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#FREEBRETTNEY

A NEW WEBSERIES

Synopsis

A 10-episode web series about **Brett**, a gay evangelical man desperate to stay in the closet.

Brett lives in New York City and he attends his brother **Luka**'s very conservative church. He's dating **Weezie**, a girl from the church band.

But what happens when Brett meets **Dom**, a hot pastor-in-training from a progressive church? Will he risk everything to be free?

***It's queer, spiritual, and raunchy as Hell.
Just like the Bible!***

Brett

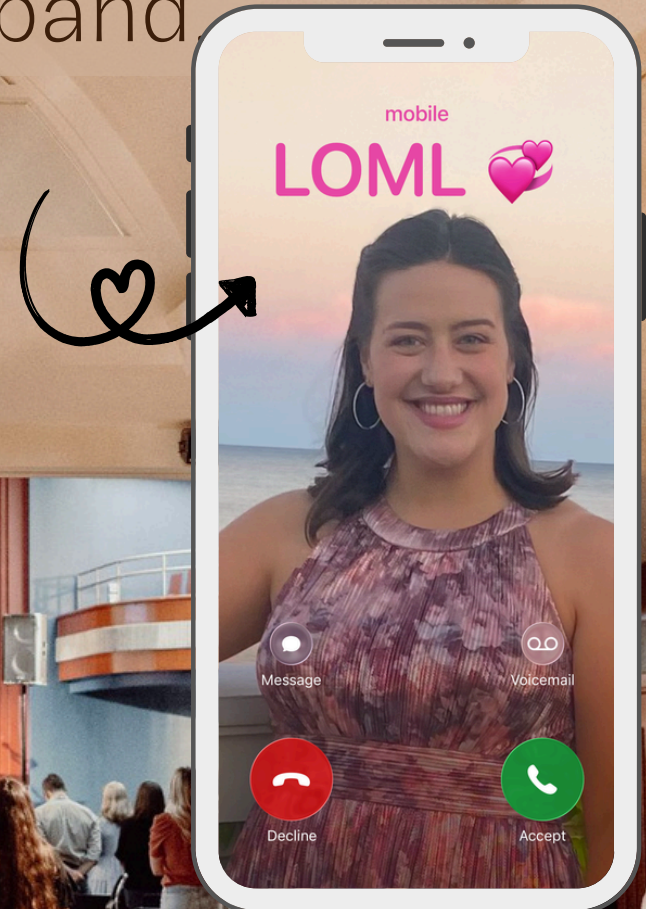
When we meet **Brett**, he's struggling with what it means to be "same sex attracted" in his conservative Christian community.



Salvation Parkside

Brett & Weezie attend **Luka**'s very conservative church in NYC.

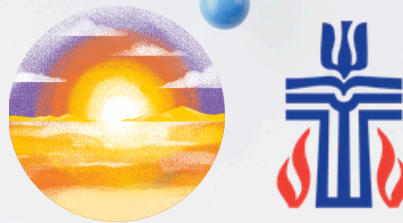
Brett works as the music director and Weezie's in the church band



Broadview Presbyterian



Come AS
You Are!



A chance
encounter with
Dom, a hot
pastor-in-
training, brings
Brett to an
affirming
church.

Secular & the City

Weezie's roommate **Liz**
keep things fun.



Brett's world unravels when he
meets Dom's friends **Seb** & **Joey**.



So What Happens?

1. At Attention

Brett struggles to perform for girlfriend Weezie. When he meets hot gymgoer Dom, success comes.



2. Give 'Em Heaven

Welcome to Salvation Parkside.
Brett and Weezie sing. Dom stalks.

3. Good Time

Weezie demands an erection from Brett.
Pastor/brother Luka talks him up.

4. Aching

Weezie reaches a breaking point.
Brett lies.

5. Come As You Are

Brett meets gay pastor Oliver, who shows him what faith could be. He spirals.

Webisode Sex

Well, what else happens when evangelical singles have sex?

7. Something Blue

Brett pursues Dom.
Weezie gets bridal.

8. The Spare

Weezie and Oliver suspect foul play.

9. Feast

Weezie loves being part of the family, but Brett escapes to Dom and his friends.

10. There Was Love

Who's still there when it all comes crashing down?



In Season Two...

Brett gets more involved at Broadview.

Weezie dates straight men, and that is really fun!

Brett and Luka navigate their strained relationship as Luka gets political.

Weezie forgives Brett, especially now that she's getting some.

