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CREATED & WRITTEN & EXECUTIVE PRODUCED BY:

NIGHT MAIRE

DIRECTED BY:

ANNA TURNER

PRODUCED BY:

EMILY DICKSON

STARRING:

MEGAN TRESTRAIL as Jane

ABIGAIL SILVA as Kirsty

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LOG LINE

A dewy-eyed university student is thrust into an eerie hazing ritual at an all-female secret society initiation event.

GENRES & NICHES

Weberies Pilot, Drama, Neo-Noir Mysery, Psychological Thriller, Suspense, New Media, Student Production

RUN TIME

7 minutes 22 seconds

ABOUT THE PRODUCTION

"The Pledge" was pitched by creator–writer D. M. Night Maire to Royal Holloway's University of London's MA Producing candidates, and was one of four scripts chosen to be made as part of their coursework.

"The Pledge" was shot at Royal Holloway's University of London Egham campus in the Spring of 2025 over the course of a single evening.

D. M. Night Maire is an alumnus of Royal Holloway's University of London, having received an MA in Screenwriting for TV & Film from the academic institution.

"The Pledge" is available with English closed captions.

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REVIEWS

"*'The Pledge'* stood out to our programming team for its storytelling and artistic vision, and it earned its place in a highly competitive selection of films."

- Lisandro "Lasso" Boccacci, *Festival Director, Stay Gold Film Festival*

"*'The Pledge*' has a genuinely interesting premise and demonstrates a clear understanding of how atmosphere, performance and cinematography can work together to place an audience inside a character's experience. The leading performance is one of the film's strongest elements, creating a character the audience can connect with, while several of the cinematographic choices effectively reinforce her perspective and help establish an unsettling atmosphere. The film is at its most compelling during the build-up to and execution of the initiation ceremony. There is a sense that something significant and potentially disturbing is about to happen, and this section creates the strongest tension in the film. … The central performance provides a strong emotional anchor. … A strong idea and atmosphere. … [A] dark and most compelling concept.*"*

- *Judging Panel, Fear Screen*

ACCOLADES

Official Selections

1. Stay Gold Film Festival 2026 (*Tulsa, Oklahoma, USA – World Premiere*)
2. The IndieFEST Film Awards 2026 (*La Jolla, California, USA – North American Premiere*)
3. Ouarzazate International University Film Festival 2026 (*Ouarzazate, Morocco – International Premiere*)
4. Bollywood Star International Film Festival 2026 (*Mumbai, Maharashtra, India – Asian Premiere*)
5. The Accolade Global Film Competition 2026 (*La Jolla, California, USA – USA Premiere*)
6. The FilmJoint 2026 (*Lagos, Nigeria – African Premiere*)
7. VisiOn Festival 2026 (*Caserta, Campania, Italy – European Premiere*)
8. Ostia International Film Festival 2026 (*Roma, Lazio, Italy – Southern European Premiere*)
9. MORPHÉ Film Festival 2027 (*Kropyvnytskyi, Kirovohrad Oblast, Ukraine – Eastern European Premiere*)

(as of 24th October 2026)

Nominations

1. Best Short Film – Stay Gold Film Festival 2026
2. Honorable Mention – Best Student Short Film – The FilmJoint 2026

Awards

1. Best Script / Writer Award of Recognition – The IndieFEST Film Awards 2026
2. Best Script / Writer Award of Recognition – The Accolade Global Film Competition 2026

FESTIVAL SCREENING DATA

Number of Continents Screened On: 4x

Events Screened at Per Continent:

3x	Europe	2x	Africa	1x	North America
1x	Asia				

Number of Countries Screened In: 6x

Events Screened at Per Country:

3x	U.S.A.	2x	Italy	1x	India
1x	Morocco	1x	Nigeria	1x	Ukraine

U.S. States Screened In (Washington D.C. included**): 2x**

Events Screened at Per U.S. State:

2x	California	1x	Oklahoma

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KEY CREW BIOGRAPHIES

D. M. NIGHT MAIRE

Creator & Writer & Executive Producer

Cosmopolitan in nature, Night Maire (David E. Munz Maire) is an alumnus of the prestigious NYU: Tisch School of the Arts, earning his B.A. in Film & T.V. with a focus on Directing, and Minors in Psychology and Producing for Film & T.V. This native Alpine's passion for directing led him to pursue a Masters in Directing at the School of Visual Arts under famed music video and commercial director Bob Giraldi. David Co-Founded AireBedd, a banner under which he has garnered hundreds of laurels and awards for his various short films and music videos, and produced content for Louis Vuitton Moet Hennessy, Red Bull and the Leslie-Lohman Museum amongst others.

ANNA TURNER

Director

Anna Turner is an alumnus of the Rosebery School in Epsom, Surrey, England, United Kingdom. She has freshly graduated from Royal Holloway's University of London in 2025 where she received a Master of Arts in T.V. & Film Production. Anna recently joined the Platform7teen team, a charity that delivers workshops to young people and provides work opportunities to young actors.

FULL CAST & CREW LIST

Cast:

Megan Trestrail as Jane
Abigail Silva as Kirsty

Crew:

Creator & Writer & Executive Producer: David M. Night Maire

Producer: Emily Dickson

Director: Anna Turner

1st Assistant Director: Ekaterina Nadymova

Director of Photography: Cynyr Docherty

1st A.C.: Oyku Dikmen
2nd A.C.: Muhammad (Hassan) Athar

Special Thanks: Linda James

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