments which made growing up exciting, embarrassing and downright confusing.

PRODUCTION NOTES

Technical Specs

Shooting Format:	4K RED ONE camera
Screen Ratio:	1.66
B&W/Colour:	Colour
Language:	English
Category:	Comedic Short
Running Time:	7 minutes
Location of Production:	North Vancouver, Canada
Year of Production:	2009



Director's Notes

Trolls is a reminder of the confusion and embarrassment that came with life's lessons. Learning about what sex is, is a universal experience, but how one finds out about it, and trying to learn what sex means is almost a unique experience. The three kids in *Trolls* have varying ideas about what it is that parents are doing when they are alone in their room, but none of them have enough pieces to fit the whole puzzle together. What comes out of their representation of doing it, is a game which leaves Genevieve the "pregnant" loser and Billy even more off the mark than when he started.

Visual Treatment

Trolls is a film about kids, from a kid's perspective. The outside kid world is a vibrant place with life and bright colour. The visual style reflects the often narrowed perspective of a kid, and some times opens up to the bigger picture when they have learned a little bit more. The interior locations are the adult's space, a muted colour space, but the kids still hold some of their vibrancy.

Sound Treatment

The outside kid's world is full of sound and life. The atmosphere is rich with life and texture. The adult's space is quiet with the hum of the refrigerator and central heating.

BIOGRAPHIES



Brianne Nord-Stewart, Writer/Director

Brianne Nord-Stewart graduated in 2009 with a Bachelor of Media Arts from Emily Carr University in Vancouver, Canada. Nord-Stewart also attended renowned film school Victorian College of the Arts in Melbourne, Australia in 2008. A recurring theme of Nord-Stewart's films is human behavior and interaction when the notion of sex is introduced. Previous writer/director credits include, *return* (06) (Edmonton International Film Festival '07) *Why I Bought a Bike* (08) (Edmonton International Film Festival '08) and *Why I Fired My Secretary* (08) (Dungog Film Festival '09).



Dawson Dunbar as "Billy"

Dawson Dunbar was born in Calgary, Alberta. At age three he began acting and at age seven he moved to Vancouver where he signed with LLOYD Talent. Shortly thereafter, Dawson was given the opportunity to pursue larger markets where he was auditioning for local print ads and commercials. Dawson continued to build his resume doing spots on TV shows, such as *Smallville* and *Aliens in America*. With an adrenaline rush, Dawson now wants to do more.



Sierra Pitkin as "Genevieve"

Sierra Pitkin was born in 2001 in New Westminster. Sierra's outgoing, friendly, energetic personality was evident at a very young age. At age 5 Sierra booked her first feature movie *JUNO*, where she played Juno's little sister Liberty Bell. Sierra keeps busy enjoying activities such as ballet, tap, and musical theater. She loves swimming, and just started Karate. Sierra truly loves acting, but when asked what she wants to do when she grows up, she says she wants to be a director. Why? "Because the director gets to tell people what to do."



Christy Andersen as "Aunt Sylvia"

Christy Andersen was born in North Vancouver, B.C., Canada, and currently lives in beautiful Deep Cove with her husband and three daughters. She began her career at age 9 performing in 15 theatre productions in five years. This led to various guest star roles in television, including the *Hangin' In*; a movie of the week, *The Jewel*; and a principal role in one episode of *21 Jump Street*. After taking time off to travel, pursue a different career path, and have a family, Christy recently returned to the business. Watch for her in a supporting lead role in the upcoming feature film, *The Left Eye*.



Darcey Johnson as “Hank”

For three years Darcey was dedicated to the sketch comedy troupe *Assaulted Fish*. Before being “caught in the net” of Vancouver’s premiere sketch troupe, he founded and ran Riverstone Theatre Company, and toured North America both as a performer and manager. Now, Darcey is dedicated to performing and building a popular teaching practice at Arts Umbrella and the Shadbolt Centre. Most recently Darcey performed in *The Ecstasy of Rita Joe* at The National Arts Centre in Ottawa.



Jack Weatherbe as “Dylan”

Jack has taken acting classes/scene study at 2nd Avenue Studio, theater classes with Uncle Randy’s, and will spend three weeks this summer at the “Gotta Sing, Gotta Dance” Summer Camp in Vancouver, BC. Jack has done voiceover work for Studio B Productions, in Vancouver, B.C. for animated cartoons *Being Ian*, *Yakkity Yak*, *Kid verses Kat*, and *Martha Speaks*.

Jack keeps busy with activities such as baseball, basketball, skiing, skating, swimming, hiking and playing with his new German Shepherd puppy, Cinders.

CREATIVE KEYS



Andrew Scholotiuk, Cinematographer

Andrew Scholotiuk is a project driven Cinematographer/Director of Photography based in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada with a broad experience in fast-paced, high tech environments requiring expertise in High Definition (RED) workflows. Partner of Rocky Mountain Pictures, he has a diverse background in Television, Theatre, Music and Motion Picture Production and Management. He is an Associate Member of the Canadian Society of Cinematographers C.S.C. and was nominated for Best Cinematography for feature film *Baby Blues* at the Alberta Motion Picture Industry Association (AMPIA) 2008 awards.



