## NAOMI LISNER: Actor, Writer, Producer.

When Lisner's 28 year old marriage fell apart in 2014,Naomi turned to writing uncertain of her future. What started as a cathartic way to heal wounds quickly became a creative inspiration for her first screenplay, her creative juices were exposed. While writing, what is now called, "APPARENTLY SO", Lisner interviewed many women, who like her, were anxious about leaving a marriage that wasn't working.

After a lifetime of acting, put on pause during her marriage, she decided that she would no longer allow anything to hold her back, thus her new found creativity flourished.

Aware of the lack of acting roles for women of her age, Lisner was inspired to write the comedy feature, "THE IMBALANCE". This screenplay has been winning accolades & awards around the world. This encouragement led to her writing a sequel that is being pursued as a possible television series. The story, although, not biographical, does reflect aspects that have touched her life. The story centre's around two actors, both women starting anew after raising a family and subsequent divorces. They head back into the insecure world of entertainment & dating, and are met with a string of rejections.

In August 2016, Lisner formed her film production company, DFUA PRODUCTIONS PTY.LTD. In May 2017, Lisner made her directorial debut in a short film, "HANNAH ROSENTHAL", a film she wrote and stars in. The central character, Hannah, has learning disabilities, her ailing mother, aware that she herself, has little time left, is concerned about her daughter's future. The mother wants Hannah to have someone in her life who would take care of her, Hannah seeks independence on her own terms. She does find love, but with someone who is more intellectually challenged than herself. Naturally, she is in conflict with her mother, who wants her daughter to find happiness but doesn't think that her new found friend is the right choice. The film has scored many international awards as well as US distribution with INTELLECT FILMS.

In 2019, Lisner directed her 2<sup>nd</sup> film. This film, "L'CHAIM", set in World War 2. This period film tells the story of a woman, while hiding in the forest, observes a farmer brutally beating his son. She is torn between intervening and risking her own life, she decides to take the risk. This short film is now on the festival circuit and had it's world premiere at Spain's 31<sup>st</sup> Girona Film Festival . "L'CHAIM" is also represented by INTELLECT FILMS.

Naomi Lisner has served on the WIFT(Women in Film & Television Victoria) from 2015 to 2017. She is a long standing member of the MEAA(Media,Entertainment & Arts Alliance), and several other entertainment based organistaions. Lisner volunteered on the Alliance's wellness committee from 2017 to 2019. She has been a tireless worker for charity, and in between work commitments still volunteers for the Victorian Actors Benevolent Trust.

Naomi Lisner has been nominated for the Telstra Business Woman Awards for 2020, and is also on the shortlist for the Victorian Women's Honour Roll for her work in the Arts & Entertainment platform.

To view Naomi Lisner's full filmography go to: <u>https://pro.imdb.com/name/nm4541715</u>