

HOT CHICKS

**A feature presentation of nine short films
that combine live action, animation and puppets
to bring the comic art of Jack T. Chick to life.**

USA, 2006, 100 minutes, color/black & white

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DIRECTED BY:
Anonymous
Rodney Ascher
P. David Ebersole
Jamie Tolbert Franklin
Syd Garon
Todd Hughes
Bryce Ingman
Tim Kirk
TOMMY!

PRODUCTION NOTES:

Since 1958, Jack T. Chick has been writing and publishing palm-sized religious tracts in comic book form. These tiny booklets are inexpensive enough to give to strangers and as easy to read as the Sunday comics. With over four hundred million copies sold (in over 70 languages), Jack Chick is arguably the most widely read theologian in human history.

HOT CHICKS is an anthology of nine short films presented as a feature. Using live action, animation and puppets, each film presents a “Chick Tract” and is told virtually verbatim, based on nine of Chick’s most popular titles. The stories deal with sin and redemption, the Bible and some fundamentalist opinions that evoke humor, irony and sheer terror.

The origins of this project begin with writer/actress Jamie Tolbert Franklin. Despite a starring role opposite Mary Woronov in THE NEW WOMEN and the acclaimed Sundance short she wrote and starred in, HAVE YOU SEEN PATSY WAYNE?, Tolbert’s day job is teaching English as a second language to adults in Los Angeles. On Halloween night, a young woman approached her to “witness” with the Spanish translation of the Chick title LA PRINCESITA. Tolbert read the story of a young girl frightened into accepting Jesus and found it very similar to her own experience growing up in Texas. This inspired her to go behind the camera, using the English version of the comic book tract as script and storyboard. She enlisted her friends to create a live action film. The results inspired her colleagues, screenwriter Tim Kirk, writer/director/producer P. David Ebersole, writer/director Todd Hughes, actor Bryce Ingman and actress Anonymous to create their own “Chick Flicks” based on Chick Tracts that had affected them in some way.

As word of this project spread, the HOT CHICKS collective met animators Rodney Ascher and Syd Garon, who were also Chick fanatics and had already come up with the same idea. With one “Chick Flick” in the can, they loved the idea of a feature presentation and created a second short. Ascher knew of yet another completed “Chick Flick” and TOMMY! joined the group with a film he had shot in San Francisco about a Christian rock band, complete with original rock music composed for Chick’s insane lyrics.

The final product reflects nine different cinematic styles and textures. The film has been compared to THE ARISTOCRATS in that nine different filmmakers are basically presenting the same joke (You’re going to hell if you don’t accept Jesus) in their own unique way. Not to worry, only two of the protagonists go to Hell. The rest, whether they are gay, into the occult, partying too hard or just too innocent to know that without Jesus all is lost, get saved in the nick of time.

HOT CHICKS makes its World Premiere in the Dark Wave program at the Los Angeles Film Festival, screening Friday, June 23rd at 9:30 PM and Sunday, June 25th at 4:30 PM at the Majestic Crest Theater in Westwood.

For more info:

<http://www.lafilmfest.com/>

<http://www.316now.com>

<http://www.chick.com>

BEWITCHED?



Time was running out for Ashley. Drugs would soon kill her. But a praying grandmother made the difference.

Directed by Tim Kirk

Director bio

TIM KIRK has written screenplays for most of the major studios, including Universal, Columbia, New Line, Paramount and 20th Century Fox. He is represented by William Morris. For **HOT CHICKS**, he is the director of **BEWITCHED?**, and appears in **DOOM TOWN**, **WOUNDED CHILDREN** and **PARTY GIRL**, and did the puppets for **CLEO**.

Starring

ASHLEY Sara Vidar
GRANDMOTHER Sandra Kinder
SATAN Todd Brock
SATAN'S MINION Josh Lawson
DEMON FROM HELL Jaren Combes
WORD OF THE LORD Julian Dibbell
HOT TUB DUDE # 1 Colin Greene
HOT TOB DUDE # 2 Josh Lawson
ASHLEY'S MOTHER'S DAMNED SOUL Jamie Tolbert-Franklin
DOCTOR David Carpenter
DISORDERLY ORDERLIES Todd Hughes and P. David Ebersole

PUPPETS BY Genevieve Anderson and Tim Kirk
DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY Thomas Jewett
ART DIRECTOR Mark Givens

EDITOR Todd Brock

LA PRINCESITA



Heidi is terribly sick. But when she gets saved on Halloween night, her whole family finds Christ too. An emotional story with a happy ending.

