





ANTHONY DIAZ V

President Kaizen Studios, Co. Ltd.

Anthony Diaz V discovered his love for film since childhood and enthusiastically began his journey into filmmaking through creating dozens of short films since the age of 15. This has given him a broad range of hands on experience through screen writing, directing, producing, acting and editing his own short films early on.

His passion for filmmaking led him to enroll at the University of Las Vegas Film School, USA (UNLV) where many famous movie directors and producers have taught. He graduated with high honors with a Bachelor Degree in Film in the year 2010 at the age of 20, making him the youngest graduate in the history of the program.

Anthony wrote, directed and acted in a short film called "Delusion" which was specially showcased at the UNLV Film Festival. The next film he wrote, directed and acted in, "Forgotten Heroes," is about the war in Afghanistan and how it affects a U.S. military family. It received rave reviews and has played at various movie festivals. It was also under consideration to be showcased at Capitol Hill in Washington D.C., and was highly endorsed by the Gold Star Wives of America - a well respected organization for spouses of those killed in the US military on active duty.

In 2012, at the age of 22, Anthony started a film production company, called Kaizen Studios, LLC in Las Vegas, Nevada USA. In 2013, he established Kaizen Studios Co., Ltd. in the Shibuya District in the heart of Tokyo, Japan.

In 2016, Anthony completed an Independent Hollywood movie, called "BREAK" in which he wrote, directed, edited, produced and played the lead role. It is an aspiring

FORGOTTEN HEROES



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American story which uses Japan as a backdrop. Anthony is now in Pre-Production for his next film to be produced in Tokyo and is also playing the lead actor in "WAY OF THE CROSS," which he co-wrote and is co-producing.





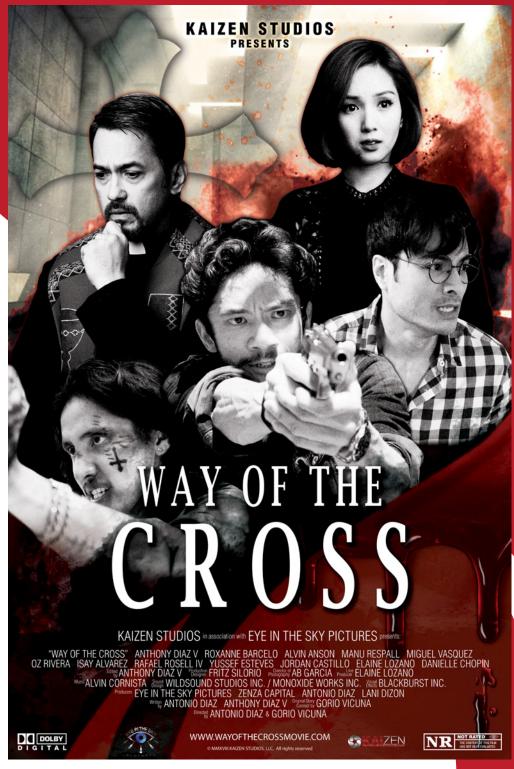


"BREAK" Premiere: Japan - Tokyo

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Original Concept by: Gorio Vicuna Screenplay by: Antonio Diaz Anthony Diaz V Directed by: Antonio Diaz & Gorio Vicuna

About WAY OF THE CROSS

Set against a small religious town in the Philippines, "WAY OF THE CROSS" follows Rogelio "Rogue" Marquez (Anthony Diaz V), a Las Vegas based Filipino American FBI agent, whose estranged father living in the Philippines, is diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. Rogue travels to the Philippines to visit his dying father and half sister in Manila. A string of murders occur during holy week celebrations in the nearby town of San Antonio that send waves of terror among the local town people, and stuns the NBI and its top agent. Rogue's curiosity and FBI instincts lure him into a dark cat and mouse world of religious abstracts as he attempts to uncover the motivation behind these murders in hopes to solve the mystery.

GORIO VICUNA

Chief Executive GWARD, Inc. Co-Director, Way of the Cross

Gorio was naturally artistic since he was a child. His talent for drawing, designing his own characters and painting was honed further when he studied BFA Advertising in PWU Manila. It paved the way for his explora-

Gorio began his career in Manila as an Animator at the age of 21, during the peak of Animation in the Philippines as a Classical Animator for several big studios in Manila working on animated TV series of Walt Disney Studios, Warner Bros. and Marvel Studios, to name a few.

tion in Photography, Animation, Screenwriting and Filmmaking.

