

## **MOTHER'S DAY (2016)**

- Released April 29th, 2016
- Garry Marshall directed
- \$25 million budget
- Open Road Films, Rice Films
- Rated PG:13

## **QUICK THOUGHTS**

- Phil Svitek
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## **INTERVIEW WITH OWEN VACARRO - CHARLIE**

- Daddy's Home- worked with Will Farrell, Mark Wahlberg
- Mother's Day - Owen will star opposite **Kate Hudson, Sarah Chalke and Jennifer Aniston** as 'Charlie' a sweet, intellectual child who is the son of Chalke who is one of the mothers profiled in the intersecting stories
- Owen continues to take classes, workshops, musical theater class and singing lessons and summer camps at the Alliance Theater
- During the month of April, Owen has teamed up with Moxie (one of the top marketing agencies), and the Music.ly app to bring awareness to child abuse prevention
- April is Child Abuse Prevention month and Owen is encouraging children of all ages to make their own lip sync videos of Rachel Platten's "Stand By You", tagging friends and promoting the **#WeStandTogether** campaign through the Music.ly app
- Owen lives in Atlanta, GA with his family and his favorite actor is Chris Pratt, and he hopes to one day play Bruce from "Matilda" in a theater production
- **Questions:**
  - How did you get involved with the movie?
  - What are you doing for Mother's Day?
  - What did you learn on this movie vs what you learned on Daddy's Home?
  - What was your favorite scene to film?
  - What was your favorite aspect from the movie (character or storyline)?
  - What was some of the advice/direction Garry Marshall gave you?
  - Had you seen the other movies before this one?
  - You've been a part of 2 comedies - which do you ultimately prefer: drama or comedy?
  - Working with A-List actors, did they give you any acting advice?
  - How long did you film for?

## **DEVELOPMENT**

- In April 2013, Dennis Dugan confirmed that he would be next developing Garry Marshall's comedy film *Mother's Day*

- On July 22, 2015, Open Road Films acquired the US distribution rights to the film, and it was revealed that Matt Walker and Tom Hines also wrote the script

**WRITING** (Tom Hines, Lily Hollander, Anya Kochoff, Matthew Walker)

- Hines- Working on Untitled Garry Marshall Documentary. Acted in most of Marshall's film
- Hines acted in Princess Bride movies, Runaway Bride
- Hollander only wrote this movie
- Kochoff wrote Monster in Law
- Walker mostly acted (Valentine's Day, Halloween 5) - first writing credit

**STORY/CAST**

- **POINT OF DISCUSSION:** Intersecting storylines, the holiday, cheesey-ness, generational differences, racism?, happy endings, funny moments
- On June 30, 2015, four cast members were announced including Julia Roberts, Jennifer Aniston, Kate Hudson, and Jason Sudeikis, directed by Garry Marshall and scripting by Anya Kochoff-Romano and Lily Hollander
- On August 21, 2015, Ella Anderson joined the film's cast to play Vicky, Sudeikis's character's daughter
- On August 26, 2015, Timothy Olyphant, Britt Robertson, Shay Mitchell, Jack Whitehall, Loni Love, and Aasif Mandvi joined the cast
- On October 6, Hilary Duff was confirmed in the cast, but she declined for the second season of Younger

- [Jennifer Aniston](#) as Sandy
- [Julia Roberts](#) as Miranda
- [Kate Hudson](#) as Jesse
- [Jason Sudeikis](#) as Bradley
- [Timothy Olyphant](#) as Henry
- [Hector Elizondo](#) as Lance Wallace
- [Britt Robertson](#) as Kristin
- [Sarah Chalke](#) as Gabi
- [Loni Love](#) as Kimberly
- [Cameron Esposito](#) as Max
- [Margo Martindale](#) as Flo
- [Robert Pine](#) as Earl
- [Shay Mitchell](#) as Tin
- [Jack Whitehall](#) as Zack
- [Aasif Mandvi](#) as Russell
- [Jon Lovitz](#) as Wally Burn
- [Lucy Walsh](#) as Jody
- [Sandra Taylor](#) as Lexy
- [Ella Anderson](#) as Vicky
- [Grayson Russell](#) as Tommy
- [Matthew Walker](#) as Randy

