

Niagara Falls



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Every day go over this thing*

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Logline

At the edge of her life, a woman must confront a cascade of hopes, desires and fallen dreams.

Synopsis

Alfred Hitchcock said, "When we tell a story in cinema, we should resort to dialogue only when it's impossible to do otherwise."

"Niagara Falls" tells the story of a woman's quiet struggle to remain in life. The title refers to the historic rides people made in barrels over New York's acclaimed Niagara Falls in the early 1900's. The aim was to make a silent film linked to a song. Here are the opening lyrics:

Ten thousand people in barrels
Every day go over this thing
Mostly in quiet obscurity
It's of these people I sing

The woman enters a hotel room carrying a letter and a rose. Not a "hotel room" per se; we soon see that this room is her sanctuary, her shrine, her safe house. When she enters, we immediately see that this place is special to her. She has been here many times before and enters with a ritual befitting a sacred place. She places a rose in a vase of wilted flowers. We soon get the sense that this room contains parts of her soul embodied in letters and objects that she has kept hidden from the world and perhaps, from herself.

The letter she finally reads shatters the fragile stability of her world. She rips it up and proceeds to destroy the hidden contents of the room, revealing falling letters, postcards, photos and precious objects. In the end, her space is littered with torn words and keepsakes.

At the edge of her life, she must confront this cascade of hopes, desires and fallen dreams.

At the bottom where water meets water
Where each one's ride is done
Some slink off in the underbrush
Some dry off in the sun

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Technical Specs

Running time: 4:32
Black and White / Stereo / 5.1 / 16.9
Original shooting format: Kodak 16mm
Available for screenings: DCP, Apple Pro Res,
Standard digital files

Director Bios

Victor Bellomo is an American filmmaker, animator, singer-songwriter and composer. He sings the song for the soundtrack of Niagara Falls. Victor has received numerous awards and accolades for his films.

Tara Sickmeier is a film/TV producer and Tony Award-nominated Broadway producer.



Victor Bellomo

Tara Sickmeier

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Production Stills



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Selected Filmography

(Victor Bellomo)

Niagara Falls (2021)

Devil (2020)

Hundred in the Shade (2019)

The Spirit of Gravity (2003)

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PRODUCTION CREDITS

Written and Directed by
VICTOR BELLOMO and TARA SICKMEIER

Woman in Hotel.....ANDREA MARGARET
Cinematographer.....ED HERRERA
Cinematographer 2nd Unit.....JAPHY RIDDLE
Editor.....ALYSSA OH
Colorist.....ARIANNA SHINING STAR
Producer.....TARA SICKMEIER for Secret Party House
Executive Producer.....VICTOR BELLOMO

1st AD.....LA MAR STEWART
2nd AD & Set PA.....MARC ESTRADA
Steadicam Operator.....NICK SCHWYTER
Aerial Footage.....JOSEPH FLETCHER
1st AC.....WILLIAM DAUEL
1st AC (LA)RILEY KEETON
2nd AC & Film Loader.....ANNIE LI
Camera Utility.....SAM HOILAND
Key Grip.....SAMUEL GOLDHABER
Line Producer.....MAYA NEUMEIER
Production CoordinatorRAE KULMAN
Set PAs.....SARA ANDERS, ALEXANDRA MALEK,
ALBA ROLAND MEJIA, MEGAN RANDOLPH

Visual Effects Supervisor.....DAVID DEWAIK
Visual Effects Artist.....MAYA WYSOCKI
Visual Effects Artist.....MIKE REIGLE

Editing House.....ROCK PAPER SCISSORS
Executive Producer.....SHADA SHARIATZDEH
Head of Production.....ANDREA KRICHEVSKY

Hand and Body Double.....CALLIE DAY
Stunt and Safety Rigger.....TONY VELLA
Storyboard Artist.....JOHN KILLIAN NELSON
Transcoder.....SAAGAR SHAIKH
Production Accounting.....NUMBERS 4 LIFE

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PRODUCTION CREDITS cont.

Song Written by...VICTOR BELLOMO & TED SAVARESE
Vocal.....VICTOR BELLOMO
Background Vocals.....TONY LINDSAY
Bass.....SETH FORD YOUNG
Piano.....VICTOR BELLOMO
Orchestra..... INYOUNG PARK ORCHESTRA
Percussion.....JASON CIRIMELE
Strings Arranged and Conducted by.....INYOUNG PARK
Recorded and Mixed by.....JEFF GARTENBAUM
Assistant Engineers...KARL WINGATE, PEDRO CALLONI
Produced and Arranged by.....VICTOR BELLOMO
Mastering.....JEFF GARTENBAUM
Recording Services.....THE VILLAGE STUDIOS, LA

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ARRI Rental Burbank
Chris Ragsdale and Phil Gosiewski at Arri
FotoKem
Metropolis Post
Chateau Tivoli Bed and Breakfast San Francisco
Chancellor Hotel on Union Square
Abigail's Flowers San Francisco

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Ten thousand people in barrels
Every day go over this thing
Mostly in quiet obscurity
It's of these people I sing

Each morning the valve gets opened
And the barrel people get in line
Each puts on his or her game face
And organizes his or her mind

Niagara falls
Slowly I turn
Step by step, inch by inch
Niagara falls

At the bottom where water meets water
Where each one's ride is done
Some slink off in the underbrush
Some dry off in the sun

Niagara falls
Slowly I turn
Step by step, inch by inch
Niagara falls

And each is a god or a goddess
Representing some virtue or skill
You can look down and guess who they are
From your position on the hill

Niagara falls
Slowly I turn
Step by step, inch by inch
Niagara falls
Niagara falls

Music and Lyrics by Victor Bellomo & Ted Savarese