

A film by KAYLA ROBINSON




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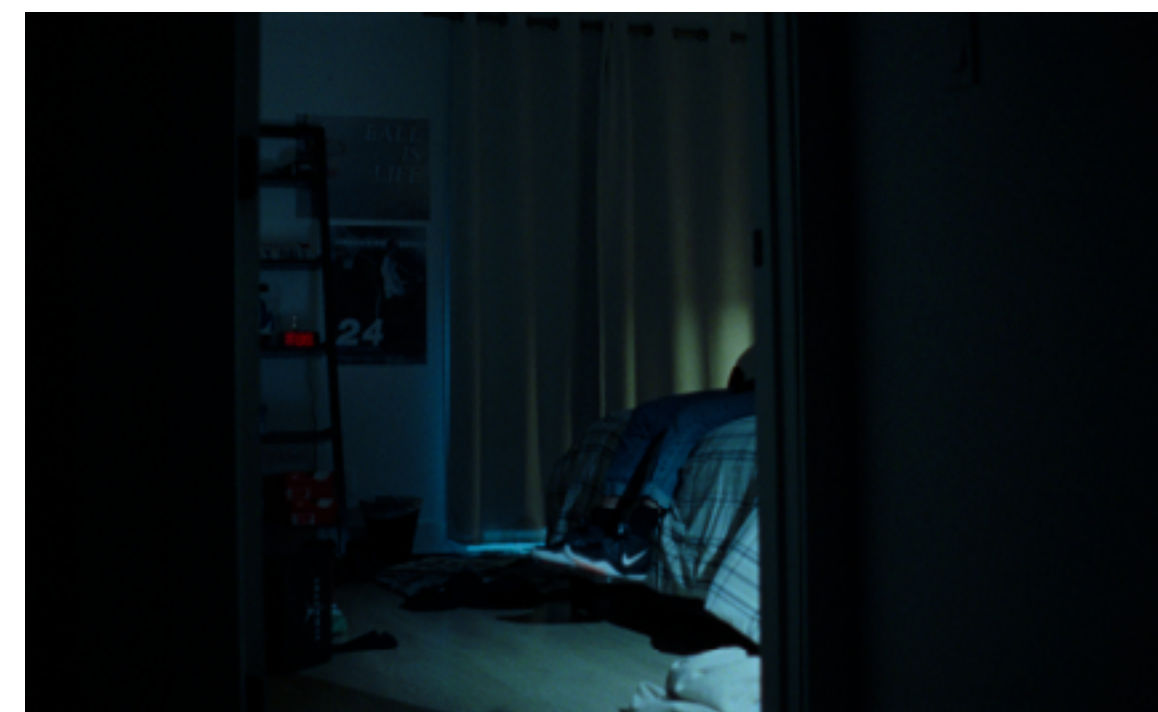
Does time heal all wounds?

A FILM BY KAYLA ROBINSON "BALL IS BALL" TIFFANY TENILLE COURTNEY THOMAS JORDAN COVINGTON TRENT ALLEN DAVIS JOSIAH POLHEMUS SHAHD ELKHIER CAMERON JAMES MATTHEWS
KEISHA BROOKS SAMIRA ABDERAHMAN AND CYPHER RUFFINS WARDROBE STYLIST AMARA ABBAS MUSIC BY ANTONIO "PEACHCURLS" MACLIN JR EDITOR ZOË MOUNTAIN PRODUCTION DESIGNER AMANDA BEANE
DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY FREDDIE WHITMAN PRODUCED BY KAYLA ROBINSON AND AMANDA BEANE WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY KAYLA ROBINSON

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FILM DETAILS

Directed, Written & Produced by:	Kayla Robinson
Director of Photography:	Freddie Whitman
Producer & Production Designer:	Amanda Beane
Editor:	Zoë Mountain
Running Time:	13 minutes
Film Type:	Narrative Short Film
Genre:	Drama, Coming of Age
Camera:	Super 16mm, ARRI ALEXA Mini
Language:	English
Completed:	2021, USA
Trailer:	https://vimeo.com/607599019
Film site:	ballisballfilm.com

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LOGLINE

When a basketball star's hard work finally pays off, a former teammate with fading glory proposes an impromptu night off that takes an unforgettable detour.

SYNOPSIS

Inspired by the life experience of writer/director Kayla Robinson, Ball is Ball is a narrative short film about the lasting impact and complicated nuances of sexual assault.