In 1996, he went to work in Singapore where he directed two TV commercials that were the very first to utilize CG Animation. During a vacation in Manila, he was scouted by Fox Animation Studios which brought his talent to Phoenix, Arizona where he worked on highly lucrative Hollywood animated films such as Anastasia, Bartok, and Titan AE, directed by the legendary Animation Directors Don Bluth & Gary Goldman.

In 2003, he moved to San Clemente, California to work with Hollywood Director, Writer and Actor, Steve Oedekerk, who wrote and directed Ace Ventura "When Nature Calls," Nothing to Loose, Thumb Series, Bruce Almighty and many more. Steve signed up Gorio to work on his very first full feature animated project "Barnyard, The Movie" which took three years in the making and was shown worldwide in 2006.

After 10 years away from home in the Philippines, he returned in 2005 to set up his own production studio, GWARD Inc., as the Chief Executive and Creative Director. For the last 11 years, Gorio has been busy collaborating and producing live action projects within the movie and music industry. He has won awards for rare music video projects he directed for the band, Sponge Cola ("Bitiw" won Best Rock Video at Myx Awards 2007), and the most recent with Nicole Asensio ("Walang Anuman" which won Best Music Video in Awit Awards 2016, the most prestigious music award giving body in the Philippines).

Gorio is very grateful to Kaizen Studios Co., Ltd. who's producing his original concept, which is now entitled, "Way of the Cross," a mystery thriller as his first full feature directorial debut.





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GWARD Inc. is a Production and Post-Production Company in Quezon City, Philippines. Their team is composed of very talented, accomplished professionals with over 40 combined years of experience within the film and entertainment industry.

With strategic integration of their partners, GWARD has become a well respected and sought after Production House. They serve as an efficient one-stop-shop that specializes in state-of-the-art computer animation, VFX, film, television, advertising, corporate video productions, music videos, and online content. Each project is finely tailored to specific production requirements, ensuring that every need is fully met and coordinated for the best possible outcome. GWARD's goal is to constantly push the envelope, in creating compelling material for their clients with the innovative combination of live action, computer-generated images and animation.

GWARD is excited to assist KAIZEN STUDIOS on this riveting film, WAY OF THE CROSS, combining its Hollywood tyle story telling, filmmaking and directing with GWARD's talent blocal production team.





ALVIN ANSON

Producer



Alvin is the younger brother of award winning Filipino actress Boots Anson-Roa, and son of legendary film star Oscar Moreno. He is a Sinag Maynila Award-Winning Filipino Actor, Producer, Director, TV host & musician.

At the Sinag Maynila Independent Film Festival 2016, Anson received the "Best Actor Award" for his lead portrayal in Ato Bautista's "Expressway." He has starred in numerous TV shows and over 50 feature films throughout his career, both local and foreign, including the Hollywood film, "The Great Raid," starring James Franco and Benjamin Bratt.

Alvin's calling in the acting world started in 1995. He appeared in the TV shows Kadenang Kristal, GMA Super Show, Rio Del Mar, Pira-Pirasong Pangarap, Mia Gracia, and Kirara, Ano Ang Kulay ng Pag-ibig?, all broadcast by the GMA Network.

In 2011, he appeared in TV5 shows such as BEKI BOXER, UnderCover, Never Say Good Bye, and Easy Dancing. By 2015, he had moved to ABS-CBN, appearing in Bridges Of Love, ASAP, MTB, Maalala Mo Kaya - MMK, Dolce Amore and A Love to Last.

His most recent recognizable works are his portrayal in the critically acclaimed Filipino Film, "Heneral Luna" where he played as General José Alejandrino & TV series "Dolce Amore" as Favio De Luca. He will be appearing in the 2017 TV series, "A Love to Last."

In addition to acting, Alvin helps produce Indie Films and TV productions in the Philippines and is a producing partner in GWARD, Inc.

ELAINE CARRIEDO LOZANO

Line Producer

Elaine has extensive professional experience as a Line Producer, and is currently line producing, "WAY OF THE CROSS," for Kaizen Studios.

Elaine has always loved the arts. She was born a leader, and even at such a young age held leadership roles in Student Council and Drama Club. It all makes sense that she got into this Industry directing and line producing. She started as an Assistant Director and found herself line producing movies on her third film. She has completed over 50 movies and most them are main stream. Elaine line produces Movies, TV shows, Events and Commercials. She directs TV, Films, Concerts, AVPs and Music Videos. Among her favorite movies that she has line produced are "Panday", Asiong Salongga, El Presidente and On the Job.

