



# THE LOST AND FOUND SHOP

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**In a curious shop with unusual merchandise, a callous Shopkeeper searches for a little girl's favorite memory, but how do you find what you can't remember?**

Such is the predicament in Alexander Slain's fantastical film "The Lost and Found Shop", produced by Jared Rummel and shot over 3 days with a cast and crew largely from Grand Rapids, MI. After penning the unique script, Slain joined forces with Gorilla Pictures (one of the largest production companies in West Michigan) and enlisted a myriad of talented young filmmakers to collaboratively breathe life into this strikingly original depiction of a tweaked reality.

In "The Lost and Found Shop", an eclectic blend of characters saturate a shop where lost possessions can be reacquired...for a price. Whether a lost glove, lost child, or even a lost temper: all can be purchased from the viscously callous Shopkeeper who (after kicking out a friendly old lady for counting change too slowly), finds his patience tested by a persistent little girl unable to remember which memory she lost.

Boasting a melodious score, colorful cinematography and regally outlandish art direction, "The Lost and Found Shop" is a comical, bizarre and unexpectedly cathartic film about finding beauty in all the wrong places.

## CREDITS

Writer/Director: Alexander Slain

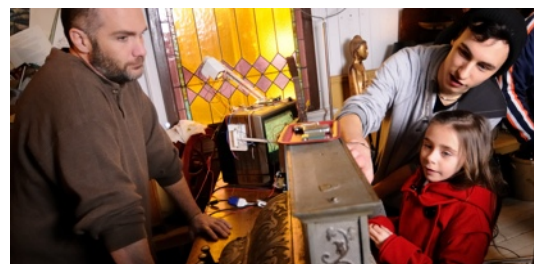
Producers: Jared Rummel, Aaron B. Smith

Director of Photography: Derek Street

Art & Production Design: Stephen Pell, Erika Bogner

Original Music: Kyle Campbell

Executive Producers: Eric Johnson, Eric Machiela



**On set with Joe Anderson, Alana Jo Beckman and director Alexander Slain**

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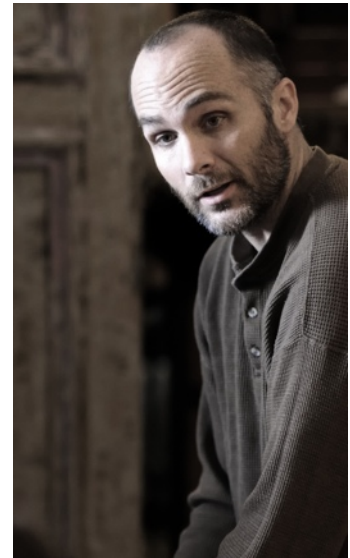
Alexander Slain is a writer/director/editor living in Grand Rapids, Michigan. During high school, Slain received a 1st Place MAB award for Best News Segment of the year, won Grand Prize in a national Meijer Commercial Contest, and wrote/directed a successful full-length play.

He then attended Compass Film Academy where he wrote and directed the 1st Place winner of the Grand Rapids 24 Hour Film Festival, while simultaneously becoming a finalist in a large international film competition.

After turning 19, he worked on various film projects (including ArtPrize) before writing/directing "The Lost and Found Shop". Currently, he's editing an upcoming TV series, writing a feature screenplay, and working as a freelance director.

Actor/Comedian Joe Anderson began his acting career in the opera "Gianni Schicchi" at Michigan State University. Since then, he has appeared in various stage, film and TV programs.

Joe stays busy with stand-up comedy, commercial work, narrative acting and teaching improv classes. Although talented in many forms of performance, his focus is primarily comedy. Recently, he starred as the lead in a comedic short film about public museum employees due to premier at ArtPrize 2010.



7 ½ year old Alana Jo Beckman is an actress, model, and voice over talent from rural east Michigan. Since turning 4, she has been in 21 films, 3 commercials, appeared as a news reporter, and modeled in a national brochure. She's a small girl with huge ambition who adamantly declares that "Acting is my favorite thing. Nothing is more fun to do."

Recently, Alana acted in Tony Goldwyn's "Betty Anne Waters", and won a scholarship to attend modeling competitions in Florida.