

A WEB SERIES BY MONICA ARSENAULT

SAMANTHA PROCTOR | ALICE MARCONDES | GRACE ADRIANA

NUN HABITS





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[Six Episode Web Series]

Running Time:

**38 minutes (total run time)
5-10 minutes (per episode)**

Directed By:

**Monica Arsenault
Sonja Cirilo**

Written By:

Monica Arsenault

Produced By:

**Monica Arsenault
Melissa Victoria
Danny Epstein**

Production Company:

Soul Series Productions

Edited by:

David Siciliano

Cinematographer:

David Siciliano

Composer:

Derek Jordan



LOGLINE

[32 WORDS]

Sister Cecilia, a bisexual nun, befriends April, a high school student coming to terms with her sexuality. Together, they go on a journey to discover where they fit into traditional Catholic teaching.

SYNOPSIS

[53 WORDS]

Sister Cecilia, a bisexual nun, and April, a gay high school senior, begin an unlikely friendship after splitting a joint while skipping the school assembly. As April struggles with her growing feelings for her classmate Megan, Sister Cecilia is forced to reconcile her personal beliefs with the Catholic Church's strict teachings on homosexuality. Determined to help April at all costs, Sister Cecilia defies the wishes of her mentor, Sister Agnes, and continues to pursue a friendship with April.

NUN HABITS TRAILER



Link: <https://vimeo.com/304881549>

CREATOR'S STATEMENT

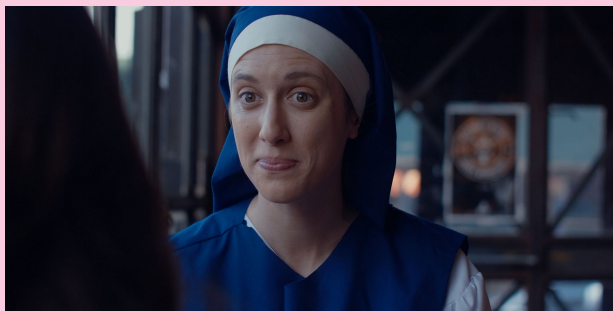
When my best friend was a senior in high school, she came out to me and immediately started crying. When I asked her what was wrong, she told me she was afraid that she was going to offend me because of my faith as a practicing Catholic. It devastated me that she viewed my faith as a reason I wouldn't accept her. I couldn't believe she would think someone who loves her like family would be offended that she loves another person.

My understanding of Catholic teaching is that God loves the whole person as they were created and meant to be. I also believe that at the core of the LGBTQ+ community is this same love of the whole person. In both communities, it is unconditional, supportive, and infinite.

I decided to write a story showing my friend and everyone struggling with the Catholic Church's teaching on homosexuality that the two are not exclusive and, in fact, are working together to create a world of love and community. The goal of Nun Habits is to create a dialogue between these communities. Hopefully, from this dialogue, we can generate some progressive, positive change where the LGBTQ+ Community and the Catholic Church work together, celebrating their shared values.

-Monica Arsenault (Nun Habits Creator)





Samantha Proctor as *Sister Cecilia*

Samantha Proctor is happy to have immersed herself in the role of Sister Cecilia. After training in Australia, she completed her training at the Atlantic Acting School in Manhattan. She had the privilege of bringing Yelena Andreyevna to life in *Uncle Vanya* as her graduating salute performed in Atlantic's Stage 2. Post graduation, Samantha has brought two new works to life with Manhattan Repertory. [IMDB](#)



Alice Marcondes as *April*

Alice Marcondes is excited to have taken on the role of April. Taking on this project and diving deeper into the church's views is of course a challenge, but a conversation that needs to be had. She's a proud graduate of the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities and the Atlantic Acting School Full Time Conservatory. alicemarcondes.com



Grace Adriana as *Sister Agnes*

Grace Adriana is thrilled to play Sister Agnes. Born in Italy, she was raised Catholic, although her spiritual upbringing in the household was sui generis. Bringing humanity and three-dimensionality to Sister Agnes' conservatism is what makes this project most compelling and a challenge worth undertaking! Grace is a recent graduate of the Atlantic Acting School Full Time Conservatory. [IMDB](#)

CREATOR, Monica Arsenault

Monica is the writer, director, and executive producer of Nun Habits. She is excited to share such a personal story with the world through the growing medium of web series.

Monica is a writer, director, and producer whose work addresses issues at the intersection of faith, womanhood, and sexuality. She uses irreverent comedy and vulnerable reality to tell stories that touch the heart and challenge social norms.

Aside from Nun Habits, Monica founded [Soul Series Productions](#) and worked as a producer on [Cheer Up, Charlie](#) written by Kara Grace Miller and directed by Carmen LoBue. Most recently, Monica directed Lydia Graner's first music video for her song, [Weekend](#) and is currently directing two new short films which will complete production before Summer 2020.

