



Rene is a film student struggling to complete her thesis project. Alone and longing for connection, she finds solace in her work—a film about seven 17-year-old girls who fail their final year of high school and decide to join the Canadian army.

Sadly, Rene seems to be the only person in the world who likes her film. She travels from office to office, defending her work against her professors' and peers' condescending notes.

It may be true that her movie is disjointed, experimental, and tonally challenging, but why does everyone have to be so mean?

SYNOPSIS

Spice began principal photography in the summer of 2013. Five years later, in the spring of 2018, filming finally wrapped. Why did it take so long?

The project started as a teen dance comedy in the fashion of *Bring It On* dipped in the absurdist humour of 1960s political satires (like Brian De Palma's *Greetings* and *Hi, Mom!*). A primary cast of seven was assembled and filming commenced. The directors worked from a rough outline, while the Spice girls were dropped into outlandish scenarios they new little about until the day of filming. Over a thousand hours of GoPro footage was captured following the teens' journey from high school failures to Canadian Armed Forces recruits.

Editing as they went, the directors continued this process with the cast for a little over a year. The resulting film had a peculiar, surreal quality to it; unmoored from reality.

The directors tinkered with the edit for years, but were never quite able to lock something down with which they were entirely satisfied. Eventually, their attention wandered (completing another film and developing several others), until one day a solution emerged.

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A new character and plotline was developed that would open up the story and give some context to the manic spirit of the film.

Retooled as a film-within-a-film, the updated plot was simple but also a little confusing to explain: a film student struggles to complete her thesis film (the original *Spice It Up*), while various professors, professionals, family members and neighbours criticize her intentions, ambitions and abilities. The meta qualities of this were immediately apparent, but more than a clever gimmick, the directors hoped Rene's quiet, solitary life would provide the necessary contrast to the noisy, non-stop teenage girls.

The directors brought on actress Jennifer Hardy to play Rene, having worked with her on an earlier project and knowing she would immediately bring a unique sensibility to this new character.

After another year and a half of filming and editing, the final film was completed and everyone liked it.





SOUNDTRACK

Original soundtrack by **Lev Lewis**

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- A person with dark hair tied back, wearing a white t-shirt and dark suspenders, is seen from the side, writing on a large whiteboard. The whiteboard has some faint, illegible markings on it. The background is a solid teal color.
1. Walking
 2. Chant for the Girls and the Country
 3. Football
 4. Femme
 5. What the Fuck
 6. Sweet Spice
 7. Oh Yea
 8. Funereal
 9. Stand by the Me
 10. Inspirational
 11. Scent of a Woman
 12. When 2 R in Love
 13. Flirting Can Sometimes Lead to Hives
 14. Hollowweener
 15. Safe Place
 16. Spice It Up the Ballad
 17. Pppppppasion
 18. Inception
 19. Sweet Is the Melody
 20. Uh I Don't Get It
 21. The Window Has the View!
 22. White Christmas
 23. HELP!!!!!!!
 24. The Quest for the Piximpump^^
 25. Speeeeeeedometer
 26. Uh I Don't Get It 2
 27. What Was the Thout Process
 28. Why Are You Here It's All Happening in Space
 29. Is Thor in Game of Thrones
 30. Where Sit the Darkness

