

Sabbatical- Press Kit

BIOGRAPHY – Noa Gusakov (screenwriter & director):

Noa Gusakov grew up in Israel. She is a graduate of the Sam Spiegel Film & Television School, Jerusalem. Her writing and directing credits include four completed short films: *Walking Up*, *Lookout*, *Sabbatical* and *Large Soldier* which screened at film festivals around the world and collectively won 10 awards. The screenplay for the short film *Large Soldier* was selected to be developed at the 2015 Short Film Station at the Berlinale. Noa was given a MacDowell Colony fellowship In the summer of 2015, where she developed the screenplay for her first feature film. Currently based in Tel Aviv, Israel, Noa works as screenwriter & editor for TV productions.

PRINCIPAL CREDITS:

Cinematography – Yaniv Linton

Producer – Inbal Tenenbaum

Production Manager - Inbal Tenenbaum

Editor – Eddie Tapero

Music/Original Score: Asher Goldschmidt

Sound designer – Michael Emeth

PRINCIPAL CAST:

Lirit Balaban

Varda Ben Hur

Festivals:

-4th Smita Patil Documentary and Short Film Festival, Pune-India (December 2015)-
Best Short Film (II) Award.

-Toronto Jewish film festival (May 2016)

-Kurzfilmfestival Diessen am Ammersee- Diessen am Ammersee Germany (October 2016)