IN THE VALLEY

[Narrative Series] 7 Episodes

Running Time: 10 - 15 minutes each
Directed By: Dom Argana
Written By: Dom Argana
Director of Photography: Jonathan Suarez
Production Company: ST3 Films
Production Year: 2018
Target Group: Young Adults 18-24
Estimated Budget: $25,000 USD

Cast: Chris Pavon, Allison Mayol, Angela Briones, Ian Soriano, Allan Aquino
IN THE VALLEY is a seven episode coming-of-age miniseries that tackles relationships, individuality, pride, and love while struggling to find a place in a community that you feel like you don’t belong to.

SYNOPSIS

Bo is an eighteen-year-old high school senior. As graduation looms ahead, most of Bo’s classmates are ready to venture out of the Valley to attend college and join the “real world”. While some of his classmates feel that they cannot find success in the Valley, Bo’s pride pushes him to prove to everyone that one person can make anything happen no matter where they are from.

However, Bo is tested when his class is assigned one simple question for the final assignment: “What are you proud of?” This leaves Bo to question everything he believed in. In the midst of it all, Bo befriends a girl named Niki, and together they navigate the last few days of their young lives.
BEHIND THE SCENES
ARTWORK & POSTER

CREATED BY FILIPINA AMERICAN ARTIST
MARTHA MAGSOMBOL
INSPIRATION
Allison Mayol

Allison is a 22-year-old Filipina American who lives in Los Angeles. Although studying to be a nurse, her passion lies in acting for theater and film. She has been in several theater productions since high school as well as two films under director Dom Argana.

I’m Lying to You Because I’m Lost (2017)
Kilusang Panlaban (2017)
Reverie. (2015)

Instagram: @alimayol

Chris Pavon

Chris Pavon is a 19-year-old Filipino American who grew up in Cerritos but now resides in Northridge. He studies theater and acted throughout high school in musicals. His first major performance was under Argana’s live-production, Nandito Ako, as the main character.

Nandito Ako (2018)

Instagram: @cwistophaa

Ian Soriano

Ian is a 20-year-old Filipino American born and raised in Los Angeles. Like Allison, he studies nursing but has a knack for writing and acting. He has starred in two live productions and co-wrote a stage play called, Aking Pagkain.

Aking Pagkain (2018)
Kilusang Panlaban (2017)

Instagram: @ian_actually
Dom Argana is a 22-year-old Filipino American filmmaker from the San Fernando Valley. He currently attends California State University, Northridge and majors in Film.

Dom showcases diverse talent through his work and gives Asian Americans a platform they deserve. He has worked with various filmmakers, musicians, dancers, and artists in hopes to gain exposure for the underrepresented.

He knows that In the Valley can be a launching pad not only for himself, but for everyone involved. He hopes to inspire other Asian American filmmakers through his work and continue to tell unique stories.
WHY THE VALLEY?

The San Fernando Valley is nestled between a multitude of mountain ranges and is part of Los Angeles County. Each neighborhood of the Valley is as diverse and distinct (especially in its food and people) as the next one. You might have a friend that lives here, but after previous complicated explanations of the Valley, they simply claim they’re from Los Angeles. This beautiful place lays as the backdrop to the whole series.

The director and writer, Dom, grew up in the Valley and thinks it's time to represent this town.

Even if you are not from the area or identify as an Filipino American, this story can be relatable to anyone.
In the Valley also showcases Asian Americans and creatives from the Valley in all aspects. It is important that the film highlights not only the characters, but all elements that make the story come to life:

The soundtrack will feature local up-and-coming music artists such as MC Zuko, Ehnara, Aaronreq, and stupidmatua. Some of the clothes worn by the main character is made by Most Prominent Co. and Collective Lifestyle - two brands started by Filipinos from the Valley. The art for the poster is done by Martha Magsombol, a Filipina American artist who studied at Cal State Northridge. And the series also stops by town favorites Ninong's Cafe, Tea N' Tea, and much more.
CREDITS

Directed by: Dom Argana
Written by: Dom Argana
Director of Photography Jonathan Suarez
Gaffer Natalia Moscoso
Editor Dom Argana
Costume Designer Avery Antonio
Hair & Make-up Designer Neecole Espinueva
Music by The Valley
Production Sound Recordist Gabriel Pietro
Executive Producers Dom Argana, Francisco Yun

CAST

Bo Santos Chris Pavon
Niki Allison Mayol
Victoria Angela Briones
Han Ian Soriano
Mr. Aquino Allan Aquino
Dawn Austin Gatus