Kailey Carruthers, Assistant Director/Co-producer

Kailey Carruthers is a practicing filmmaker, photographer and artist based in Vancouver, British Columbia. She received her Bachelor of Media Arts from Emily Carr University in 2009 and is currently working as a co-writer and assistant creative producer for Artifact Films in Vancouver. She plans to continue collaborating with director and close friend Brianne Nord-Stewart on future projects, including the upcoming short *Does the Fruit Taste Good?*

CREDIT LIST

Cast

Billy – Dawson Dunbar
Genevieve – Sierra Pitkin
Aunt Sylvia – Christy Andersen
Hank – Darcey Johnson
Dylan – Jack Weatherbe

Crew

Writer/Co-producer/Director/Editor - Brianne Nord-Stewart
Assistant Director/Co-producer - Kailey Carruthers
Cinematographer – Andrew Scholotiuk
Gaffer – Dustin Wadsworth
Key Grip – Kevan Funk
Location Sound/ADR/Post Production Sound – Riel McGuire
Location Sound – Corey Poluk
1st Camera Assistant/Still Photography – Benjamin Loeb
2nd Camera Assistant – Christina Ladwig
Hair and Make-up – Suzie Klimack, Krystal Leong
Swing – Michelle Sykes
Location Manager – Ron and Christy Andersen
Post Production Sound – Vilhelm Sundin
Online Editor and Colorist– Andrew Stromotich
Assistant Editor – Jordan Dowler-Coltman
Casting Assistant – Nick Kalish
Poster Photography and Design – Deniz Merdanogullari
Music by Archie Pateman, performed by The Breakmen: “Km 19”

SALES

Broadcast

Corus Inc. (Sundance, Movie Central, Encore Avenue) – Canada, for TV, Internet, VOD

Canal Plus Espana – Spain and Andorra, for TV, Internet, VOD

Canal Africa – Africa, for TV Internet and VOD

Canal Plus – France, DOM-TOM, Switzerland, Monaco, for TV, Internet, VOD

R.T.I SpA – Italy and Italian-speaking Switzerland, for Television

Educational

Calgary Board of Education, Calgary, Alberta

University College of the North, The Pas, Manitoba

AWARDS, NOMINATIONS & SCREENINGS

Awards:

2010 Best Script, Nomination, Grand OFF, The World Independent Film Awards, Poland

2010 Best Female Director in a Pro Short, Vancouver Short Film Festival

2010 Best Actor in a Pro Short – Dawson Dunbar, Vancouver Short Film Festival

2010 Best Student Production, The Leo Awards, British Columbia

2010 Best Cinematographer Short Drama Under 30, Nomination, Alberta Motion Picture Industry Awards, Award TBA

2010 Best Performance in a Short Film, 2 Male and 1 Female Nomination, Young Artist Awards, Los Angeles

2010 Best Canadian Short Film, The World of Comedy Film Festival, Toronto

2010 Honorary Mention, International Competition by Jury member Alanis Obomsawin, Clermont-Ferrand Short Film Festival

Official Festival Selection:

2011 Taos Shortz Film Festival

Taos, NM

2011 Nordlys Film and Arts Festival

Camrose, AB

2011 Yellowknife Film Festival

Yellowknife, NWT

2011 Victoria Film Festival

Victoria, BC

2011 Flickerfest Int. Short Film Festival

Sydney, Australia

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2011 A hauteur d'Enfant

Sevrans, France

2010 Sottodiciotto Film Festival - Turin Young Screen

Turin, Italy

2010 16th International Short Film Festival Leuven

Leuven, Belgium

2010 Grand OFF, The World Independent Film Awards & Film Festival	
*Best Script, Nomination	Warsaw, Poland
2010 Kettupäivät Short and Documentary Film Festival	Helsinki, Finland
2010 Short Film Festival of Lyon Villeurbanne	Lyon, France
2010 Festival Séquence court-métrage	Toulouse, France
2010 Festival Fenêtres Sur Courts	Dijon, France
2010 Vancouver Short Film Festival	Vancouver, BC
* Winner, Best Female Director in a Pro Short, Awarded by Women in Film & TV	
* Winner, Best Actor in a Pro Short, Dawson Dunbar	
2010 St. John's International Women's Film Festival	St. John's, NFD
2010 Festival Images en Vues	Montreal, QC
2010 Granada International Young Filmmakers Festival	Granada, Spain
2010 Lille International Short Film Festival	Lille, France
2010 Cinema Corto in Bra Festival	Bra, Italy
2010 Munich International Short Film Festival	Munich, Germany
2010 Nickel Independent Film Festival	St. John's, NL
2010 Okanagan International Film Festival	Kelowna, BC
2010 Worldwide Short Film Festival	Toronto, ON
2010 Festival de Curtmetratges de Manlleu	Manlleu, Spain
2010 Curtocircuito International Short Film Festival	A Coruña, Spain
2010 International Student Short-Film Festival of Cergy-Pontoise	France
2010 Reel Shorts Film Festival	Grande Prairie, AB
2010 The World of Comedy Film Festival	Toronto, ON
* Best Canadian Short Film	
2010 Kingston Canadian Film Festival	Kingston, ON
2010 Forum des Images, Tribute to Clermont-Ferrand Award Winners	
Paris, France	
2010 Painted Lips & Lolly Licks: The Sexy Film Festival	Ottawa, ON
2010 Dam Short Film Festival	Boulder City, NE
2010 Clermont-Ferrand Short Film Festival	Clermont-Ferrand,
*Honorary Mention, Jury member Alanis Obomsawin	France
2009 The Best of the Northwest Film & Video Festival Tour	
	Northwest USA & Canada
2009 Northwest Film & Video Festival	Portland, OR
2009 10 th Hard Liquor and Porn Film Festival	Toronto, ON
2009 Vancouver International Film Festival	Vancouver, BC
2009 Edmonton International Film Festival	Edmonton, AB
2009 Student World Film Festival	Montreal, QC
2009 40+8 Hours of Food & Flicks, Grace Gallery	Vancouver, BC

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