



## Alexei Mizin & Ryan van Dijk

### Writing Team

Alexei Mizin & Ryan van Dijk are an award-winning screenwriting team. Their partnership began at the prestigious Victorian College of the Arts while completing a Master of Film and Television. Their short films and music videos have screened internationally and earned awards for writing and direction.

In 2014, their first feature screenplay *Vanished* won the Monte Miller Award at the 47th Annual AWGIE Awards and the team have received development support from Screen Australia and ScreenNSW.

Alexei and Ryan have been part of the AWG's Pathways program and have also been funded by Scripted Ink.

Currently, they have a development deal with the AMC Network in the US, a recent sale to major US streaming service, a blind script deal with Apple and strong interest in their work both here in Australian and the USA.

#### Alexei Mizin:

Alexei Mizin is one half of an award-winning screenwriting team with Ryan Van Dijk. Alexei graduated from the prestigious Victorian College of the Arts with a Master of Film and Television where he was the recipient of numerous honours. His music videos and shorts films have screened worldwide and earned distinction for writing and direction.

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Alexei's first screenplay *Vanished* won the Monte Miller Award at the 47th Annual AWGIE Awards. It has since been supported by Screen Australia and ScreenNSW. Alexei's other film and television projects have been finalists and winners in a range of competitions. He is a four-time member of the AWG's Pathways Program and has completed numerous initiatives with the backing of Film Victoria, where he is a member of their Emerging Talent Register. Alexei developed a science fiction series alongside his co-writer that was supported with funding by Scripted Ink and secured a sale in the US.

When not writing, Alexei has worked alongside writer/directors Stuart Beattie on *I, Frankenstein*, Julius Avery on *Son of a Gun*, Nikolaj Coster-Waldau on *Gods of Egypt*, with further production credits on HBO's *The Leftovers*, *Hacksaw Ridge* and *Top Of The Lake*.

### Ryan van Dijk:

Ryan van Dijk is an award-winning Australian screenwriter and filmmaker. Together with his screenwriting partner Alexei Mizin, they developed a science fiction television series, which was supported with funding by Scripted Ink.

Ryan previously received Screen Australia development funding for *Vanished*, a supernatural feature, which won the Monte Miller Award at the 47th Annual AWGIE Awards. With the support of Screen Queensland, he

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has participated in numerous professional development opportunities, including a masterclass with *X-Files* showrunner Glen Morgan.

Ryan earned his Master of Film from the prestigious Victorian College of the Arts. He received the Best Director Award at the Queensland New Filmmakers Awards for his graduating film *Relationship Rehab*, which debuted at the Brisbane International Film Festival.

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