



# **PARKED**

## **Crew**

Director - Darragh Byrne

Writer - Ciaran Creagh

Producers - Dominic Wright, Jacqueline Kerrin

Co-producer - Aleksi Bardy, Helsinki Filmi Oy, Finland

Director of Photography - John Conroy

Production Designer - Owen Power

Editor - Guy Montgomery

Composer - Niall Byrne

## **Cast**

Colm Meaney - Fred Daly

Colin Morgan - Cathal O'Regan

Milka Ahlroth - Juliana

Stuart Graham - George O'Regan

Michael McElhatton - Frank

David Wilmot - Peter

Tatianna Ouiliankina - Aqua Aerobics Instructor

Diarmuid Noyes - Cathal's brother

Mary Kelly - Reporter

## **Technical Specs:**

Country: Ireland (Shot in Dublin, Ireland)

Length: 90 minutes

Shooting Format: HD (RED One)

Sound Dolby SRD

Color / Aspect Ratio 2.35:1

Language: English

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### **LOGLINE**

*A proud man living in his car is inspired by a young drug addict to become a better person.*

### **SHORT SYNOPSIS**

Fred Daly returns to Ireland with nowhere to live but his car. One day, 21-year-old Cathal parks beside him, and brightens up his lonely world. Encouraged by Cathal, Fred befriends an attractive music teacher (i.e. Jules) and opens up his world to those on the outside.

### **LONG SYNOPSIS**

Fred lives a quiet, isolated life in his car, having lost all hope of improving his situation. That all changes when he forms an unlikely friendship with Cathal, a dope-smoking 21-year-old with a positive attitude, who becomes his 'neighbor'. Sharing laughs (and hard times too), Fred and Cathal re-discover the simple pleasures of life.

Cathal is determined to make Fred sort his life out, and it works. Fred cleans up his car, beats the welfare system and makes a friend in Jules, an attractive music teacher who lives alone nearby. But Fred struggles with his pride and hides his 'homelessness' from Jules. At the same time, Cathal's life is threatened by his escalating drug habit.

As they grow closer, the influence of these three outsiders on each other will change their lives forever.

### **DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT**

I *needed* to make this film. *Parked* emerged from a determination to look at the area of homelessness from a non-stereotypical perspective. A world where hopefully our assumptions are tested and our expectations challenged. *Parked* is very much about being stuck, unable to move forward or back, where often the answers are half coincidence and partially staring us in the face.

It seems to me that only by investigating new lands will we ever learn and grow.

- DARRAGH BYRNE

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### DIRECTOR AND SCREENWRITER

#### DIRECTOR

*Parked* is DARRAGH BYRNE's first feature film as director after working in film and broadcast television for over twenty years. He started his career with an award from the Media Project for the Creative Documentary in 1992 for *JFK In The Island of Dreams*. Since that time he has directed numerous projects which have been syndicated throughout the world, being shown by broadcasters such as RTÉ, BBC, The Learning Channel, Rainbow Media, ABC (Australia), ZDF, PBS and CH4.

Having developed and directed his first Feature film with Ripple World Pictures in 2010, Darragh divides his time now between Film and television projects.

#### SCREENWRITER

*Parked* is CIARAN CREAGH's first feature length screenplay. He recently joined the *Fair City* writing team for RTÉ and has been a playwright since 1998. His stage plays include *Last Call* (2006), *Homefront* (2003), and *Blaggers* (2000) that was an entrant in the 6th New York International Fringe Festival.

### CAST

COLM MEANEY's recent films include *Parked*, *Get Him to the Greek*, *Law Abiding Citizen* and 2008 IFTA awarded *Kings*. He is widely recognised for his role in the *Star Trek* TV series and for his starring roles in Stephen Frears's *The Van* and Golden Globe nominated *The Snapper*.

COLIN MORGAN starred in the recent feature films *Parked* and *Island*. He won the Caron Keating Outstanding New Talent award in 2008 for 'Merlin' in *The Adventures of Merlin* (BBC1). His theatre credits include the role of Jimmy in *A Prayer For My Daughter* (2008) at London's Young Vic Theatre.

MILKA AHLROTH has recently starred in the feature films *Parked* and the Finnish language film *Twisted Roots*. Milka has over 20 years experience as an actress, having starred in many film and television roles in her native Finland. She is best known for *Kid Svensk* and *Shades of Happiness*.

MICHAEL MCELHATTON, best known for his roles in *Perrier's Bounty*, *The Actors* and *I Went Down*, has recently finished filming on *The Santa Incident* and Ian Fitzgibbon's *The Death of a Superhero*. His theatre credits include: *Romeo and Juliet* (Abbey), *The Seafarer* (National Theatre, London), and *An Ideal Husband* (Gate Theatre).

STUART GRAHAM's feature credits include *Parked*, *Hunger*, *Small Engine Repair*, *Goldfish Memory*, *Song for a Raggy Boy* and *Michael Collins*. TV credits include *The Bill*, *Single-Handed*, *The Clinic*, *Omagh* (TV movie), *Proof* and *Silent Witness*. Stuart was nominated Best Actor in a Supporting Role (IFTA 2009) for *Hunger*.

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### **CREW**

#### **CINEMATOGRAPHER**

Director of Photography **JOHN CONROY**'s film credits include *Parked*, *Weekender*, *Wild Decembers*, *Get Real* and *Speed Dating*. His TV credits include *Jack Taylor* and *Silent Witness*. His Operator and Steadicam Operator credits include *Green Zone*, *Sweeney Todd*, *The Bourne Ultimatum*, *The Da Vinci Code* and *Charlie and The Chocolate Factory*.

#### **COMPOSER**

**NIALL BYRNE** studied piano and composition at the Royal Irish Academy of Music. He composes music for Irish and international feature films and television dramas. His projects include the feature films: *Parked*, *Pelican Blood*, *Wild Decembers* and *Cairo Time*, that won Best Canadian Feature at the Toronto Film Festival 2009.

#### **EDITOR**

Offline Editor **GUY MONTGOMERY** has worked on programming for RTE, BBC, UTV, MTV, Channel 4 and Metro in the USA. Recent credits include *Who Do You Think You Are?*, *Art Lives - Ronnie Drew: September Song*, *Baz's Extreme Worlds*, *Surgeons*, *The Clinic*, and the feature film *Parked*.