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# THE FOLLOWER

No One Should Live In Fear

**Patrick Lives On presents . . .** Jon Seda Kara Killmer "THE FOLLOWER"  
Composer Lindsay Jones Editor Ian Harbilas Cinemetographer Scott Thiele  
Writer Blake Armstrong Director & Executive Producer Patricia Frontain  
Producers Will Eichler Mike Kwielford Rocco Cataldo

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## Synopsis

To the outside world, Mary, John and their daughter Annie seem like a happy family. But, within the walls of their home, it is far from happy. As the mother and child struggle to find their voices they realize that no one should live in fear.

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## Director's Statement

No matter how perfect things might seem in public, every home has issues and baggage.

As children we watch, listen and learn from our parents. We absorb our environment and take the good and the bad with us into our adult lives. We often recreate our childhood environment for our own children, even when we don't want to!

It is not easy, but it IS possible to break these cycles. We all DO have a voice and it should be heard.

We OWE this to our children.



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## **Director/Executive Producer Bio**

### **PATRICIA FRONTAIN**

"Never give less than 110 percent to any mission". This personal motto has fueled Patricia Frontain through her 20 plus years of experience in the film industry.

Like many others, she slid in through the back door. She had two careers before discovering film.

An Actress / Director of regional theater which satisfied her love of storytelling. And an owner of a horse and carriage company, which satisfied her love of business ownership and horses.

Her Directorial Debut *LIGHT* was featured in The Midwest Film Festival and chronicles a mother's journey through grief after losing her son. Marina Squerciati and Amy Morton star in this inspirational short film. *THE FOLLOWER* stars Jon Seda and Kara Killmer, entwined in a dysfunctional family life. Her series of anti-gun violence Public Service Announcements entitled *SHATTERED* with actors from *CHICAGO PD*, *CHICAGO FIRE*, and *CHICAGO MED* have aired nationally.

These projects were produced while working her 60-70 hour week as Script Supervisor for *CHICAGO PD* where she has worked since the first day of Season One in 2013.

In January 2015 she suffered the sudden and tragic loss of her 14-year old son, killed by senseless gun violence. He was caught in the wrong place at the wrong time. Losing her son could have dimmed her light forever instead this strong woman chose to take the energy wrapped up in the pain and turn it into good and helping others.

In 2016 she founded Patrick Lives On, a thriving Not For Profit which has already enabled over 300 at-risk kids to attend after-school classes and summer camps. Her son's death opened up a never- ending well of creativity.

In the last three years, she has not only directed multiple projects, but she has also produced three large Variety Show Fundraisers and two Film Festivals, all starring Dick Wolf's One Chicago actors.

With a powerful voice and passion for storytelling, she is fortunate to enjoy a loving family and work environment who enable her to continue learning, living, loving and giving. She is proud to have her amazing daughter, Zoe Boswell debut in *The Follower*!





## Writer Bio

### **BLAKE ARMSTRONG**

Blake Armstrong is a writer who lives in Chicago Illinois with his wife, Sarah, and daughter, Danielle. His narrative work spans across several mediums including short stories, comics, and films. Various anthologies have published his comic books, several film festivals have awarded his scripts, and multiple directors have selected his short stories for film adaptations.



## Cinematographer Bio

### **SCOTT THIELE**

As a child in the 80's, Scott remembers the day his family bought a VCR, allowing him to watch movies at home. By the end of his sophomore year of college, he was introduced to the fact that you can work on movies and not be in front of the camera. A decade and half later, he couldn't be happier shooting movies, television, and commercials. He relishes the artistic, technical, and logistical challenges of filmmaking and

embraces the collaboration it takes to get ideas imaged. He prefers that form follows function, and wouldn't mind having his future remembered.

He has shot award winning films, including, *Girl on the Third Floor*, *Fools*, *An Evening with Emery Long*, and *Cicero in Winter*, and has lensed commercials, feature film title sequences, and music videos for a diverse range of clients including; Bose, Starbucks, Coach, Visa, Dolby, Aleve, Sargento, 13 Sins, Bare Naked Ladies, and 2nd unit on *Soundtrack*, *Red Line*, *APB*, and *Sirens*. He works with film and all HD formats, and continues his cinematography education as a camera operator on major motion pictures, television, commercials, and music videos. A partial credit list can be found on [imdb](http://imdb.com).





## **Producer Bio ROCCO CATALDO**

Rocco is an award-winning filmmaker who has been creating visual content for 15 years, directing an array of films, music videos, commercials, and new media. His short film *Emergence* won a 2017 EMMY® Award for Outstanding Achievement in Arts Programing. His keen eye, visual aesthetic and commitment to excellence help propel him to the forefront of a new generation of filmmakers.

His unique perspective and distinctive style was molded while hosting an online radio show where he interviewed hundreds of musicians both indie and major label. This lead directly to the creation of his latest ventures, "On The Scene" (a web series Rocco is hosting) and "Static" (a feature film that Rocco is writing and directing).