They become best friends.

Liz & her boyfriend Graham keep up their hijinks.

Think... Will & Grace are healing from religious trauma.



Kyle Hughes

Writer/Co-Creator/Producer/Weezie



Kyle Hughes is an actress, writer, and teaching artist in New York City. Web series acting credits include *Hooked* and *Messy*. Kyle has performed off-Broadway at Player's Theatre and regionally in Dallas. As a writer, Kyle is on the Coverfly Red List for multiple TV pilots. She is very proud that the *Free Brettney* script was named a second rounder in the Austin Film Festival! Kyle's original musical, *Hail Mary*, is currently in development, most recently at Texas Christian University. In 2019, Kyle created and starred in her one-woman cabaret, *Portrait of a Young Nun: The Kyle Hughes Story*. Kyle directs middle school musical theatre with Manhattan Youth. @kyleTXwahoo

Brett Bainer

Co-Creator/Producer/Brett



Brett Bainer is a Sicilian-American actor, singer, recording artist and producer from Central Connecticut. Recent Acting Credits: Off-Broadway's "Love In Idleness", The Midwest Premiere of legendary lyricist Sir Tim Rice's newest musical "From Here To Eternity" at Skylight Music Theatre directed by Brett Smock, "All Is Calm-The Christmas Truce of 1914" (Thingamajig Theatre Co.) "My Way" (Greater Ocean City Theatre Co.). National Tour: "Alexander and the Terrible...Day" Two Beans/TheaterWorks. Regionally, he has also worked at Prather Entertainment Group, Ivoryton Playhouse and Seven Angels Theater. He is also a touring member of the "The Suits" with Sunset Live Entertainment. Lastly, he has a single available on all streaming platforms called "Fire". Brett is fiercely passionate about liberation theology, queer spirituality and unconditional LOVE.

Hannah Seusy

Co-Creator/Producer/Liz



Hannah Seusy is a NYC-based actress, voiceover artist, and producer. Film and TV credits include Spooky Action, All Night Long, and HBO's Gossip Girl. As a voiceover artist she has narrated multiple audiobooks, and can be heard in commercials for Top of the Rock, Intel Evo, Whirlpool, and Selsun Blue. Producing credits include multiple short films with the production company Flash Filmmaking, and the first 2 seasons of the Web Series Growing Down. @hseusy
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Kat Donachie

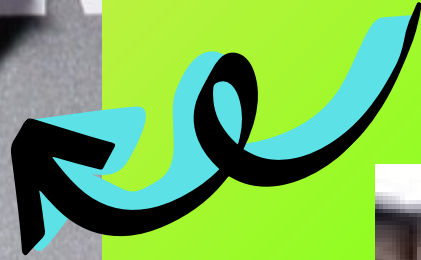
Producer



Kat Donachie is a NYC based actress, choreographer, and creative producer. Her work has spanned dance, theater, film and television. She began her career in classical and contemporary dance working for companies from Houston to NYC, and later working commercially in NYC for clients including Marc Jacobs, Conde Naste, Meroka.tv, Amanda Pearl and others. As an actress she has worked both on stage and screen most recently recurring on Season 26 of Law and Order SVU. As a producer, she seeks to bring stories to life that speak to often under- represented perspectives and aspects of the female and human experience. She sits as the CFO of the Nordic International Film Festival and works as a choreographer for Manhattan Youth. @katdonachie katdonachie.com



***Kieran
Mulcare***
Director



***Olga
Vázquez***
Cinematographer



WHY NOW?

Christian Nationalism is a poison. It's hurting everyone, and it's giving Christians a really bad name. We need to highlight stories of loving and empowering churches. They exist! We creators go to them!



WHAT'S NEXT?

Filming in New York City in the spring of 2027.

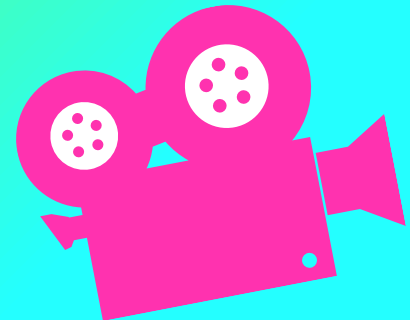
We are raising funds through **charitable donations**,
grants, and **producer investments**..

BUDGET:

\$225,000



Pre Production: 6.9%
Production Costs: 33.3%
Post Production: 6.9%
Gear: 5.9%
Talent: 11.8%
Crew: 35.3%



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