Through Soul Series, she is currently in pre-production for two new short films, two new web series, a music video, and a feature. Monica graduated from the Atlantic Acting School's 2.5 Year Full-Time Conservatory in December 2017 after attending the School of Visual Arts for 2 years. monicaarsenault.com



DIRECTOR, SONJA CIRILO

Sonja is an actor and director from St. Croix USVI. She obtained her BFA in theater performance from Randolph College in 2015. After graduation, she moved to New York City to continue her acting training with the Atlantic Theater Company's Full- Time Conservatory. Sonja is honored to be a part of the production team for Nun Habits as a director. www.sonjacirilo.com



PRODUCER, MELISSA VICTORIA

Melissa is a Los Angeles based actor and writer. She is a graduate of the Atlantic Acting School and is thrilled to be part of the Nun Habits team as a producer. She looks forward to contributing to a story that is, at its core, about love and understanding. [IMDB](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm1023881/)



PRODUCER, DANNY EPSTEIN

Danny Epstein graduated NYU Tisch School of the Arts in May of 2018 where he trained with the Atlantic Acting School and Stonestreet Studios. In September 2016, he became a founding member of [PrismHouse Theatre Company](http://PrismHouseTheatreCompany.com) and is the current development manager. In 2015, he produced and acted in the award winning series [Make It Happen](https://vimeo.com/MakeItHappen), which can be viewed on Vimeo. Currently, Danny is producing his first self-written short film and can be seen in HBO's upcoming miniseries [The Plot Against America](http://ThePlotAgainstAmerica.com). dannyepsteinactor.com



NEWS & EVENTS

Upcoming Screenings:

[Episodes 1 & 2 @ Cinequest Film & Creativity Festival](#)

March 10, 2020 @ 6:50PM,
March 11, 2020 @ 7:15PM
June 2020

Episodes 1 & 2 @ Santa Monica Webfest

Awards: Audience Choice Award Winner @ **World Webfest Mania 2019 Autumn Edition**

Best Web Series @ **2019 Ocktober Film Festival**

Audience Choice Award Winner @ **qFLIX Worcester 2019**

Nominations: Best International TV Pilot @ **Pilot Light TV Festival, Season 4**

Outstanding Achievement in Music, *Derek Jordan* @ **2019 NYC Web Fest**

Best Dramedy @ **2019 NYC Web Fest**

Best Actress, *Samantha Proctor* @ **2019 NYC Web Fest**

Official Selections:

The 30th Cinequest Film & Creativity Festival

Pilot Light TV Festival Season 4

2019 NYC Web Fest

qFLIX Worcester 2019

7th Annual YoFiFest, The Yonkers Film Festival

Ocktober Film Festival 2019

World Webfest Mania 2019 Autumn Edition

New York Short Film Festival 2019

New York Lift-Off Film Festival 2019

2020 El Paso Media Festival

Inaugural Santa Monica Web Fest

"I found your pilot incredibly poignant" - Michael Rhaebel, Programming Director at Cinequest

"Nun Habits was written in an attempt to give queer Catholics a voice by representing them in a way not normally seen in mainstream media." - Creator Monica Arsenault featured in LIFT OFF NETWORK NEWS



CREDITS

Directed by:

Written by:

Produced by:

Director of Photography

Production Designers:

Editor

Costume Designer

Hair & Make-up Artist

Music by

Production Sound Recordist

Executive Producer

CAST

Sister Cecilia

April

Sister Agnes

Megan

Sister Faustina

Monica Arsenault

Sonja Cirilo

Monica Arsenault

Monica Arsenault

Melissa Victoria

Danny Epstein

David Siciliano

Andrea Garcia

James Hesse

David Siciliano

Joanna Pisano

Shannon Rae Mulligan

Derek Jordan

Boris Palacios

Monica Arsenault

Samantha Proctor

Alice Marcondes

Grace Adriana

Monica Arsenault

Sonja Cirilo



First Assistant Director:
Script Supervisor:
1st Assistant Camera:
Still Photographer:

EPK:
Make-up and Hair Artist:
Wardrobe Supervisor:
Digital Colorist:
Post Sound Mixer:
Music recorded by:
Head of Production:
Production Assistants

Title & End Credits
Designed by:

Tess Forestieri
Kate McMorran
Samantha Blinn
Samantha Blinn

Monica Arsenault
Shannon Rae Mulligan
Maya Nicole Munnings
David Siciliano
Ethan Gustavson
Derek Jordan Rock
Monica Arsenault
Michelle Bassan
Sandro Cirilo
Jillian Tayeh
Tom Conley
Stephanie Jaramillo
Zachary Brown

David Siciliano

Special Thanks:

Karen Arsenault
Martin Arsenault
Deacon Bill Palmisano
Sarah Jean Rodriguez
Dr. Patty Faigan
Molly Carr
Devon Padley
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