He is the co-founder of Potenza Productions, a Chicago based production company creating content for the advertising and film industries.



## **Producer Bio WILLIAM EICHLER**

Will Eichler works on the TV show "Chicago Fire" as a A-Camera and Steadicam Operator. In addition, he is the producer and co-host of "Civil War Digital Digest," a series created for people interested in Civil War history. He was thrilled to add these years of experience to the producing team of "The Follower."

Previously, Will has produced the short "Hold My Horse" and is in post-production on "Empty" and "Whitney's Mettle." These efforts span the genre range from history to drama to horror.

Will splits time between Washington, MI and Chicago, IL, as work requires. He is married to Wendy Eichler and is the proud father of two daughters.





## **Producer Bio**

### **MIKE KWEILFORD**

An EMMY® Award-Winning producer and EMMY® Nominated cinematographer, Mike has been working in the film industry since 1995, producing his first feature film in 1997, and launching a monthly film series in 2000.

The film series evolved into the Midwest Independent Film Festival, which Mike Co-Founded in 2005 while he continued to work in the industry.

Following his passion as a Director of Photography with an entrepreneurial spirit and his experience as a producer, Mike created Potenza Productions with Rocco Cataldo in 2009. He has lensed feature films, shorts, commercials, music videos and countless new media projects. He was nominated for a 2017 EMMY® Award for Outstanding Crafts Achievement in Photography for EMERGENCE, a dance film which won the 2017 EMMY® for Outstanding Achievement in Arts Programming. The Midwest Independent Film Festival still showcases and celebrates Midwest independent filmmaking every First Tuesday in Chicago, and is now in its 15th season. Mike is the President of the non-profit's Board of Directors.



## **"JOHN" - JON SEDA**

Jon Seda's first passion was to be a championship boxer. After taking runner-up in the NJ Golden Gloves, the 1992 Olympics was the next goal. That's when fate stepped in; at his first audition, for Gladiator (1992), he was given a co-starring role! Since then he has branched off into numerous television and film roles. He has garnered critical acclaim for his roles in such films as I Like It Like That (1994), The Sunchaser (1996), Selena (1997),

Undisputed (2002), and in television for his roles in Chicago PD (2013-2019) Chicago Fire (2012-2019) Chicago Justice (2015) Homicide: Life on the Street (1993), UC: Undercover (2001), Third Watch (1999), Oz (1997), NBC Chicago PD, and he also starred as Marine Sgt. John "Manila" Basilone in HBO's award-winning mini series The Pacific (2010).

He has played the same character (Detective Antonio Dawson) on four different series: Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1999), Chicago Fire (2012), Chicago P.D. (2014) and Chicago Justice (2017).

He has crossed over to the "Law & Order" franchise many times. As Paul Falsone, he crossed over from Homicide: Life on the Street (1993) to Law & Order (1990). As Antonio Dawson, he crossed over from Chicago P.D. (2014) to Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1999).





## **"MARY" - KARA KILMER**

Since 2015, Kara Killmer, has not only played Sylvie Brett on Chicago Fire, but has crossed over to Chicago Med and Chicago PD and Chicago Justice. Previous to being a main character in the One Chicago world, Kara has appeared in numerous TV Shows and Movies including Sleeper (2017) Special Skills (2017) Beyond the Mask (2013) Horizon (2013) Rosa the Imposter (2011/2012) Prank (2011/2012) Remnant (2012) Jane by Design (2011) Scary Tales (2011) Celebrity Page (2010) and If I Can Dream (2010).



## **"ANNIE" - ZOE BOSWELL**

THE FOLLOWER marks Zoe's debut into the world of acting. No stranger to the film world, Zoe spends every spare minute she has accompanying her mother (Script Supervisor for NBC's Chicago PD) to work. On set she has eagerly learned about various crafts ranging from Production Assistant, Assistant Director, Script Supervisor, Camera, Sound to Make-Up and Hair Departments.

She served as 2nd Assistant Camera on the Short Film LIGHT and as a Production Assistant on HOLD MY HORSE. Zoe attends Maine West High School where she is a Varsity Cheerleader. She also spends time with her Mother, Father and numerous pets including dogs, cats, a turtle, a snake and a hamster.



## **"ED" - J.P. MCALLISTER**

J.P. McAllister is an actor and stand up comedian who has been living and working in Chicago for the last 10 years. As an actor, J.P. has appeared in dozens of television and film projects and is currently working on a recurring role in an independent series called New Ties.

As a comedian J.P. was featured on a Rising Stars showcase at Zanies comedy club in Chicago and can be found producing and performing at comedy shows all around the Chicagoland area.

When he isn't entertaining audiences J.P enjoys working on his family's farm in northern Indiana and volunteering at Patrick Lives On, a non-profit that provides scholarships for teens and funding for teen programs.