

WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY: DUSTIN SHROFF PRODUCED BY: ROBERT GOMES RUNNING TIME: 4 MINUTES 49 SECONDS SHOOTING FORMAT: DIGITAL

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LOGLINE: A snapshot of a boy's gender crisis.

SYNOPSIS: A boy must decide between a deflated green ball and a bright pink ball in this fantastical tale of a boy's gender crisis in the toy aisle of a super-store.



### CREDITS

#### CAST

BOYCARSON TRINITY HAVERDASALES CLERKCHARLES BASHAMDADGREG BAGLIASHOPPERKETURAH BRANCH

#### CREW

WRITER AND DIRECTOR	DUSTIN SHROFF
PRODUCER	ROBERT GOMES
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER	DARYL ROTH
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER	JOHN LIVINGSTON
CO-PRODUCER	MICHAEL RAY SOLIS
LINE PRODUCER	JANET JENSEN
CINEMATOGRAPHER	RICARDO DIAZ
EDITOR	JASON USON
COMPOSER/SOUND DESIGNER	WILL PATTERSON
PRODUCTION DESIGNER	MICHAEL RAY SOLIS
CASTING DIRECTOR	SALLY ALLEN
STORYBOARD ARTIST	LEOLA PEREZ
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	SUSAN JASSO
ASSISTANT CAMERA	DAVID WARD

GAFFER	SPENCER PHARR
GRIP	BILLY MACCARTNEY
COLORIST/ONLINE EDITOR	JASON USON
STILL PHOTOGRAPHER	JOSH BEHRENS
SOUND MIXER	KIRBY MEADORS
SOUND RECORDIST	FERRICK HALLARON
HAIR + MAKEUP ARTIST	LEOLA PEREZ
SET DRESSERS	MAX KRUEMCKE
	MONTY MUIR
KEY PRODUCTION ASSISTANT	TAYLOR SMITH
PRODUCTION ASSISTANTS	JOSH BEHRENS
	EVAN ROBERTS

CHELSEA SURFUS



### BIOS

Dustin Shroff (Writer/Director) has worked in the television and film industry for a decade. He has worked for Trio, Bravo, WNBC, and NBC News London, and on numerous film and television projects including *Hellion*, *Yeah Kowalski*!, *Friday Night Lights* and *Spy Kids 4*. He currently works as an art director in Austin, TX.

*Deflated* is his first live-action film and the first film in his *Broken Arrow* series: a group of stories exploring gender and sexuality through the eyes of Chris, a boy growing up in the suburban sprawl of the American Bible Belt.

Robert Gomes (Producer) is a professional actor who has appeared on Broadway, Off Broadway, and in numerous film and television roles. As a producer, he worked on stories for the online new magazine *Out at the* Center. As a writer, he is currently adapting the play *We Were There* for the screen, as well as his own play *Certainty.* He is also co-writing a TV pilot, set in Austin, with Dustin Shroff.

Dary Roth (Executive Producer) holds the singular distinction of producing seven Pulitzer Prize-winning plays: *Clybourne Park* (2012 Tony Award); August: Osage County (2008 Tony Award); Anna in the Tropics; Proof (2001 Tony Award); Wit; How I Learned to Drive: and Edward Albee's Three Tall Women. She has produced over 75 award-winning productions, including The Normal Heart (2011 Tony Award) and Kinky Boots, with book by Harvey Fierstein and music by Cyndi Lauper opening at the Hirschfeld Theatre in the spring of 2012. Upcoming projects include: John Grisham's A Time To Kill, adapted by Rupert Holmes. Film credits include Albert Nobbs starring Glenn Close. directed by Rodrigo Garcia; the Emmy-nominated HBO feature, Dinner with Friends, based on Donald Margulies' Pulitzer Prizewinning play: The Ladv in Question, a documentary based on the career of Charles Busch; A Very Serious Person, written by Charles Busch, starring Polly Bergen: Don't Ask, Don't Tell starring Marc Wolf; and My Dog: An Unconditional Love Story, a documentary exploring the relationships of well known New Yorkers and their doos.

Carson Trinity Haverda (Boy) has appeared in several films, including *The Man Who Never Cried and Der Vater*. His varied credits include *Friday Night Lights*, music video appearances, several print ads (*Texas Tourism Campaign*), and impressive stage credits. He has appeared in commercials for *Chuck E. Cheese's* and *Chrysler Town and Country*, while his voice work can be heard in the SAG short *Why Is The Dog Howlin', Momma*? His skills include baseball, football, soccer, piano, and trick skateboarding.

Greg Baglia (Dad) has extensive film, television, and theatre credits. On film he has appeared in *The Mark, The Association, Uptown Girls, Abuelo, Dozers,* and *Murder by Numbers.* His television credits include *Criminal Minds, Dave Chappelle's Show, All My Children, One Life to Live, As the World Turns,* and *The Guiding Light.* He has contributed voice effects to many feature films including *True Grit, Secretariat, The Big Year, Limitless, Yogi Bear* and HBO's *Mildred Pierce.* Greg has numerous Off Broadway and regional theatre credits, including major roles *in August: Osage County, Private Lives, Much Ado About Nothing,* and *An Evening with Jesse James.* 

Ricardo Diaz (Cinematographer) graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a B.S. in Radio-Television-Film. While there, he served as cinematographer on a number of award-winning short films that played in numerous film festivals. He then worked as a union camera assistant on feature films, commercials, and music videos. In that time he lensed the 35 MM opening title sequence for the feature film *Elvis and Annabelle*, shot by Conrad W. Hall. In 2009, he graduated with an MFA in Cinematography from the prestigious American Film Institute Conservatory in Los Angeles and also shot the Doorpost Grand Prize winning film *The Man Who Never Cried*. He has since gone on to shoot multiple international documentaries, narrative feature films, and most recently, commercials for clients such as Microsoft Windows, Verizon, Honda, and Tillamook Cheese.

Will Patterson (Composer) is a composer and sound designer who studied film at the University of Texas. After playing in several local pop bands, he pursued a career in film because of his fundamental interest in the color and texture of sound. He currently works for the critically acclaimed director Terrence Malick and runs an analog recording studio in Austin, Texas.



### DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

DEFLATED is a simple story that I hope opens up a dialogue on gender issues and what it means to grow up in a society where something as simple as a boy choosing a pink ball carries so much shame.

**DUSTIN SHROFF**