



"OUT OF ORDER" TO OPEN THE 2025 CHELSEA FILM FESTIVAL WITH STAR-STUDDED NEW YORK PREMIERE

New York, NY – September 12, 2025 — The Chelsea Film Festival proudly announces *Out of Order*, a sharp, high-concept legal comedy directed by **Guy Jacobson**, as its **Opening Night Film**. The **New York Premiere** will take place at **Regal Union Square** on **Wednesday, October 15th**, with the screening beginning promptly at **7:30PM** following a 6:30PM red carpet and welcome remarks. A **Q&A with the filmmaker and cast** will follow the screening.

Starring: **Brandon Routh, Sam Huntington, Krysta Rodriguez, Tao Okamoto, Asher Grodman, Michael Potts, America Olivo, Ilana Becker, with Sandra Bernhard, and Brooke Shields.**

The Chelsea Film Festival (CFF) will hold its thirteenth edition both in-person at **Regal Theatres 14th St.** October 15 - 19 and online on FilmFestival+ (<https://filmfestivalplus.com>, also accessible through AppleTV) from October 15-30, 2025.



OUT OF ORDER

Directed by Guy Jacobson

95 min | Comedy | United States | 2025

New York City Premiere

Cast: Brandon Routh, Sam Huntington, Krysta Rodriguez, Tao Okamoto, Asher Grodman, Michael Potts, America Olivo, Ilana Becker, Sandra Bernhard, and Brooke Shields

Produced By: Brandon Routh, Jesse Manning, Katy Donnelly, Chris Bongirne, B. Stephen Tedeschi, Isen Robbins and Aimee Schoof

Written By: Guy Jacobson and Megan Freels Johnston

Casting By Kate Geller

Music By Eric V. Hachikian

Costume Designer Ntombi Moyo

Editor Matt Braunsdorf & Eric Potter

Production Designer Aj Mattioli

Director Of Photography Matt Braunsdorf

Synopsis: *Out of Order* tells the story of a desperate young lawyer who takes a new job to win back his supermodel ex—only to secretly start working for his old firm too. Caught representing both sides of the same case, he juggles two bosses, one lawsuit, and a mountain of lies in the world's most unethical rom-com.

Director's Bio: Guy Jacobson is the writer-director of the upcoming comedy *Out of Order*, featuring Brandon Routh, Sam Huntington, Krysta Rodriguez, Tao Okamoto, Asher Grodman, Michael Potts, with Sandra Bernhard and Brooke Shields. A former Wall Street attorney who returned to his first love—the arts—Jacobson founded Priority Films in 2000 and has since built a diverse career across film, theater, and television. His acclaimed works include the documentary *Redlight* and the feature *Holly*, which screened in over 130 countries, as well as award-winning theater productions and over 250 hours of satirical television. Beyond his creative achievements, Jacobson is a

globally recognized human rights advocate: founder of RedLight Children, recipient of the Global Hero Award (announced at the White House), and honoree of numerous international prizes for his efforts combating child exploitation and trafficking.

Director's Statement: *Out of Order* was inspired by my years in Big Law, where I witnessed absurdities that begged to be turned into comedy. The film collides two worlds—the glitzy allure and seductive emptiness of corporate law, and the scruffy, dream-chasing office where heart still survives. That tension is where the story's humor and humanity live.

I like to think of the movie as *My Cousin Vinny*, *Mrs. Doubtfire*, and *A Fish Called Wanda* running headlong into *Office Space*. It's fast-paced, satirical, and built around a unique dual-role performance with room for improvisation, a return to the kind of big, physical comedy too rare in today's cinema. At one point I even joked about staging the courtroom climax as a ballet at the Met—because comedy, at its best, takes the ridiculous seriously. For me, laughter has always been the way through dark times. I was blessed on this project to work with an incredible cast and an amazing crew that contributed their genius to make the film far better and funnier than I could have ever do on my own! My hope is that this film reminds audiences that comedy still matters—and that nothing pairs better with hope than a really good bottle of wine.

Followed by Q&A with Filmmaker & Cast.

Film Page: <https://chelseafilm.org/out-of-order>

Location: REGAL Union Square, 850 Broadway New York, NY 10003

Date: Wednesday, October 15th

Time: 6:30 PM (Film starts promptly at 7:30 PM)

CFF was founded by actresses Ingrid & Sonia Jean-Baptiste to give voices to the unheard by providing a platform to independent films and discovering new talents.

As Ingrid Jean-Baptiste, Founder of The Chelsea Film Festival, stated: **“Making the World a Better Place by Giving a Voice to the Unheard”**.

Chelsea Film Festival Board of Directors consists of renowned industry insiders: Paul Calderon, Elizabeth Kemp, Pascal Chemin and John Patrick Shanley. The Advisory Board includes: Aaron Pierce, Bruno Chatelin, Kiki Lambden-Stout, Michael Ruotolo and Lawrence M. Kay.

Our Mission: Chelsea Film Festival (CFF) - 501(c)(3) non-profit cultural organization - is an international film festival, enlightening the work of emerging

filmmakers, producers, and actors. It offers a wide range of films, such as shorts, documentaries, and feature-length pieces. It empowers the work of risk-taking storytellers and remains committed to its mission to discover and develop independent artists and audiences around the world.

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