

LOOK BACK

A film by Lauren Beck

Exhibition dates: Monday, October 14, 2019 - Sunday, November 17, 2019

Stella had the gift of premonition. Her sister, a performer known as the Mimic, has the uncanny ability to translate images into sound. Though separated by death, they are bound together by a glass eye and the man to whom it has been entrusted.

Lauren Beck's short film **Look Back** tells the story of the Man and the Mimic's journey to return the eye to the sisters' childhood home. Together, these two characters travel through a series of strange environments, all connected by the vengeful and redemptive properties of the eye. **Look Back** asks what it means to return to a place that has been lost. The story examines the unexpected possibilities of what can happen when that reckoning proves impossible.

Look Back is based on a short story of the same name by Teddy Jefferson, author of stories, essays, and plays, including *The Wedding*, *The Desk*, and *The Insomniac*. His translation of Pirandello's *However You Want Me (Come tu mi vuoi)* won the PEN translation prize. Director Lauren Beck is currently based in Austin, Texas; she received her MFA from the University of Chicago in 2012. **Look Back** was filmed on location in Northwest Indiana, with assistance from Film Indiana and the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events.

Look Back tracks its characters' attempts to recapture a world that is, in a literal sense, underwater. In this way, the film is responsive to the place in which it was made, reflecting on representing the post-industrial sublime. In the end, **Look Back** feels metaphysically correct—born of our world—only to unravel and become something else entirely, something not of this world.

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Cast In Order of Appearance

Cell Mate	Shawna Franks
Stella	Dado
The Man	Colin Reeves
Prison Guard	Eric Watts
Laughing Man in Theater	Paul Somers
Magician	Dave Wysock
The Mimic	Cindy Henkin
Dock Worker 1	Steve Walker
Dock Worker 2	Peter DeFaria
Pregnant Man	Alex Stein
Angry Mob	Chelsey Rayne
	Larry Schmock
	Ryan Stephens
	David Lovejoy
Baby	Liam

Crew

Assistant Director	Morganne Wakefield
Associate Producer	Andy Bosnak
Additional Camera	Adam J. Minnick
Lighting Design	J.B Spector
Costumes	Takashi Shallow
Grip	Tim Hogan
1st Assistant Camera	Chris Polmanski
Location Sound	Jason Culver
Hair and Makeup	Colleen O'Sullivan
Special Effects	Glenese Hand

Based on the short story by Teddy Jefferson

Produced and Directed by Lauren Beck

Cinematography by Josh Duensing

Screen Share Video Gallery is a venue for screen-based media at the Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts, designed as a way to showcase student work made in various production courses in DoVA, including Video, Animation and On Time & Space. This space also hosts curatorial projects by students, alumni and guests from various Chicago art organizations. Located in the reception area outside of the Film and Video Screening Room (on the second floor of the Logan Center), Screen Share functions as a video lounge, showcasing programs of video, animation and new media on a rotating schedule.

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