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FAMILY ON BOARD

WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY GEORGE POGATZIA

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OVERVIEW

Running Time: 14 minutes 59 seconds

Writer/Director: George Pogatsia

Music: Pancho Burgos-Goizueta

Executive Producer: Michael Mazzeo

Producers: Wes Waldron, Jim Rubino, Jesse R. Tandler, George Pogatsia

Director of Photography: Jay Silver

Editors: Sandra Consentino and Jim Rubino

Cast: Eric Roberts, Tony Sirico, George Pogatsia, Karina Arroyave, Matthew Cowles, Gino Cafarelli, Michael Mazzeo.

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LOGLINE SYNOPSIS

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SYNOPSIS

MIKE PETITO (George Pogatsia), a family man and biker, and his wife YVETTE (Karina Arroyave) witness the house next door being burglarized. Mike calls 9-1-1 and describes the scene. When Mike sees the burglars abducting his female neighbor he takes matters into his own hands. He grabs his gun and confronts them. The face-off results in Mike shooting them both.

To Mike's dismay he is falsely portrayed as a violent biker and vigilante by a unwavering PROSECUTOR (Eric Roberts). The court sentences him to five years in prison.

After a morning filled with painful goodbyes, demoralizing insights and contentious advice, Mike is resigned to his fate. On his way to report to prison he reflects on his life and anticipates what lies ahead for him and his young family ... that's when catastrophe strikes.

DIRECTOR STATEMENT

The scenario: You are home enjoying some private time with your spouse. The kids are asleep. A window breaks, your neighbor screams. You call 9-1-1. You witness your neighbor being dragged out by two thugs. What do you do?

Where is the line between a heroic action and an unlawful one?

I wanted to be the story teller not the judge and jury. I wanted to tell the story of a man with a hard exterior who is easily pre-judged and take away the thing he loves most, his family. This reveals the depth of his vulnerability and causes him to retreat into himself. It is not until he is faced with catastrophe that he returns to who he truly is ...

- George Pogatsia



CAST



ERIC ROBERTS as Prosecutor

Roberts was born in Biloxi, Mississippi, and grew up in and around the Atlanta area. Roberts is an Academy Award nominee for his role in *Runaway Train* and a three-time Golden Globe nominee for *Runaway Train*, *Star 80*, and *King of the Gypsies*. He also won a Golden Satellite Award for the 2002 season of “Less Than Perfect”. Other

notable performances include his roles in *A Guide to Recognizing Your Saints*, *It's My Party*, *La Cucaracha*, *Final Analysis*, *The Pope of Greenwich Village*, *Raggedy Man*, *Hollywood Dreams*, *Babyfever*, *Heaven's Prisoners*, *The Specialist*, and recently *The Dark Knight*, starring opposite Christian Bale, and *The Expendables*, reuniting Eric with Mickey Rourke and Sylvester Stallone. Roberts has retained his passion for acting over a career which spans three decades, but there have been some additions to his “repertoire” of which he is most proud, namely his daughter Emma Roberts, and his step kids, Morgan and Keaton Simons.



TONY SIRICO as Rocco

Tony Sirico is a native New Yorker. His film credits include *Goodfellas*, *Bullets Over Broadway*, *Mighty Aphrodite*, *Gotti*, *Cop Land*, *Turn of Faith*, *Mickey Blue Eyes*, *Dead Presidents* and *Deconstructing Harry* but, he is most beloved for the legendary character he created,

Paulie “Walnuts” Gualtieri in the television series, *The Sopranos*. The show won 21 Emmy Awards out of 111 nominations. It was nominated for the Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Drama Series in every eligible year and won in 2004 (as the first series on a cable network) and 2007. It also won five Golden Globe Awards out of 23 nominations, including a win for Best Television Series – Drama for its first season in 2000. The series was honored with two consecutive George Foster Peabody Awards in 2000 and 2001 and also won several major guild awards (Directors, Producers, Writers and Actors) in addition to numerous other awards.



GEORGE POGATSIA as Mike Petito (WRITER/DIRECTOR)

Native New Yorker, George Pogatsia honed his craft appearing in over twenty arthouse films. He has starred on television's *LAW AND ORDER* and *THE SOPRANOS*, and was featured on a *HOLLYWOOD SQUARES* special highlighting up-and-coming actors. George first caught the acting bug as a child. A pen-pal relationship with his Golden Globe-nominated cousin, the late Gregory Rozakis (Kazan's *AMERICA AMERICA*), further fueled his dream and appreciation for the craft. He received acclaim for his first short film *THE PIZZA TAPES* (2002) which he wrote, directed and starred in. *THE PIZZA TAPES* has since been optioned by Lawrence Meli (*CHAVEZ*) and is being developed as a television series. George is a long time student of heralded acting coach Sheila Gray and enjoys sharing his love of the arts with his son and daughter who also appear in *FAMILY ON BOARD*.