- Lisa Roberts Gillan as Betty
- Kate Linder as Gigi
- Jennifer Garner as Dana Barton
- Paul Vogt as Tiny
- Christine Lakin as The Hostess
- Rory O'Malley as The Customer
- Larry Miller as The Motorcycle Cop
- Sean O'Bryan as The Male Cop
- Caleb Brown as Mikey
- Brandon Spink as Peter
- Brittany Belt as Beth Anne
- Brando Marler as Donnie
- Gianna Simone as Val
- Ariana Neal as Evette
- Jessi Case as Rachell
- Drew Matthews as Beanie
- Owen Vaccaro as Charlie
- Ayden Bivek as Tanner
- Luke Whoriskey as Alex
- Sam Marshall as Sam
- Siena LaGambina as Paige
- Joseph Leo Bwarie as Bobby Lee
- Suzanne Haring as Bella
- Adreana Gonzalez as Inez
- Anoush NeVart as Sonia
- Wedil David as Leah
- Beth Kennedy as Gwenda
- Natalie Machado as Lisa
- Gary Friedkin as Shorty
- Tom Hines as Brady

#### **JENNIFER ANISTON** (Sandy)

- First time working with Marshall
- Known for comedy - Friends, We're The Millers, Horrible Bosses
- Became estranged from her mother, who made unflattering statements about her in a tabloid. As a result, she refused to invite her mother to her wedding

#### **JULIA ROBERTS** (Miranda)

- Julia Roberts earned \$3m for 4 days work
- 4th collaboration with director Garry Marshall, the first three being Pretty Woman, Runaway Bride and Valentine's Day.
- We're very efficient. She shows up on set and says, "I'm here!" They always call her a little early. But she don't wanna wait four hours! So I say, "Don't call her until we're ready!" I do know what she likes or if something throws her. - Marshall

### **KATE HUDSON** (Jesse)

- Known Garry since she was 7. He directed “Overboard,” starring Goldie Hawn. Directed “Raising Helen.”
- As a child, due to her love of animals, Julia originally wanted to be a veterinarian, but later studied journalism. When her brother, Eric Roberts, achieved some success in Hollywood, Julia decided to try acting. Her first break came in 1988 when she appeared in two youth-oriented movies *Mystic Pizza* (1988) and *Satisfaction* (1988). The movies introduced her to a new audience who instantly fell in love with this pretty woman

### **JENNIFER GARNER** (2nd Lt. Dana Barton)

- Known for *Daredevil*, *Dallas Buyers Club*, *Juno*

### **HECTOR ELIZONDO** (Lance Wallace)

- 18th time Hector Elizondo has appeared in a Garry Marshall directed film
- Old time friends with Garry

### **BRITT ROBERTSON**

- Favorite movie of all time is *Pretty Woman*. “Growing up, I watched it all the time because my mom loved *Pretty Woman* and she’s a big Julia Roberts fan. So the fact that I was able to work with Julia and Hector and have Garry direct it was like a dream come true, top of the list. You could never think of something like this. As a kid, I never dreamed this could happen to me. It was just that cool.”
- Worked with Garry when she was 12.
- “I didn’t really know about in terms of how to play a mom, so that I did some reading on. But for the most part, looking at all the people around me and trying to observe what moms do and do the best i could.”
- *Working with Julia*: 2 or 3 days that we spent together. It was only two scenes and they work really fast on these films.

