

ASHLEY/AMBER

A dark comedy about an anti-war activist who finds fame only after she is outed as the one-time star of an internet porn video.

ASHLEY/AMBER is the undergraduate thesis film of Rebecca Rojer, a recent graduate of Harvard College. Award-winning filmmaker Jan Schuette served as advisor to the film.

SYNOPSIS

Trapped in mourning over the death of her soldier boyfriend Phil, 19-year-old Ashley (DIANNE GUERRERO) finds temporary escape by becoming Amber Jones, star of an internet porn video. Later that same day she reluctantly attends a meeting of anti-war activists at the behest of her co-worker Winona (EVALENA MARIE), who hopes to convince Ashley to speak at an upcoming rally.

Ashley is reluctant to become involved in activism until she is visited by Dan (DAN LIEBMAN), a friend of Phil's from the army on a brief military leave. After listening to Dan speak first-hand of the horrors of the war, she decides to take action.

Ashley gives an incredibly moving, personal, and angry speech at an anti-war rally, which unfortunately is attended only by its organizers. However the speech is posted online, and before long her two identities are connected. Fueled by fury and fascination, the story soon goes viral. Now Ashley must reconcile her loss in the midst of her 15 minutes of fame.

runtime 22 min medium color 16mm type narrative fiction short, student genre dark comedy, satire date of completion June 2010

FILMMAKER BIO

Originally from Maplewood, NJ, Rebecca produced her first short films and animations as a student at Columbia High School. In 2004 she was selected to participate in the *William H. Cosby Future Filmmakers Workshop* at NYU and the *Inner-spark-CSSSA Animation Program* at CalArts.

Rebecca graduated in 2010 with high honors from the Visual and Environmental Studies department at Harvard College. Her most recent film, *Beauty Machine*, received an Award of Merit in the *Accolade Film Competition* and was selected to screen at Anthology Film Archives in New York as part of the *NewFilmmakers Program*. Most recently she has worked as assistant to the filmmaker Whit Stillman on the film *Damsels In Distress*.

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MAIN CAST & CREDITS

Ashley DIANE GUERRERO
Winona EVALENA MARIE
Dan DAN LIEBMAN
Kyle ZACHARY DUCHARME
Adam MATT SURETTE
Sarge RORY KULZ
Phil DOMENIC RICCI
Raquel ELYSSA JAKIM
Mark JON FLORES
written, directed & edited by
REBECCA R. ROJER
director of photography
SAM ELLISON

SELECTED FILMOGRAPHY

Beauty Machine, 2009, 16mm. Official Selection of *New-Filmmakers Series at Anthology Film Archives* (2009); Official Selection of *Cinebarre Short Film PreShow* (2009); Award of Merit Winner, *Accolade Competition* (2009).

Spacegirl, 2007, hand painted cells, ink & acrylic animation.

ShapeUp, 2006, brush/ink/digital animation. Featured in *IvyGate Galleries*, 2007.

Distracted, 2004, drawn animation. Semifinalist in the *Nat'l Coalition Against Censorship's Free Speech and Democracy Film Contest* (2004); Screened in *Kartoon Kocktail* (2005); Finalist in the *New York National High School Film Festival* (2005); Finalist in the *Derek Freese Film Festival* (2005).