In 2012, she started doing International Projects for TV, Commercial and Films, and has been preparing for many International Projects. Elaine is very emotionally powerful and can handle huge amounts of stress, which may come from her job, her family, or herself, but she stands strong under pressure with independence and fortitude to get through stressful situations. Elaine Lozano is also a producer and actress, known for Manila Kingpin: The Asiong Salonga Story (2011), El Presidente (2012) and Ang Panday (2009).







MIGUEL VASQUEZ

Miguel brings over 18 years as a professional actor, host, commercial model, performer voice talent, assistant director, fight director, and producer.

Miguel is also a two-time nominee for Best Actor, Aliw Award. He is a well seasoned and prolific actor, having worked on countless award winning productions in theater TV and films, both local and international. Here are a few of his credits: Assistant Director for TV commercial Back-Pack for The Hero Foundation, directed by Raffy Fransisco (2015); 2nd Assistant Director for the TV series The Kitchen Musical (2014) and Assistant Director for TV commercial Magnet Clover Chips (2014); Fight Director for feature film Boy Golden, directed by Chito Rono, and winner at the Metro Manila Film Festival (2013); American feature film Absolute Fear as Aaron, directed by John Milton Branton (2012).

He served as Fight Director & 2nd Assistant Director for feature film El Presidente, directed by Mark Meily, winner at the Metro Manila Film Festival (2012); American feature film Special Ops as Bin Malik, directed by Tom Shell, winner at the Action-on Film Festival (2010); Feature film 24k as Karlo, directed by Ana Agabin (2009); Producer, SM Science Discovery Center (2007); Producer & Assistant Director for Anton Diva's Music Video 6 feet, winner of the 2004 Levi Music Festival Award; Nominee for Best Actor, Aliw Awards for the Stage Play The Just Assassins as Ivan Kaliayev, directed by Lito Casaje (2000); Nominee for Best Actor, Aliw Awards for the Stage Play Paris as Alexander, directed by Anton Juan, that premiered in the Philippines and toured in Australia for the Adelaide Fringe Festival, and Laos Vientiane (1999); and The Ethno Rock Opera Lapu-Lapu, as the title role of Lapu-Lapu, directed by Behn Cervantes (1997).



RAFAEL ROSELL

Rafael Rosell IV is a Filipino actor and model born in Stavanger Norway. Rosell is best known for playing Brandon Brazil on the ABS-CBN romance drama Midnight Phantom, Marco De Silva in Kristine, and as Mayor Edson Zaguirre in Dahil Sa Pag-ibig.

He was introduced by Aimee Quimpo as one of the leading men of Jolina Magdangal, in Star Cinema's Kung Ikaw Ay Isang Panaginip. Rosell's big break came in 2004 when he was paired with Claudine Barretto on the ABS-CBN fantaserye Marina. In 2006, he was launched as a member of the all-male group Coverboys with Zanjoe Marudo, Jon Avila, Victor Basa and Jake Cuenca. In 2007, he earned an URIAN Best Supporting Actor award for his portrayal in the Indie Film Rome & Juliet. Rosell, however, further gained recognition in 2010 when he played Brandon Brazil in the highly successful ABS-CBN afternoon drama Midnight Phantom, opposite her good and close friend Denise Laurel. After the success of Midnight Phantom and his team-up with Laurel, ABS-CBN paired them up again in Kristine. Rosell later paired up with Jodi Sta. Maria in 100 Days to Heaven. In 2012, Rosell was reunited with Laurel in another ABS-CBN drama Dahil Sa Pag-ibig. In August 2012 his contract with Star Magic expired, and decided to move to GMA Network. He starred on Temptation of Wife (2012 TV series) with Marian Rivera and is currently performing on Maghihintay Pa Rin.







DAIANA "DIANE" MENEZES



Menezes graduated from the New York Film Academy. Offers from several countries soon followed, and she appeared in various commercials globally before becoming a TV personality in the Philippines on TV5 and GMA. She was also featured in Maxim Philippines' June 2009 issue and in FHM Philippines' October 2011 issue.

Menezes was awarded the prestigious 2012, 2014 and 2015 Global Achiever Awardee as Outstanding Ramp Model and Commercial Endorser by the Asia Pacific Awards Council (APAC) during the 20th Annual Asia Pacific Excellence Awards, headed by Chairman Jonathan Navea and Japanese educator Dr. Seiji Yii-Kagawa.

