



'Incubus' (2024)
Photo by Kat Phillips

Welcome to the Future of Cinema!

The launch of Mount Productions began as an idea: A concept thrown around between friends, crammed together in a college dorm. Although our legs would often fall asleep from sitting on the unforgiving concrete floor: Those late nights were *magical*. Our words filled the air around us, planting a seed in the universe for what would eventually become our reality.

Because of our roots, we know there is nothing more valuable than an artist's voice. We want to highlight multidisciplinary artists; to give space for your ideas, concepts, dreams, and talents.

Here in our Newsletter, you'll find exactly that, and so much more. Every month, you'll be the first to hear all about upcoming projects, collaboration opportunities, and ways to help us grow.

-Ellis Carmichael-Willins
Co-Founder

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Friends & Founders: A Talkback

When Krista Rose and Ellis Carmichael-Willins met, it was an instant connection. Krista says simply, "We knew. We attracted each other like magnets." However, it was more than similar life experiences that had them bonded with one another so deeply. They soon discovered similar values, inspirations, and aspirations, leading to a close working relationship.

"It all fell into place so naturally," Ellis recalls with a smile. "She is very fantastical, and I'm definitely more of a realist, so we balance each other out when it comes to business plans and projects."

As Krista Rose was finishing her junior year at Roosevelt University, she began work on a project entitled "*Lost Treasure*", it was only fitting to put Ellis behind the camera.

"We put a lot of thought into each decision that went into making that project, from writing the script together to editing the final film, and everything in between," Krista shares. It was clear then, she reveals, that when making decisions on her projects, Ellis was the first person she wanted to ask for their opinion.



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"I feel like I have made my younger self proud."

- KRISTA ROSE
CO-FOUNDER & ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



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When Ellis honed in on his passion for directing, their working relationship naturally evolved, in which they each had clearly defined roles and responsibilities. The two founders find joy in expanding outside of these clear definitions they had previously found themselves locked down to. "I hope [Mount Productions] becomes a real focal point in the community, specifically for queer and trans filmmakers." Ellis works hard to keep the long term goal for Mount Productions in crystal clear view.

"I don't know if I can say I fully trust myself yet, but part of life is trusting yourself to make mistakes - and more importantly, trusting yourself to learn from them. Once I knew I could do that, I knew the time was right."



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Mount Productions' Debut Short: *'Incubus'*

"Kacey, a woman consumed by her thoughts and loneliness, begins to experience a sense that she's being watched.

No matter where she turns, invasive eyes stare back, corrupting her mind and driving her to the brink of destruction. Will Kacey over-power the darkness growing inside her? Or will she be seduced by the shadows that threaten to uproot her life as she knows it?"

Written and Directed by Ellis Carmichael-Willins, *'Incubus'* is set to release in Spring of 2024.

View the teaser on our Youtube channel!

<https://www.youtube.com/@MtProductionsFilms>

Artist of the Month: We want *YOU!*

Starting this year, Mount Productions will be highlighting multi-disciplinary artists who are making waves in the creative scene here in Chicago.

As Artist of the Month, you'll be promoted on our social media with a photoshoot and have a written interview in that month's newsletter.

All applications will be considered for future months, so no need to apply more than once. We look forward to meeting and learning more about you!



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