Directed by Jamie Tolbert Franklin

Director bio

JAMIE TOLBERT FRANKLIN wrote and starred in the Sundance hit short *HAVE YOU SEEN PATSY WAYNE?*, now developed into a feature. Part of a troop of actors who performed in Justin Tanner's string of hit plays at the Cast Theater in Hollywood, Jamie originated roles in *ZOMBIE ATTACK!* and *PARTY MIX*. She stars in Todd Hughes' *THE NEW WOMEN* with Mary Woronov, and in his stand-out short of Gertrude and Alice, *HUBBY/WIFEY*. For *HOT CHICKS*, she is the director of *LA PRINCESITA*, and is appears in *BEWITCHED?*, *DOOM TOWN*, *WOUNDED CHILDREN*, *PARTY GIRL* and *CLEO*.

Starring

HEIDI Dana Schwartz
DOCTOR Brendan Broms
MR. SPENCER Ed Beechner
MRS. SPENCER Heather Myers
JOSH SPENCER Brian Newkirk
NEIGHBOR Michelle Tountas
MRS. SMITH Todd Hughes
MR. SMITH P. David Ebersole
JESUS CHRIST David Franklin
GOD, THE FATHER ?

EDITOR Todd Hughes
ADs Bryce Ingman, David Franklin

DOOM TOWN



Story of Sodom. Delivers a compassionate plea to repent of homosexuality.

Directed by P. David Ebersole

Director bio

P. DAVID EBERSOLE'S recent credits include Sundance Channel's STRAIGHT RIGHT (director/co-writer), HBO's STRANGER INSIDE (co-producer), THE NEW WOMEN (writer/co-producer), First Run Feature's DEATH IN VENICE, CA (writer/director), and Showtime's VIOLATION (writer). He is currently directing the first American telenovela, DESIRE: TABLE FOR THREE for Fox Television. For HOT CHICKS, he is the director of DOOM TOWN, and appears in BEWITCHED, LA PRINCESITA, WOUNDED CHILDREN and PARTY GIRL.

Starring

CHARLIE Benjamin Sprunger
ABS CAMERAMAN Tim Kirk
SEAN Stephen Thrun
GAY CRUISER Todd Hughes
ABRAHAM Herb Tannen
LOT Aaron Glickman
CITY OF SODOM Hollywood & Highland
KISSING SODOMITES Todd Hughes, P. David Ebersole
SODOMITE CHASING HIS SON David Carpenter
THE CHILD WHO ISN'T SAFE Jack Carpenter
GOD Jones
GOD'S ANGEL - THE BIG ONE Josh Lawson
GOD'S ANGEL - NOT THE BIG ONE David Barden
LEADER OF THE SODOMITES Jinx Titanic
HUSBAND OF THE LEADER OF THE SODOMITES Brian Newkirk

CINEMATOGRAPHY Tom Jewett

TITANIC



Chester thought he didn't need God. But when the ship began to sink, he learned how wrong he was.

Directed by Rodney Ascher and Syd Garon

Director's bios

RODNEY ASCHER is filmmaker/ animator/etcetera whose work has screened at the SFMOMA, The NY Underground Film Festival, Dfilm, Resfest, CineVegas, South by Southwest, the White Column Gallery and a funeral home in Baltimore. His work includes short films, tv commercials, music videos, title sequences and totally kick-ass pilots for TV shows that the world apparently just wasn't ready for. For more information and quality filmed entertainment visit him on the web at www.rodneymascher.com

SYD GARON graduated from the University of Miami with Film and Psychology degrees in 1991. He worked in various capacities(Production Assistant to Props to Art Director) on TV commercials while gradually learning stop motion animation and Amiga level computer graphics. He then spent a year or so projecting film loops and custom visuals in night clubs in South Beach and for Marylyn Manson's live shows. Animation work eventually led to Directing jobs. After learning Adobe After Effects he has since switched his focus from live action to animation.

