

RESIDUE

Logline

A young filmmaker returns home after many years away, to write a script about his childhood, only to find his neighborhood unrecognizable and his childhood friends scattered to the wind.

Directed, Written & **Produced by**

Merawi Gerima

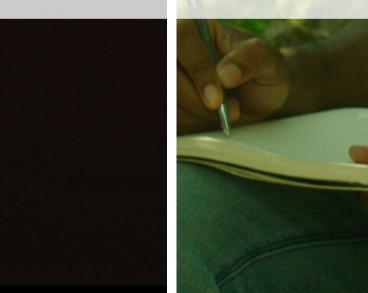


Starring

Obinna Nwachukwu, Dennis Lindsey, Taline Stewart, Julian Selman, Melody Tally, Ramon Thompson, & Derron Scott

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SYNOPSIS

When Jay arrives home, he finds his neighborhood gentrified beyond recognition. Demetrius, his childhood best friend, is missing, but none of the remaining black folks trust Jay enough to provide any answers. Jay's frustration compounds as he also finds himself alienated in the city at large, attacked from all sides. Jay visits his last friend Dion in prison, but leaves feeling powerless and infuriated. One final, chance confrontation results in Jay succumbing to the same forces as did his friends.



DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

In junior high school, my parents packed us up and moved us away to another part of DC. Every time I return to my old neighborhood, another childhood friend has moved away, gone missing, been imprisoned or killed. A vibrant neighborhood annihilated by decades of funneled drugs, disinvestment, and over-policing. Now, aside from a few surviving families, you will find almost no evidence of our existence. It has been razed to the ground. The new, glittering community standing in its place gives one the impression that it has always been there, as if it weren't built on bones. Residue is my attempt to, in the words of Dominique Christina, "reflesh the bones".



-MERAWI GERIMA

Cast & Crew



OBINNA NWACHUKWU

"Jay"

Obi Nwachukwu is a Nigerian American actor making his feature film debut in Residue. He began his career in the DC theatre scene but has since transitioned into film by starring in several short films; two of which are currently on the festival circuit.



TALINE STEWART

"Blue"

Taline Stewart is a nature-loving, tree-hugging Queen from Howell, New Jersey. She studied Chemical Engineering at Howard University in order to restore harmony and balance to our relationship to Earth through our everyday systems and materials. Residue, her acting debut was the perfect conduit for another of her loves: performance.



DENNIS LINDSEY

"Delonte"

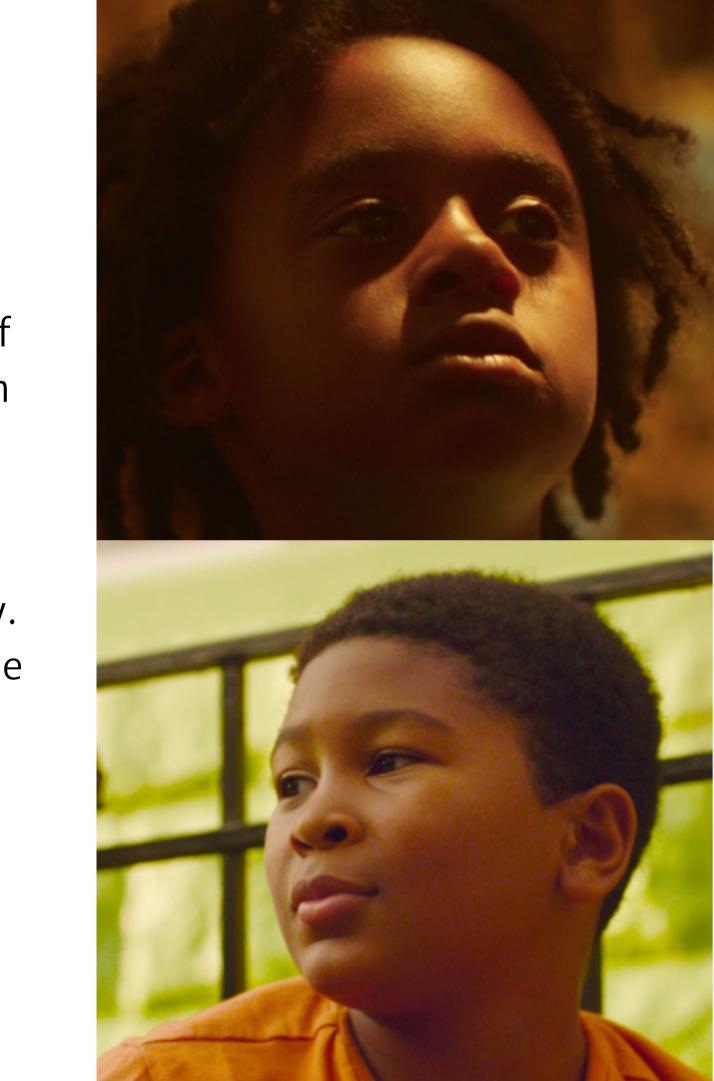
Dennis Lindsey is a writer from Washington DC.