As a film actress, she is known for My Amiga Girl (2012), Prince Vaali (2011), and Yaya & Angelina: The Spoiled Brat Movie (2009).

Daiana is best known as one of the hosts of "Eat Bulaga!" from 2007 - 2012, however, has also been showcased on other TV series, such as My Darling Aswang, Lipgloss, Sarah G Live and Gandang gabi Vice. She has also been a host/co-host on various networks such as GMA Network, TV5, and ABS-CBN. Soon, Daiana will be featured as a host on Fiercest of Them All on GMA Network.

Aside from her acting, hosting and modeling career, Daiana is also an endorser of Baliwag Lechon, Master Siomai, NailFiles, Rebisco Hansel crackers, Texas Wild chips, Choco Mucho, Judge (chewing gum), Sassa Activewear, Belo, Pretty Looks, Lady Grace and Ever Bilena make-up.



ROXANNE BARCELLO

Anne Roxanne Jordan Barcelo, known as Roxee B, is a Filipino-American actress, model and singer born in Fairfax, Virginia, USA. She was only 8 years old when she joined and won "Best of the Best," a singing contest in the USA. She also became a member of ESPN Kids, and a professional child model doing TV commercials for companies such as GAP and JCPenny.

Roxee went to the Philippines at the age of 13 and was a contestant in GMA's Metropop Search. In 1999, she became the mainstay in GMA's then top-rated youth show. She was also a regular host on SOP and guest-starred in several GMA shows.

In 2006, she became one of the 14 housemates of ABS-CBN's Pinoy Big Brother: Celebrity Edition. Prior to this, she was a finalist of ABC's Hollywood Dream.

In 2008, Roxanne returned to GMA Network to do a kids program as one of the main hosts as Ate Anne in the show called Batang Bibbo. Then in early 2009, she was cast to the most awaited fantasy series starring Marian Rivera in Darna. She also appeared on First Time with Joross Gamboa and Michelle Madrigal. In 2010, Roxee returned to host a children's show via Art Angel on GMA 7 with original host Tonypet Gaba. Roxanne won the PMPC Star Award for TV Best Children Show Host.

Roxee joined Alodia Gosiengfiao for the July 2013 edition of FHM Philippines. In 2014, she appeared again for Online Babe for FHM (now FHM #NewCrush and Idols) and the December 2014 issue of FHM.







GIOVANNI RESPALL



From 1999 - 2005, Giovanni was a Pioneer Host of Nickelodeon, showcased in 12 countries. He also hosted a Nickelodeon live show, "Nik takes over your school" as well as the Nickelodeon Kids Choice Awards. Giovanni has also dubbed for Nickelodeon cartoons, such as Dora, Spongebob, Catscratch (lead) and Chalkzone.

Giovanni has contributed to many local films and TV shows. He was nominated as Best Supporting Actor for the film "Yanggaw" in 2014; played Emilio Aguinaldo in the film "Supremo" (a National Hero in the Philippines) in 2014; and was the lead villain in "Shake, Rattle and Roll" in 2015. He is also known for his acting in the TV show "Wansapanataym" (2010), the MMK TV Series (1997 - 2004), Regal Shocker TV Series (2006 - 2009), and TV commercials Sprite, Max's Chicken, McDonald's and Jollibee (1994 - 2000).

Giovanni has also been featured in Foreign Films: "The Dead Man's Smile," directed by Harvey Lee Bell and "Chasing Fire" by Brian Patrick Lim.

With his exceptional singing skills, he played the role of Phantom in "Phantom of the Opera" with the San Miguel Orchestra in 2002, and more recently was a Private Coach in "Voice Philippines" under Team Apl.De.Ap (from the group Black Eyed Peas) in 2016.

Giovanni's wide range of talent also extends to public speaking, directing fashion shows and concerts, contemporary dance soloist, painting and choreography in which he was a Movement Coach for the synchronized Philippines Olympic Team from 2001 - 2006.



YUSSEF ESTEVES

Yussef Esteves made his acting debut in GMA 7 back in 2015 in the afternoon hit series "Princess charming". Since then he has appeared in over 30 television and film productions. During his 12 year acting career, Yussef Esteves has worked with award winning directors such as Joel Lamangan, Gina Alajar, Eric Quizon, Craig Woodruff, The late Wenn Deramas and many more.

