

Pinch&oUCH

Logline

In the midst of the global pandemic, a girl's dream to train with a legendary acting coach before it's too late takes an unexpected turn.

Synopsis

Set during the global lockdown, English actress, Lil, fulfils her dream to train with legendary acting coach, Dick Pritchard in LA. However, her excitement diminishes as Dick's manipulative teaching methods blur the line between expected emotional vulnerability and actual abuse. Back in London, as Lil grapples with her emotional turmoil, she discovers the institutionalisation of power abuse and control over the vulnerable in an acting manual written by Dick's mentor.

Title: Pinch & Ouch

Genre: Drama

Director/Writer: Nicole Kent **Associate Director:** Zen Nguyer

Associate Director: Zen Nguyen **Producer:** Flor Kent

Duration: 17 minutes
Film Language: English
Production Year: 2025

Country of Origin & Filming: UK

Camera: Blackmagic RAW

Shooting Format: Digital, S35 mm

Aspect Ratio: 16:9
Frame Rate: 25 fps
Film Colour: Colour

Film Edit: Premiere Pro

Audio Format: 5.1 Stereo Audio Mix

Director's Statement

'Pinch & Ouch' tells a personal story about navigating dreams and ambitions against different obstacles such as the global pandemic landscape, and blurred lines between power dynamics and mentorship. It aims to highlight the ongoing life challenges and different levels of vulnerabilities, as well as the coping mechanisms in times of uncertainty.

'Pinch & Ouch' offers a glimpse into the universal struggles individuals face when aspirations can collide with reality. As I found myself recalibrating my life during lockdown, it ignited a suppressed yearning to take action on my dreams whilst dealing with complexities of decision-making, in particular within imposed restrictions from a global level to the studio environment.

Ultimately, we don't have control over the 'pinch' but we can control the 'ouch' in how we choose to deal with it.



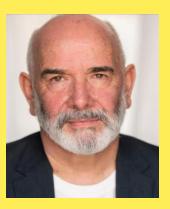
Cast



Nicole Kent as Lil
Nicole graduated from Lee Strasberg School,
New York. Roles include 'Sugarhouse,' 'Queen's
Nose,' & 'Sugarhouse'



Louis Lyons as Sam
Louis graduated from Arts Educational
School.



Paul Francis White as Dick Pritchard
'A Winter's Tale,' 'The Seagull,' 'Waiting for Godot'



Max Tiersbier as Marty
Max graduated with a BA in Screen
Acting from MetFilm School.



Amber Westgate as Rose
Amber graduated with a BA in Screen
Acting from MetFilm School. She
completed three Christmas seasons at
the Rose Theatre in Kingston.



Harry Roper-Curzon as Prime Minister

Key Crew

Director: Nicole Kent

Nicole Kent is London born with American/Venezuelan heritage. She is a writer, actress and filmmaker. She trained and acted professionally since childhood with roles in theatre, television and film, including 'The Tempest,' 'Sugarhouse,' 'Gassed Up!' & 'Queen's Nose.' She gained a BA in Communications, an MA in English Literature and a LLB in Law. She continued her studies at Lee Strasberg Theatre & Film Institute in New York, as well as Met Film School in London. Nicole regularly writes theatre reviews, and has completed her first novel.

Associate Director: Zen Nguyen

Director of 'Scarlet Silence,' which earned recognition as Best Thriller at the London Global Film Awards and was selected for Budapest Movie Awards, Stockholm Short Festival & Toronto International Nollywood Film Festival.

Cinematographer: AJ. Lamb

Director, writer & cinematographer of 'The Magical Toyshop,' which won Best Cinematographer at Focus International Film Festival & Florence Film Awards.

Editor: Jonathan Newman

Director of 'The Adventurer: The Curse of the Midas Box,' 'Swinging with the Finkels,' 'Mustang Drift,' 'Father's Day,' 'Sex with the Finkels,' 'Jailbreak' & 'Foster,' which won Best Feature at Rhode Island International Festival.

Producer: Flor Kent

Flor focuses on site-specific art projects such as 'Für das Kind.'

Composer: Antonino Abate

Antonino is a composer and orchestrator for contemporary classical and film music He graduated from the Royal Academy of Music with a BMus (Hons) in Composition supported by the Leverhulme Trust, and received several awards during his studies Currently, he is pursuing a two-year MA in Composition at the same institution funded by the Svetlanov Legacy Trust.

Composer: Jack Ledger-Dowse

Scored music for 'Past Life Whispers' & 'A Candle by Christ Heart,' winner of Best Super Short Film at SWIFF USA.

Colourist: Alex Gascoigne

TV includes 'Black Mirror' (Netflix), 'The Rig' (Amazon), 'This England' (Sk Atlantic), 'Endeavour' (ITV) & 'Why Didn't They Ask Evans?' (Britbox). Feature film includes 'A Boy Called Christmas', 'Sharper,' 'The Two Popes,' & 'The Current War.'

Sound Designer: Alex Bird

'Asteroid City', 'Nosferatu,' & 'Locked In.'





Trailers & Clips

Trailer: Pinch & Ouch

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