

# Whitney Wegman-Wood, Acclaimed Actress and Filmmaker, Debuts Her Award-Winning Short Film "The Last Butterflies"

*Whitney Wegman-Wood brings to life a gripping apocalyptic horror story inspired by a series of unsettling nightmares.*

LOS ANGELES, UNITED STATES, January 22, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Whitney Wegman-Wood](#), an award-winning actress and filmmaker, has recently released her first short film, "[The Last Butterflies](#)," a gripping tale born from a series of haunting nightmares she experienced during a stressful week in late 2019. Dealing with an apocalyptic theme, Wegman-Wood's masterpiece film eerily correlates with the ongoing environmental crisis plaguing today's world.

Each nightmare represented a unique piece of the story that eventually converged into a single, compelling narrative. She struggled with insomnia during this period and poured her inspiration into writing the primary script for the film in a single night, Wegman-Wood explains.

This project marks Wegman-Wood's debut as a writer and producer, presenting numerous challenges and valuable learning experiences. In her riveting film, the actress collaborates with notable talents such as actor Cooper Andrews (*The Walking Dead*, *Shazam!*), Adam Boyer (*Ozark*), Merrick McCartha (*All American*, *General Hospital*), director Patrick Rea (*They Wait in The Dark*, *I Am Lisa*), and producer Sue Vicory (*Original Jayhawk*, *One*). "The team came together to bring to life the heart-wrenching story of a young mother's struggle against societal collapse to save herself and her child," Wegman-Wood says.

"It's a near-future apocalypse drama ... brought on by ecological disasters, so it's not far from what could be our reality, and I think it just really struck a chord with many people," Wegman-



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Wood states. "So the reception has been amazing, like everything I'd hoped it would be."

Funded with the unwavering support of friends, family, and other investors, the actress' biggest fear was not living up to expectations, expresses Wegman-Wood.

"What scared me the most was the whole thing falling apart at the last minute. So many people had donated and were supporting my endeavor, and I was really scared of letting them down," Wegman-Wood tells BSFF.

As reported by [North Coast Current](#), "The Last Butterflies" premiered at the Arizona Underground Film Festival in September 2023, achieving success with screenings at the Coronado Film Festival. Notably, the film has earned countless awards, including the Frances Marion Award for outstanding achievement in screenwriting by a woman. This prestigious award included a cash prize, informs Wegman-Wood—the positive momentum continues with well-received screenings at San Diego Film Week, Borrego Springs Film Festival, Hot Spring Horror Film Festival, and many others. Wegman-Wood adds that the film is set for public release after its film festival run.



After graduating from Washington High School, Whitney Wegman-Wood pursued theater education at Avila University before transitioning to Atlanta, GA, where she gained recognition in film and television, featuring in projects like "Thesis," "Meet the Browns," and "The Vampire Diaries." She later earned an MFA in Acting from the University of Virginia, receiving the SD Film Award for Best Actress in 2018 for her role in "Valhalla." She works full-time as a performer in film markets across the country.

Upcoming festival screening dates for the "The Last Butterflies:"

- Always Late TV Movie Awards on March 23rd, 2024
- HorrorHound Film Festival March 24th, 2024
- Bratislava Film Festival July 3rd, 2024

For more information about Whitney Wegman-Wood's journey, click here: [www.whitneywegmanwood.com](http://www.whitneywegmanwood.com)

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