

The Projektor

A film by Ryen Froggatt



Sean (Ryen Froggatt) in *The Projektor*

Synopsis

Sean (Ryen Froggatt) should be on cloud nine: the young musician has hit paydirt and received his first gold record with his rock band. But hit records aren't all they're cracked up to be when you live by yourself and have no one to share the news with. And it's obvious that the successful singer-songwriter is a bit of a player; he has made his bed and now he must lie in it—alone. Sean's sister Pam (Pamela Stelzer) is his only true confidant, but she is always tethered to something else—whether it's the sewing machine by which she makes her living as a seamstress, her laptop, or her failing relationship with her boyfriend—and never seems to have enough time for him.

Even with a gold record, a recording contract and all the latest musical gear and software, Sean is finding it difficult to ignite his creativity to write songs for the next record. His bandmates (Caleb Stull, Julie Bavalis) think he's slacking off. To make matters worse, Sean begins to experience strange phenomenon, beginning with a disappearing glass in his apartment, that make him begin to wonder if he is not just losing his talent, but also his mind. Through a series of increasingly bizarre and alarming events that culminate in a meeting with a malevolent stranger (David Nykl), Sean comes face to face with his own dark, buried secret. The focus of the mystery becomes an old Super 8 film projector, and as the reel of his life begins to turn in on itself, Sean learns the price of a successful career built on nothing.

Amazingly, *The Projektor* was filmed in Vancouver, BC on a shoestring budget of just \$1300. Most of the cast are not professional actors. The multi-talented Ryen Froggatt not only played the lead character Sean, but also wrote, shot, directed, edited and created the soundtrack for the film. Eschewing a conventional screenplay, Froggatt wrote the film as it was being shot, creating an organic storyline based on available locations and spontaneous ideas.

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Cast and Credits

Ryen Froggatt – “Sean”

A sound engineer and musician by trade, Ryen has worked in post audio for many years. The skills he acquired in his field gave him the technical knowledge to complete his first feature film *The Projektor*. Ryen has made a few short films with friends where he would handle the post audio and share acting duties. Ryen was also the Director of Photography on the indie video “Thieves of Memory” by Vancouver-based band, Parlour Steps.

David Nykl – “The Collector”

Known to Sci-Fi fans worldwide as *Stargate*’s Dr Radek Zelenka, David is a veteran character actor with over 20 years experience in film, television and theatre. Born in Prague, but a native of Vancouver, David has appeared in dozens of film and television projects in the U.S., Europe and Canada. As founder and former Artistic Director of Prague’s famous Misery Loves Company Theatre, David appeared in dozens of productions in central Europe in both Czech and English. He lives in Vancouver with his wife and three children.

Pamela Stelzer – “Pam”

Pam’s note: “I was hesitant about doing this. I’m pretty shy and have no experience, but it was fun and I got to share something new with Ryen. I learned a little about how to make a movie. I never paid much attention to editing or lighting; it has changed my movie-watching experience. Everything was so well organized and on time. I really liked getting run over by ‘da gherkin’. Ryen and Matty are so funny. I cannot tell Ryen, ‘You’re such a bastard,’ without laughing. I’m grateful that I had the opportunity to play a part in his project.”

Caleb Stull – “Jer”

Frontman/ songwriter of Vancouver band Parlour Steps.

Julie Bavalis – “Anne”

Bass player/vocalist in Vancouver band Parlour Steps.

Jason Schneider – “Paper Boy”

Nege Mirus – “Young Sean”

Erica Henderson – “Smoke girl”

Matt Brain – “Guy in Jeep”

Vancouver musician (Yellowbelly, Mazinaw, Belinda Bruce & the Tawny Stars, The Paperboys)

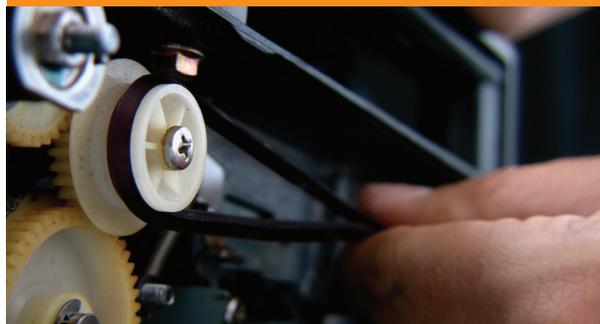
Carly O’Neill – “Voice of Mom and Computer”

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Songs:

“Tumble Down” written by Debi Wong and Ryen Froggatt; performed by Birds and Kites.

“White Dress” written by Debi Wong and Ryen Froggatt; performed by Birds and Kites.

“I Don’t Know You” written by Chad Hunt and Ryen Froggatt; performed (film) by Ryen Froggatt.

“I Don’t Know You” written by Chad Hunt and Ryen Froggatt; performed (end credits) by Trucker Bill.

“Gone Away” written by Debi Wong and Ryen Froggatt; performed by Birds and Kites.

“Frozen Land” written by Steve Wright, Matt Brain and Ryen Froggatt; performed by Mazinaw.