Featuring the voice talent of

Kenny Hotz
Stephen Brophy
Buffy Visick

ANGELS?



They started as a "Christian" rock group, and became slaves to rock. But Tom found that Jesus could set him free!

Directed by TOMMY!

Director bio

TOMMY! - An unrepentant agnostic, convicted drug smuggler, pro-homo dopehead and powerful prophet of a generations immortality, TOMMY! and his "Films" are anything but safe. TOMMY! may think he is generating the energy, but he's just a fuse box. Satan flips the switch. His previous films include, "Riverboat Monkey" (1991), "American Sizzle" (1992), "B is for Bongo, C is for Communist" (1996), "Surrounded!" (1997), "When Teen-Agers ruled the Moon!" (1999) and "Hugo Where I Go" (2003). A life and career like TOMMY!'s deserves shame not support.

Produced by Aimee Pavy

Starring

LEW SIFFER David Trowbridge
TOM Pat Lambelet
DON Marc Lariviere
BOBBY Erik Bluhm
JIM Ted Edelfsen
#1 FAN Packard Jennings
COP Ram Steele
NICE GIRL Chase Roberts
RECORD PRODUCER Josh Miller
BOBBY'S LOVER Alan Dart

WOUNDED CHILDREN



Homosexual life is not gay. David discovered that Jesus can save him, but he must be willing to give up being gay.

Directed by Todd Hughes

Director bio

TODD HUGHES - recent credits include THE NEW WOMEN (writer/director), HUBBY/WIFEY (director, currently airing on Here! TV), DING DONG (writer/director) and Showtime's VIOLATION (writer). Todd is currently a writer on the new Fox telenovela ART OF BETRAYAL starring Sean Young. For HOT CHICKS, he is the director of WOUNDED CHILDREN, and appears in BEWITCHED, LA PRINCESITA, DOOM TOWN and PARTY GIRL.

Starring

NARRATOR Dana Schwartz
DADDY Josh Lawson
BUTCHIE Herself
DAD'S PAL Jones
MOTHER Jamie Tolbert Franklin
EDITH Shaz Bennett
SATAN Brendan Broms
DAVID Brian Newkirk
PSYCHIATRIST P. David Ebersole
STRAIGHT GIRL Sara Vidar
BRIAN Randall Kohl
REFORMED HOMOSEXUAL PREACHER Justin Tanner
KENNY Kristian Hoffman
DEMON Thom Adcox
Satanic Costume Creations by Sara Vidar of Hollywood

CLEO



When Cleo is rescued from the animal shelter, her owner learns how Jesus redeemed us.

Directed by Bryce Ingman

Director bio

BRYCE INGMAN is a director, writer and actor based in Los Angeles, California. For HOT CHICKS he directed CLEO, in which he appears as JOHN.

Starring

CLEO Mungry
TIMMY Jason Galloway
JOHN Bryce Ingman
MOM Jamie Franklin
HERB Christopher Senger
VETERINARIAN Abe Hepner
DOCTOR Brendan Broms
RECEPTIONIST Dana Schwartz
JESUS CHRIST David Franklin
MRS. JONES Jamie Franklin
GRANDMA Dana Schwartz
DOOMED DOG Leroy
and
BUTCHIE as HERSELF

2ND SECOND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR Christopher James Senger
DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY Jamie Franklin
PUPPETEER Tim Kirk

PARTY GIRL



A young woman's brush with death reveals Satan's plot for her destruction.

Directed by Anonymous

SOMEBODY GOOFED



A young man goofs when he is talked out of receiving Jesus as Saviour.

Directed by Rodney Ascher and Syd Garon

Director bios above.

Writer**JACK T. CHICK**

Jack Thomas Chick (born April 13, 1924) of Chick Publications is a comic book artist and publisher. He is known for his controversial comic-style tracts (informally known as Chick Tracts) and larger comic books for the purpose of Christian evangelism from a fundamentalist point of view. Chick is an Independent Baptist, a premillennial dispensationalist, follower of the King James Only Movement, and strongly anti-Catholic.
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