

ITVfest / PopConLA - FILMMAKER INTERVIEWS

A Q&A with Stephen Unger

from the Music Videos

“Give Up”

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**So, Stephen, your background, where are you from and what motivated you to do a Music Videos?:**

I grew up in Clearwater, FL, but I attended film school in Orlando at the University of Central Florida and New York City's City College (CUNY) MFA program. For a while I only directing short films and since 2010, decided to give Music Videos a try.

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How would you best describe your Music Videos?

I like to blend animation with live-action.

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**What was the best moment, for you in creating “Give Up”?**

When I had a chance to get into the studio and shoot the rest of the video on green screen.

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And the worst moment?

The worst moment was when I got a ticket for illegal filming in Malibu.

If you had one message to get across to the WORLD with “Give Up” – What would that message be?

Get a permit! And always try to keep that creative fire going for as long as possible.

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**Everyone that enters a Festival wants to win an Award, What about your project makes it stand out?**

The blend of the animation, live-action, story and twisting ending, to go with it.

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and What is next for you?

Working on an independent feature film about sick children who escape the confinements of the hospital through an animated world.

Thank You, Stephen Unger

Any last words or something I forgotten to ask you?

I'd like to thank my cast and crew for doing such a great job.

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**What are the credits for Give Up?**

Cast:

Ravi Reddy and Jaimie Allen

Produced by: Stephen Unger and Jose Lopez

Creators/Directors: Stephen Unger

Cameras: Joe Lam

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– Where and When is “Give Up”?

YouTube: www.youtube.com/FeeFyeFoeLLC



Band: Marcus Very Ordinary