JACARI DYE & JULIAN SELMAN

"Young Jay" & "Young Demetrius"

Jacari Dye (top) and Julian Selman (bottom) are the children of Merawi's childhood friends. They were both born and raised on the block that inspired Residue. They had never acted in front of a camera before Residue, but showed no fear, only talent. Outside of school, Jacari enjoys playing on the playground, walking to the corner store, and visiting family around the city. Unable to pronounce Merawi, he calls him "Mewhy" instead. He loved acting and is looking forward to the next film. Julian enjoys playing video games, watching Netflix and Hulu series with his mom and discussing them afterwards, as well as watching anime with his younger cousins. When he is not at home he is traveling and going on scuba diving excursions out of the country.



DERRON SCOTT

"Mike"

Derron Scott, or "Rizo" as his friends call him, is a young actor from Washington, DC who enjoys making clothes and painting. Spending a lot of his childhood in both DC and PG County, MD gave him a great perspective on life and enabled him to blend with all cultures and backgrounds.



MELODY TALLY

"Lavonne"

Melody Tally is a native Washingtonian, awardwinning actress, artist and engineer. She studied screenwriting with Bill Idelson in Los Angeles and filmmaking with Emmy-Nominated Director, Roderick Giles. She's a trained actor, having studied with former Howard University Professor, Vera Katz. Her first rendering as a filmmaker, a short film called Quarantine, is slated for initial release on the Amazon platform.



RAMON THOMPSON

"Reggie"

Ramon Thompson is a native Washingtonian and Business Professional. *Residue* was his film-acting debut.





Merawi Gerima is a filmmaker from Washington DC. This origin informs his work and his community– centered orientation. Residue, his first feature, was a total communal endeavor, made possible primarily by the effort of the people it attempts to portray.

MERAWI GERIMA

Director, Writer, & Producer



Mark Jeevaratnam photographed Residue upon completing his cinematography studies at AFI Conservatory. Has since shot narrative feature Winter in LA (2020) for writer/director Emre Korkmaz. When not on location, he's building community in DC, Baltimore, and New Jersey.

MARK JEEVARATNAM

Cinematographer & Colorist



Callie Mae Nichole Lyons is a multidisciplinary artist based in Los Angeles, California with upbringings in Augusta, Georgia. She received her B.A. in Dance and Business Marketing from Loyola Marymount University, her M.F.A. in Dance and New Media from NYU's Tisch School of the Arts, studied hyperphysical modern dance at the Salzburg Experimental Academy of Dance in Salzburg, Austria and studied for 3 semesters towards her M.F.A. in Film Production from the University of Southern California's School of Cinematic Arts before departing to create on her own terms.

CALLIE MAE NICHOLE LYONS

1st Assistant Director



Lishan Amde is a media artist and writer from Silver Spring, Maryland. She makes media that engages the political imagination, spreads awareness about social issues, and highlights the experiences of under-recognized Black women.

LISHAN AMDE

1st Assistant Director



Alex Bledsoe is a writer, producer and director whose work is inspired by dismantling exploitative systems. She is currently directing two documentaries: OAKLEAD documents Oakland's lead poisoning crisis, and Heart Race follows one man's attempt to find a heart transplant while grappling with the effects of racial inequity in Milwaukee. Alex has been recognized as a Maynard 200 media entrepreneur and Yerba Buena Center for the Arts fellow, and was previously a guest columnist for The Washington Post, an Aspen Institute emerging writer nominee, and a Hedgebrook scholar. Alex is the co-founder of Breaktide Productions, a women-of-color-owned production company, which was named to the YBCA 100 list in 2019. Alex earned her B.S. from Georgetown University with a degree in international politics, where she studied Portuguese, Spanish and Arabic.

ALEX BLEDSOE

Line Producer

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- Brandy Bruce, Nathan Taylor, Nick Gorey, Temi
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Obinna Nwachukwu Dennis Lindsey Taline Stewart Derron "Rizo" Scott Jacari Dye Julian Selman Tyree Wormley Melody Tally Ramon Thompson Kamau Williams Makinde Williams Christian Wormley Jamal Graham Shirikiana Gerima Mama Hasinatu Camara Robel Kassa Nina Geremew



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