The story follows Robin Coleman, a high school basketball star who's caught the attention of her dream college – and her crush. While sharing the excitement, she misplaces her trust in a friend and soon learns the ill-intention of another unsuspected admirer.

FESTIVAL

[BraveMaker Film Festival](#) - July 8, 2022

[Charlotte Film Festival](#) - Oct 2, 2022

[New York Film Week](#) - Oct 17-23, 2022

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

'Ball is Ball' was inspired by events that have lived in my journals and been discussed in therapy for years. The first time I got drunk with friends, I blacked out. When I came back into consciousness I was being sexually assaulted by another friend in a house I'd never been in. I was in high school and didn't know how to handle the situation, so I didn't tell my parents and no report was ever filed. With the rise of the #MeToo movement in recent years and the criticism against survivors that came with it, asking "why now" or "that was so long ago", I wanted to shed light on how present trauma can feel no matter how much time has passed. For fellow survivors, I wanted to create a film that felt honest without glorifying the horror, but also encouraged them to show themselves empathy if their instinctual reaction to a situation isn't what they'd always planned. Creating this project has been therapeutic in many ways and my hope is that it can be a stop on someone else's healing journey as well.



BALL IS BALL CAST



Tiffany Tenille
Robin Coleman



Jordan Covington
Deshaun Perkins



Courtney Thomas
Brittney (Britt) Johnson



Trent Allen Davis
Thomas Walker



Josiah Polhemus
Coach T



Shahd Elkhier
Serena



Keisha Brooks
Church Woman



Cameron James Matthews
Boyfriend (Greg)

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CREW CREDITS

Writer/Director/Producer: Kayla Robinson
DP: Freddie Whitman
Producer/Production Designer: Amanda Beane
Editor: Zoë Mountain

Associate Producers:
Tiffany R. Warren
Chris Thurman
Joshua Swanbeck
Simon Pickford
Danielle E. Wilburn
Pebble Goh

Music & Sound Design: Antonio "Peachcurls" Maclin Jr.
1st AD: Samantha Panganiban
Line Producer: Victoria Onuzuruike
1st AC: Angel Hernandez
1st AC/2nd AC: Linhdan (Dan) Le
2nd AC: Meegan Nguyen
Gaffer: Carlos Gonzalez
Key Grip: Lamar Cox
Best Boy Grip/Electric: Connor Benson

Sound Mixer: Jon Gerdemann
Makeup Artist: Yvette Mathews-Mason
Wardrobe Stylist: Amara Abbas
Art Assistant: Jaade Wills
Intimacy Coordinator: Liz Frederick
Graphic Designer: Katie McIntyre
Set Photography: Brandon Ruffin
Production Assistant: Kelly Delos Santos
Production Assistant: Floriedaine E. Paran
Production Assistant: Christina Onuzuruike

Colorist: Sean Wells: Roast n Post
Post-Production Services: Disher Sound
Dialogue Editor: Ben Hicks
Re-recording Mixer: Paul J Zahnley, CAS

Music:
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Bird Language
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"KIMOCHI"
Written by Lyric T Collins
Performed by Siyuri
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EVENT & SCREENINGS

'Ball is Ball' is a purpose-driven short film that deals with sensitive subject matter and it was created to provide a safe space to have open and honest dialogue.

A previous event was described as a wellness retreat. Moderated by actor & BraveMaker podcast host [Krystina Jackson](#), I was accompanied on the panel by body-centered psychologist & healer [Dr. Shena Young](#) as well as [Jizelle Curameng](#) of the local organization [Bay-Area Women Against Rape](#). We discussed themes in the film like PTSD and trauma responses, along with practical knowledge for survivors and supporters alike.

Many people privately shared their stories, some for the first time, expressing the deep impact the film had on them and the benefit of the discussion that followed. I hold those conversations close to my heart.

If interested in creating space for collective healing, send me an email: kaylarobinsoncreates@gmail.com



DIRECTOR'S BIO

Kayla Robinson is a director, writer and artist from Texas. After studying Advertising at The University of Texas at Austin, she began her career as an art director in NY and California developing award-winning ads for top brands like Apple and Snickers. Passionate about capturing authentic human experiences, Kayla harnesses vulnerability as a superpower. Her first short [Ball is Ball](#), received high praise for its honest portrayal of PTSD in trauma survivors. Her latest film, [Quilted Education](#), celebrates her mother's artistry and drive to keep Black History alive through quilting.

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