



Charlatan (Back) Cortez, Evans (Front) Bowles, White



CHARLATAN

WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY **COLIN BOWLES**

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A high-angle shot of a man and a woman walking down a wooden staircase. The man is in the foreground, wearing a blue jacket and brown pants, looking down. The woman is behind him, wearing a light-colored jacket and dark pants, looking up at him. The staircase has wooden railings and a wooden floor. The background is bright and slightly out of focus.

STARRING

**HALEY EVANS
COLIN BOWLES
RICKEY CORTEZ
LARI WHITE**

SUPPORTING

**COURTNEY RIKKI GREEN
ADAM MAHAN WILLIAMS
DYLAN TAYLOR
CHRIS HAMPTON**

EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS

**AINSLEY ACUFF
ADAM MAHAN WILLIAMS
COLIN BOWLES
DYLAN TAYLOR**

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Charlatan (L to R) Cortez, Bowles, White

LOGLINE

A bright law student hosts a blissful weekend getaway at his newly inherited estate only to be interrupted by some dark secrets.

SYNOPSIS

Conner (Rickey Cortez) and Mia (Haley Evans), two young law students in love, are on the way to visit Conner's best friend, Bentley Ashburn (Colin Bowles), and his wife, Olivia Ashburn (Lari White). Mia, however, is meeting Bentley and Olivia for the first time and doesn't bleed crimson like the rest. They are off to see Bentley and Olivia's newly inherited estate that they took over after Bentley's parents tragically passed away. The weekend starts off fun and full of bonding until a game night is interrupted by a crash of a fallen painting in the basement. This sets off a wave of grave situations after two people, dressed in all purple, start to pick off one after another. After seeing that the mysterious intruders know their hosts and their hosts know them, Mia has to unearth the secrets that Bentley and Olivia have both been hiding while fighting to get out alive.



COLIN BOWLES

WRITER, DIRECTOR, EXECUTIVE PRODUCER, BENTLEY

Colin is a Director, Writer, and award winning Actor born and raised in Indianapolis, IN. Out of college, his first job was as a Sports Anchor in West Virginia, but soon realized he wanted to follow his passion of becoming a filmmaker and actor. In 2017, he moved to Chicago and started that path.

In 2019, he released his first project, *Yuppies*, a six episode series that mirrored closely to his real life. The series accumulated a number of accolades including, 'Best Web Series' from the LA Film Awards and the Actor Awards named Bowles 'Best Actor in a Comedy' for his performance. Aside from his series, he has been in a number of short films and plays and was nominated for his performance in the play, *Smoke & Mirrors* at the Dunes Summer Theater.

In 2020, he co-founded 2W Productions in which he wrote *Charlatan*. Bowles also Directs the film and plays the role of Bentley.



AINSLEY ACUFF

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

Ainsley grew up in Springfield, MO and attended the University of Missouri. Acuff later moved to Chicago, IL where she has lived for the past three years where she works for a social media company, hangs out with her two cats, and co-hosts a paranormal podcast, *Bedeviled Eggs*. She is excited to be part of *Charlatan*; her first movie endeavor!



ADAM MAHAN WILLIAMS

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER, DAVE

Adam moved to Chicago in 2018 to pursue acting/filmmaking. He started off doing featured extra work on various shows filmed in Chicago before booking his first principal role on NBC's *Chicago P.D.* Recent work includes a *Rise of Kingdoms* commercial that can be seen across all social media platforms. Tired of waiting around for roles, Williams and his roommate Colin Bowles, started their first production company, *2W Productions*, to create their own work. Williams is an actor/producer on *2W Productions* debut film, *Charlatan*.



DYLAN TAYLOR

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

Dylan is an Executive Producer of *Charlatan* and also CEO of *2W Productions*. Taylor was born and raised in Indianapolis where he currently resides.

This is the first film Taylor has worked on and is very excited to be a part of bringing *Charlatan* to life.

Taylor also makes a cameo in the film as the Gas Station Attendant.



Haley Evans

MIA

Originally from Shreveport, Louisiana, Haley now resides in Chicago, Illinois where she is an EMC based actress. Prior to moving to Chicago, she earned her BFA from Baylor University in 2018. Since graduating she's worked professionally with theatres such as Water Tower (*Everything is Wonderful*), Rover Dramawerks (*Charley's Aunt*), and Shreveport Little Theatre (*Inherit the Wind*). Haley has worked on multiple student-produced films and is excited to be exploring more of Chicago's film scene.



Ricky Cortez

CONNER

Growing on a street named "Broadway", Ricky had always dreamt of one day becoming an actor on stage and on-screen. Recently, he's been very active in the theater scene in Indianapolis, specifically with the IndyFringe Festival show *Being Black*. He's also currently preparing for an upcoming production, *Coping with Autumn*, in May. Cortez also has a number of web series on YouTube, and loves being able to tell compelling stories. When he's not working to perfect his craft, he's most likely spending time with his friends & family or at home relaxing with his wife & puppy.



LARI WHITE

OLIVIA

Lari is an actress, songstress, and writer currently traveling throughout the Midwest doing the previously mentioned things. A proud member of Actors Equity Association; Lari has been on stage for most of her life before transitioning into screen work in her college years where she attended Webster University for her B.A. in Scriptwriting and with a minor in Film Production. Currently she is producing her first album and writing her third cabaret *Lari King Live @ The Scene of the Accident*. You can check out her work at larimaewhite.com.



COURTNEY RIKKI GREEN

EMMA

Courtney is an actor based in Chicago, IL. Green received her BFA in Acting from Syracuse University in 2018 including training at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in London. Green also studied improv at Chicago's Second City Training Center and trained at the Chicago Multi-Cultural Dance Center (CMDCC). Green is a cast member of Chicago's *Drunk Shakespeare* and also played Anne Margaret in the Chicago premiere of *Teenage Dick*.