

LANRE OLABISI

WRITER/DIRECTOR



Lanre Olabisi has been writing and directing award-winning films for over a decade. His films have screened on HBO, Showtime, Netflix, Hulu and PBS. Most recently, he became a 2020 HBOAccess Directing Fellow.

Lanre's latest short film, *A Storybook Ending*, is currently traveling through the festival circuit and will be available on all HBO platforms in February of 2021.

He is committed to telling complex and layered stories that challenge our individual and collective views on diverse topics. His feature film work includes *August the First* and *Somewhere in the Middle*. Both films are distributed by Film Movement worldwide. *August the First*, played at over 35 film festivals including South by Southwest (SXSW) and Karlovy Vary. It won the top prize at seven festivals and was nominated for an IFP

Gotham Award. This film encapsulates Lanre's commitment to move beyond stereotypes and depicts an honest portrait of Black family life in America sans gangs, guns, and violence. The film can now be seen on Showtime.

Lanre's second feature, *Somewhere in the Middle*, expands his vision as he examines romantic relationships within New York City - full of people of all backgrounds: Black, Latino, Asian, White, heterosexual, bisexual, and gay. *Somewhere in the Middle* was nominated for Best Outstanding Indie Feature at the Black Reel Awards and streamed on Netflix. The film is currently available on PlutoTV and TubiTV.

He currently teaches screenwriting and directing at the New York Film Academy and Brooklyn College.

FILMOGRAPHY:

A STORYBOOK ENDING - SHORT

SOMEWHERE IN THE MIDDLE - FEATURE

AUGUST THE FIRST - FEATURE

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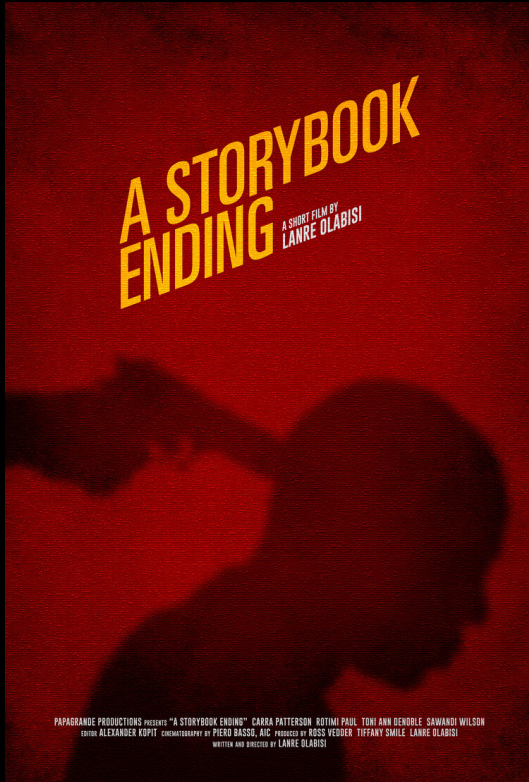
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