

WAITER BOYS

A MOCKUMENTARY SHORT FILM DIRECTED BY SKYLAR KENDALL



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UNITED STATES, 2025

16 MIN • COMEDY MOCKUMENTARY • COLOR • ENGLISH

— LOGLINE

Reports of a strange **orange syrup-like substance** are appearing all around the city. Emerging from the background of past events, these underdog FBI agents are forced to go undercover—**again**.







SYNOPSIS

Set in Chicago, **Waiter Boys** follows Steve Dar and FBI agents Randy, James, and Mickey as they try to crack a bizarre case: a family moving large quantities of cocaine hidden in pickle jars. When James uncovers a crucial lead, the team sees a chance to finally make a name for themselves within the FBI—and enlists their waiter friend Vic to infiltrate a family event tied to the operation.

As the plot unfolds, each character faces his own fears and insecurities. In just 16 minutes, a group of unlikely underdogs comes together—proof that even the most misfit teams aren't alone in their pursuit of justice.





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— ARTISTIC STATEMENT

WAITER BOYS is a self-produced mockumentary from Second City-trained improv actors who got our start as background and stand-ins on *Deli Boys*. When no one cast us, we cast ourselves—a sharp, satirical tribute to the actors always in the shot, but never the focus.

The film is character-driven and naturalistic—authentic yet absurd performances in a single-camera mockumentary style. We aimed to blend grounded emotion with humor, leaning heavily on the chemistry between actors and moments of improvisation to bring the scenes to life. The mockumentary format—narration and talking-head

interviews—let us break the fourth wall and connect the audience directly to the characters' emotional experiences.

The story focuses on underdogs, both on screen and behind the scenes: the perseverance of people who might feel discouraged but continue to push forward despite the odds. Every actor brought their own voice and lived experience to their character. We chose to make this film to show that when opportunities aren't available, you have to take matters into your own hands and make it happen the best you can—without regrets, and without worrying what others might think.

— **SKYLAR KENDALL & FRANK RIZZO**

writers & producers · directed by Skylar Kendall



— AWARDS & RECOGNITION —



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Shelby Henderson

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— THE CAST

FRANK RIZZO

as Randy

SKYLAR KENDALL

as James

LORENZO PARENZA

as Gabe

PHAN LE

as Ali

RICKY J. ZUMOT

as Steve Dar

BEN TENGOWSKI

as Rodger

BRANDON LAYNE

as Bobby

ARLECIA STAPLETON

as Tina

LEONIDAS WILKINSON

as Mickey

RJ SMITH

as Tom

TRÉ WALKER

as Vic

SHELBY HENDERSON

as Mandy ★



★ BEST ACTRESS, LONDON MOVIE AWARDS 2025 · ENSEMBLE CAST AWARD OF RECOGNITION, BEST SHORTS COMPETITION 2025

Directed by
Skylar Kendall

Written by
Skylar Kendall
Frank Rizzo

Produced by
Skylar Kendall
Frank Rizzo

Music by
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Mikey C. Beats
Fred Irie
Livino

CREDITS

STARRING

Frank Rizzo as **Randy**
Ricky J. Zumot as **Steve Dar**
Leonidas Wilkinson as **Mickey**
Skylar Kendall as **James**
Ben Tengowski as **Rodger**
RJ Smith as **Tom**
Lorenzo Parenza as **Gabe**
Brandon Layne as **Bobby**
Tré Walker as **Vic**
Phan Le as **Ali**
Arlecia Stapleton as **Tina**
Shelby Henderson as **Mandy**

Production Companies
Rizzo Productions
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Chicago, Illinois

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April 12, 2025

Runtime
16 minutes



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Second City Chicago

The cast and crew of *Deli Boys*

And everyone who watched, shared, and spread the word

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Produced independently in Chicago on a budget of about \$500.

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