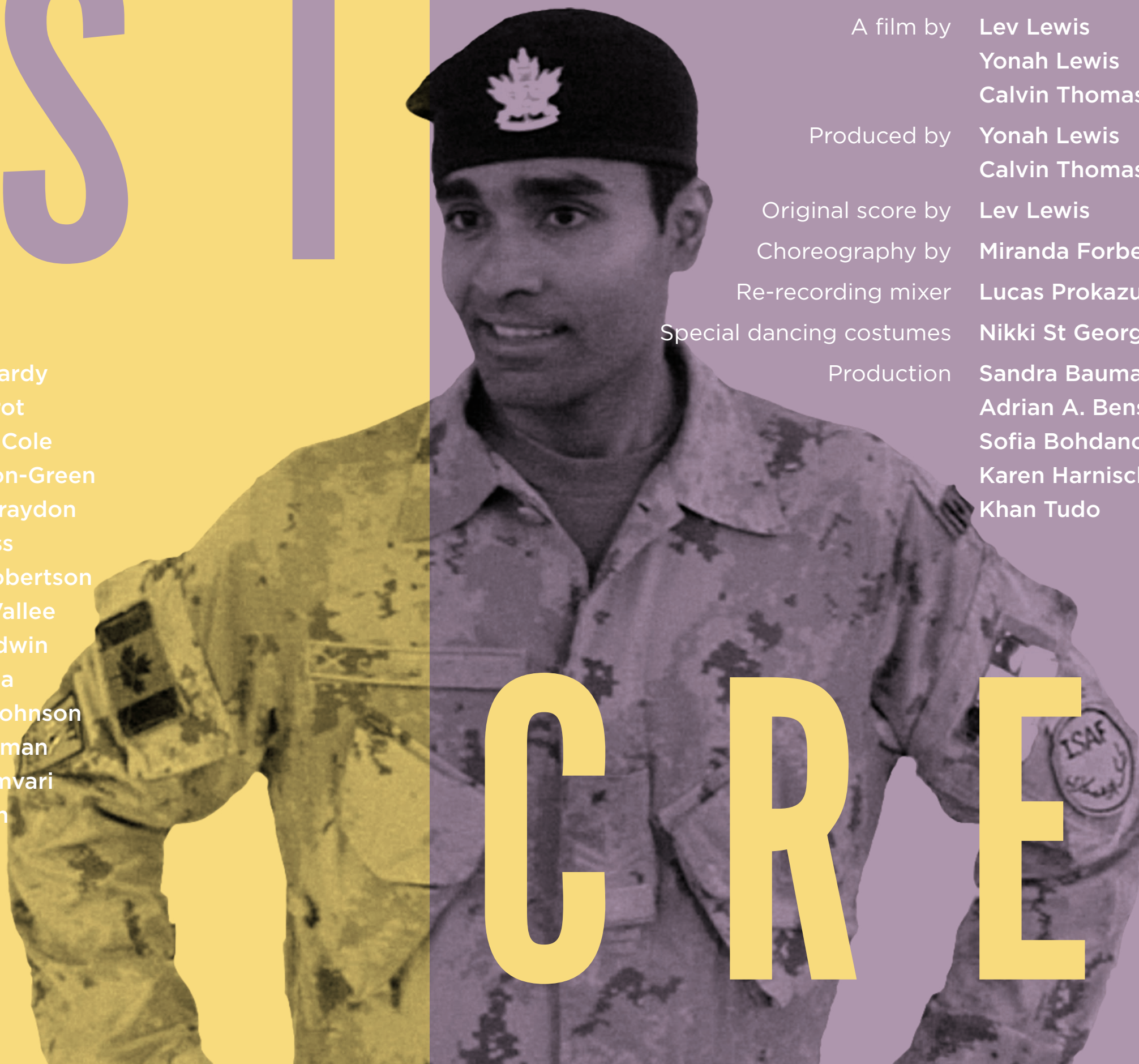
31. Muscular in the Jaw and Dick
32. The Wrestler
33. The Crunk Bunk the Munk
34. Stairway to Unleavened Bread
35. I Bought a Vintage Pant but Wore It Below a Designer Shirt
36. The Funeral Was a Bust
37. Must've Been a Stumpy Little Guy!
38. Jai ho
39. Don't Cry Sara
40. Are You Happy I Bought You Dinner?
41. Blowtorch
42. The Cauldron Over the Swamp
43. Clubs Cub
44. Open
45. Home Alone - at the Stairs
46. Home Alone
47. Into the Recesses of Your Mind
48. Lava
49. Life on the Hog Farm (Town)
50. The Lion King
51. Literally Like Nothing
52. Spice It Up Finale
53. Pulse in Yr Pants
54. On Our Way to Love
55. Strangle Master
56. OCNight
57. My Tummy!
58. Strawberry Fields Forever
59. You're Beautiful
60. You're Beautiful (edited for picture)

CAST

Rene Jennifer Hardy
Shivali Shivali Barot
Sam Samantha Cole
Déjah Déjah Dixon-Green
Jenny Jennifer Graydon
Becca Becca Moss
Mick Micaela Robertson
Sara Sara Sue Vallee
Graham Taylor Baldwin
Second Professor Igor Drljaca
Passport Photographer Matthew Johnson
Reuben Lewis Adam Nayman
Rene's Sister Sophy Romvari
Third Professor Albert Shin

A film by Lev Lewis
Yonah Lewis
Calvin Thomas
Produced by Yonah Lewis
Calvin Thomas
Original score by Lev Lewis
Choreography by Miranda Forbes
Re-recording mixer Lucas Prokazuik
Special dancing costumes Nikki St George-Hyslop
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