

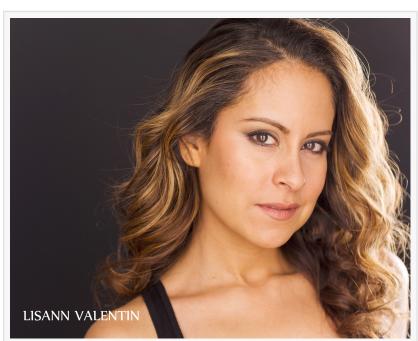
## Latina Actress Makes Directorial Debut, Chosen To Showcase Short Film

Lisann Valentin's Short Film Our Quiet Night Chosen As Part of Lineup In 2015 Launch of Filmomaniac Showcase in NYC

NEW YORK, NEW YORK, UNITED STATES, February 7, 2015 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Lisann Valentin only recently ventured into the world of acting, yet she has already worked with Sundance featured filmmakers and Golden Globe winners. All that talent around her sparked an interest in telling her own stories, which led the actress to write Our Quiet Night, marking her directorial debut.

"My goal is to tell stories about the struggles and strength of Latinas especially when it comes to family. The first example of that strength came from my Puerto Rican mother and that's where the story begins," says Valentin.

The short film tells the story of a young mom who desperately tries to hold on to cultural tradition, but during a turn of events, she wonders whether her grasp is too tight. <u>"Our Quiet Night</u> is a story about faith and love," says Valentin, "which seems fitting given that it will be shown the day after Valentine's Day."



Actress Lisann Valentin, photo by Lauren Toub



Still of Lisann Valentin and Justin De La Cruz, in Our Quiet Night

Filmomaniac is a short film showcase on the Lower East Side of New York City that not only provides a platform for quality short films, but also a network of support from within the entertainment industry. "To have my film shown to a community of emerging and award-winning filmmakers is a phenomenal feeling," says the first-time director.

Our Quiet Night will be shown in conjunction with five short films, as part of the sophomore <u>launch of</u> <u>Filmomaniac</u> on Sunday, February 15th at 7:00pm, at Subject L.E.S. 188 Suffolk Street, New York, New York 10002. Admission is free. Valentin admits that, "it takes a certain level of courage to be able to tell such personal stories, but the reward of impacting others through storytelling certainly outweighs the risk."

To learn more about Valentin's work as an actor, visit her website at: <u>http://www.LisannValentin.com</u>

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Lisann Valentin is an actor, a writer and an attorney. Some of her favorite TV and film credits are Rescue Me (FX), Since I Laid Eyes, and Anonymous. A member of Theater 167, she recently made her Off-Broadway debut in I Like To Be Here and will be appearing at The West End Theatre in "The Church of Why Not."

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