### **SHAY MITCHELL** (Tina)

- First Feature length film
- Fan of *Pretty Woman*
- Starstruck when filming with Jennifer Aniston
- Known for *Pretty Woman*
- Favorite TV Shows: *Orange is the New Black*, *Entourage*, *Californication*, and *Oprah*
- Even as a young child, she was interested in the performing arts, declaring to her parents that she would pursue such a career. Shay began dance lessons at the age of five, and she and several of her classmates toured the city to compete with a variety of other dance schools. At the age of 10, Shay's family moved west to Vancouver, British Columbia. Within a year of their arrival, an international modeling agency held an open casting call for teen and pre-teen girls who were vying for representation. Shay was one

of the girls selected. By her late teens, Shay had successfully modeled for a variety of companies in cities as varied as Bangkok, Hong Kong and Barcelona. Wanting to focus on her true passion, Mitchell returned to Toronto and began to study acting with great focus and determination.

- “The craziest thing I've done getting over love is skydiving. I had a really upsetting breakup. When I broke up with my boyfriend I needed to like do something different and so I actually went skydiving to turn over a new page. I don't know how I did that, but I did feel really good after doing it. I wanted to like do something I've never done before on my own and I went sky diving. That's kind of something that I did to get over love. It really made me feel a lot more confident that I could handle something that I was so scared to do on my own. Up until that point I had been in a relationship for a while. To be able to do something that is your ultimate fear, which for me was heights, and to be able to do it alone without that significant other beside you, was an amazing feeling. I'm really happy that I did it. Yeah, it did help.”

#### **TIMOTHY OLYPHANT (Henry)**

- Known for *Justified*, *Hitman*, *The Grinder*, *I Am Number Four*, *Rango*, *Deadwood*
- Has a son named Henry and a daughter named Vivian with Alexis Knief

#### **EASTER EGGS / TRIVIA**

- The wig Julia Roberts wears is the same wig she wore in the movie *Notting Hill* for a scene about a space travel movie.
- The workout clothes worn by Jennifer Aniston and Kate Hudson in the film are from Kate Hudson's activewear line Fabletics.
- Jennifer Aniston makes a joke when the slide deflates that it's *justified* a reference to Olyphant's hit FX show

#### **DIRECTING (Garry Marshall)**

- “The Odd Couple” for TV and created “Happy Days,” among other shows. He has directed 18 films, including “Pretty Woman,” “Runaway Bride”
- 3rd Film about Holiday: Valentine's Day, New Year's Day
- Lives in Toluca Lake in the San Fernando Valley. Still directing at 81
- The spirit on Marshall's set is all about family, Kids, partners and friends are welcome on the set, and Marshall keeps it loose all the way through the wrap party, where he plays the drums with a cast-and-crew band.
- "For Garry, family is first," says Heather Hall, his assistant of 22 years, who served as a producer for *Mother's Day*. "Life is more important than show business. That is his motto."
- “I feel so safe with him, and I know that he knows better than anyone on the planet Earth what's funny.” - Julia Roberts
- Known for *Odd Couple*, *Happy Days*

## **PRODUCTION/CINEMATOGRAPHY** (Charles Minsky)

- Principal photography on the film began on August 18, 2015 in Atlanta, Georgia
- Production designer Missy Stewart floods the sets with so much floral greenery
- Charles is known for *Pretty Woman*, *Valentine's Day*, *New Year's Eve*

## **EDITING/VFX** (Bruce Green, Robert Malina)

- Green- *Princess Diaries*, *Valentine's Day*, *Raising Helen*, *Runaway Bride*
- Malina- Assistant Editor for *Valentine's Day*, *Raising Helen*, *Runaway Bride*

## **BOX OFFICE/RECEPTION**

- Domestic: As of MAY 5th, 2016: **\$10,962,854**
- Foreign: N/A
- Worldwide: N/A
- Domestic Summary
  - Opening Weekend: \$8,369,184
  - (#4 rank, 3,035 theaters, \$2,758 average)
- Widest Release: 3,141 theaters
- In Release: 6 days / 0.9 weeks

## **RECEPTION**

- IMDB: 5.2
- RT: 8% Tatometer, 55% Audience
- Cinemascore: B+

## **SEQUEL**

- It's a companion piece to *New Year's Eve*, *Valentine's Day*
- *Father's Day*, *4th of July*, *Christmas Day*???

## **FINAL THOUGHTS**