KARINA ARROYAVE as Yvette Petito

Karina Arroyave has lived in New York City since arriving from Colombia at age 1. She is best known for her role as 'Jamey Farrell' in the FOX TV show *24* and also appeared in 2005's Best Picture Winner *CRASH*. Other film and TV credits include *187*, *FLAWLESS*, *FALLING DOWN*, *LEAN ON ME*, *HOLY ROLLERS*, *ADAM*, *ADRIFT IN*

MANHATTAN, *NYPD BLUE*, *AS THE WORLD TURNS* (1988 – 1994), *LAW & ORDER*, *ALL MY CHILDREN*, *THE PRACTICE*, *JUDGING AMY*, *CHICAGO HOPE*, *TOUCHED BY AN ANGEL*, and *WITHOUT A TRACE*. She made her stage debut as "Marisol" in *MARISOL* at the Louisville Humana Festival. Later, she appeared on Broadway as "Frederica" in Jane Bowle's *IN THE SUMMER HOUSE* at The Vivian Beaumont Theater. Other theatre credits include Quiara Alegria Hudes' *WATER BY THE SPOONFUL* and Stephen Adly Guirgis' *THE MOTHERFUCKER WITH THE HAT*. Karina is also a playwright. Her play, *WONDER WOMAN WEARS RAGGEDY ANN PAJAMAS* was a finalist in 2008's National Latino Playwriting competition and *THE LOVE JUNKIES OF HELL'S KITCHEN* premiered at Theater for the New City, New York on August 23rd, 2012.



MATTHEW COWLES as Donovan Bezer

The late, great Matthew Cowles was born on Sept. 28, 1944, and his career spanned both the stage and screen. Matthew received two Daytime Emmy nominations for his portrayal of *All My Children* villain Billy Clyde Tuggie. His Broadway roles include *Malcolm* (1966), *The Time of Your Life* (1969) and *Sweet Bird of Youth* (1975). His movie credits include *Slap*

Shot (1977), *Stars and Bars* (1988), *The Juror* (1996), *American Loser* (2007), *Shutter Island* (2010), and many more. His television credits include *The Bold and Beautiful*, *Oz* and *Life on Mars*. He also wrote three plays: *Mexican Standoff at Fat Squaw Springs*, *Our Daily Bread* and *Noblesse Oblige*. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Christine Baranski, and their daughters, Isabel and Lily. *Family On Board* was his final film and is dedicated to his memory.

GINO CAFARELLI as Danny Petito

Gino Cafarelli started his professional career in 2000 as co-producer on the film *Chooch*, which he acted in as well. Gino's credits include *The Sopranos*, *The Good Shepherd*, *Beer League*, *The Wedding Bros.*, and *Lbs.*. While residing in Los Angeles, Gino posted his very first reel to YouTube and was offered the supporting role of Jeff Aufiero in *Big Fan* which premiered at the 2009 Sundance Film Festival in U.S. Dramatic Competition. The film was later nominated for Best Picture at the Gotham Awards. Recently Cafarelli appeared on *Blue Bloods*, *Castle* and *Boardwalk Empire*.



CAST AND CREW

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Cast

Eric Roberts as Prosecutor
Tony Sirico as Rocco
George Pogatsia as Mike Petito
Karina Arroyave as Yvette Petito
Matthew Cowles as Donovan Bezer
Gino Cafarelli as Danny Petito
Michael Mazzeo as Carmine
William Pogatsia as William Petito
Chloe Pogatsia as Chloe Petito
Chris McGinn as 9-1-1 Dispatcher
Skyler Pinkerton as Arresting Officer
Michael Devine as Arresting Officer
Lisa Regina as Barbara Kalinsky
Vic Martino as Burt
Bruce Meakem as Businessman
Jesse R. Tandler as Charlie Kalinsky
Tom Gottlieb as Chuck Moreau (voice)
Bruce Wilson Jr. as Court Officer
Michael Croce as Eddie McCormick
Ernest Mingione as George Kalinsky
Ryan Woodle as Joseph Pines
Patricia R. Floyd as Judge
Maria Taylor as Marcela Williams
Letty Serra as Mary Petito
Richard DeDomenico as Michael Petito Sr.
Tom DiNardo as Panhandler
George Psomas as Policeman
Laura Butler as Pregnant Woman
Victor Pagan as Tito

Crew

Producers

Michael Mazzeo ... *Executive Producer*
Jesse R. Tendler ... *Producer*
Wes Waldron ... *Producer*
Jim Rubino ... *Producer*
Michael Mazzeo ... *Producer*
George Pogatsia ... *Producer*
Donovan Bezer ... *Associate Producer*
Frank Nani ... *Associate Producer*

Music

Pancho Burgos-Goizueta

Cinematography

Jay Silver

Film Editing

Sandra Consentino
Jim Rubino

Production Design

Fernando Cordero

Art Direction

Lisa Green

Costume Design

Valeria Picerno

Makeup Department

Mia Bauman

Production Management

Meghan Mahoney

Second Unit Director or Assistant Director

Jared Kaner
Catriona Rubenis-Stevens
Milo Jeremy Teplin

Art Department

Annie Ford
Mike Pappa

Sound Department

Marcin Tyszk

Visual Effects

Wes Waldron

Stunts

Shad Ramsey

Camera and Electrical Department

Kevin Baggott
Christopher Bye
Rachel Esterday
Nolan Maloney
Robert O. McCormack
Chad Morse
Manoj Narula
Shane O'Reilly
Dan Puzio
Ryen Tetzloff
Brian Yankou
Kevin Yankou

Costume and Wardrobe Department

Yani Lopez
Chandra Renee Young

Music Department

Tom Villano

Website

Jonathan Damian

Other Crew

Tasia Baker
Caitlin Gold
Holly Nipperus
Pablo Pereyra
Roger Reeves
Daviana Sebastian
Monica Sevr

Michael Stranger

Jesse R. Tandler
Charlie Vakiener

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