



## PRESS RELEASE



### **CONTENDERS: THE SCI-FI SHORT PUBLICALLY BACKED AND KICKSTARTED INTO ACTION**

Set outside the realms of society lies Point B, a new programme and trialling system destined for the masses in years to come. Those taken are the vulnerable of society needing a break from life; the sufferers of mental, physical and financial pressure - the *contenders*.

As we follow the journeys of *contenders* Theo and River, we see the hardships faced in times that should prove otherwise and their determination to discover the detrimental truth behind the trials they are being used for. Before long, all becomes too real and the realisation that Point B is not the holiday or temporary journey they were lead to believe becomes all too apparent.

With current shows such as *The OA*, *Stranger Things* and *The Handmaid's Tale* consuming and capturing the imaginations of those all over the world, *Contenders* highlights issues all too prevalent in society, from housing and politics to mental health and money, all whilst travelling through a distorted reality.

As a finalist in the line-up for the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland's *Bruce Millar Memorial Trust Award*, this month sees *Contenders* writer and creator Rebecca Reeves kickstart and crowdfund in a bid for filming to commence in Spring 2018. With an award-winning filmmaker and production company already in the pipeline and support from other emerging artists and creatives, the *Contenders* kickstarter aims to raise the £10,000 needed by the end of 2017.

Those supporting the kickstarter campaign can expect to receive opportunities to be a part of the film's process. Rewards include private viewings of the *Contenders* film, digital and hard copies of the special edition illustrated scripts, film + imdb credits plus invitations to spend time with the cast and crew.

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1. **Kickstarter:** [www.kickstarter.com](http://www.kickstarter.com)
2. **Contenders:** [www.contendersthefilm.com](http://www.contendersthefilm.com)

### **About *Contenders* actor and creator, Rebecca Reeves**

Rebecca Reeves is a British actor and writer from North Yorkshire and currently based in London. She trained as an actor at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland where she was awarded the Laurence Olivier bursary from SOLT.

Reeves has been developing her debut film *Contenders* over the past year, working closely with both established collaborators and emerging artists in the UK industry including the film's protagonist and lead actor Titana Muthui from South Africa.

Rebecca Reeves is represented by Lorna Fallowfield at United Agents.

### **About *Contenders* actor Titana Muthui**

Titana Muthui will be entering her final year of training at the Royal Conservatoire Scotland. She is 'a born free South African/Kenyan woman.'

Titana won Best Actress at the Feda Festival in her stage debut at the Nelson Mandela square theatre in Sandton Johannesburg. The award was for her role, Lady in Orange, in *For coloured girls who have considered suicide where the rainbow isn't enough*.

Titana is currently featured on the rolling stone page under belle and Sebastian's new music video; *We were beautiful*.

You can also see her featured in Vogue Italia 2017.

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