Movie fans will recognize Yussef Esteves from the movie "PIRING", Written and Directed by Craig Woodruff, that was an official entry to the World Premieres International film festival that was held in the Philippines in 2015, and even won best screenplay in the filipino cinema section.

In television you may have seen him in WISH I MAY, CASE SOLVED and PASSION DE AMOR, to name just a few.

One thing Yussef Esteves wants to accomplish before he dies is to nail an award in an international film. He firmly believes that the best of him is yet to come and that someday, in his acting journey, theres going to be an updated version of him.

One great lesson from his late father that he still lives by today is "Don't fake it! Make it".





VIC ROMANO

Vic Romano had 18 years of extensive theater experience in various countries like Japan, and was involved in a series of stage play projects in the Cultural Center of the Philippines before entering the world of Independent filmmaking. This included Banyuhay by UP Laboratoryo, Pahimakas by Aldabas Theatre Friends Inc., Hamon ng Krus (Estephanus), 4 Classics Play (Hiraya Theatre Production), and Tattoo Buo by Hiraya Theatre Production.

Romano is also a respected multi-media artist, and artist-director. The discipline of the theater community has helped transform him into a well respected actor in the Theater and Indie Film community. Among his recent projects is Blockbuster film "Heneral Luna." He also participated in the project, "Off Sinners and Saints" an International Film, and Kid Kulafu, Dayang Asu (Cinema One), Hamog by Ralston Jover, and EJK by Director Roland Sanchez, which was an official entry in the Riverside International Film Fest in California.

Vic is currently working on projects such as, "The Liars" by Gil Portes and a series of International Indie Film projects from Timeless Entertainment Inc. and Clips Films Productions. These include Hangyo and Kabute, Directed by Multi-Awarded Director, Willan Rivera and "Ang Guro Kong Hindi Marunong Magbasa" (Cinemalaya 2017). Vic is a sought after Indie Actor when it comes to hit music videos in the Philippines. He starred in Balewala by Loonie and Resbakk by Smugglaz, both directed by Willan Rivera, who saw the immense capability of Romano in delivering timeless acting.

His TV projects in the Philippines includes Pasion De Amor (ABS-CBN), Hangang Makita Kang Muli (GMA), FPJ Ang Probinsyano (ABS-CBN), and Wildflower (ABS-CBN).



APOLLO ABRAHAM

Apollo Abraham is an actor, voice artist, events host, commercial model and voice-over, and has been in this industry for over 25 years.

He has been the standard voice of GMA News, TV in the mid 2000's, the standard host for the San Miguel Beer Oktoberfest in the mid 90's, and the Sunlife sales roadshow in 2012 & 2013. Apollo also dubs films and TV shows in both English and Filipino. Apollo is often heard on TV and radio as a commercial voice-over. His work includes the Philippine Dub of Dragon Ball Z Movie 5: Cooler's Revenge and Dragon Ball Z (TV), where he voiced Kririn and many other characters.

His most recent foray into theater was a compilation of Shakespeare comedies where he played multiple roles. He has also played "Macbeth" in a Theater festival in Taiwan attended by Shakespeare scholars.

He acts on TV and film, such as Brillante Mendoza's "Captive." Apollo plays many support roles in indie and local movies.

When Apollo is not acting, he conducts team building seminars and outdoor activities. He is also an in-demand host for corporate events, weddings, debuts and birthday parties.









nel Asia's EXPEDITION UNKNOWN: The Curse of Yamashitas Gold as one of Ferdinand Marco's secret service agents. He has played a variety of versatile roles - from being a hitman in the TV series Dolce Amore with well known Filipino Actors: Enrique Gil, Cherie Gil and Alvin Anson - to playing a gay hotel worker: Rodrigo in the STAR CINEMA movie BARCELONA: A LOVE UNTOLD, starring Katherine Bernardo and Daniel Padilla. He played in many other TV series, such as ABS CBN'S: Till I met You, The Promise of Forever and A Love to Last... to name a few.

Oz is also a professional songwriter and musician (Guitarrist / Singer) who has worked with various Latin American and Filipino Artists such as: Jose Feliciano, Former Menudo Angelo Garcia, Jazz Flutist and Nestor Torres. Oz also played guitar for the Filipino 80's and 90's iconic punk band: Betrayed and was lead singer, main Lyricist in the Filipino rock band: Timelight Panorama from 2012 - 2015. He participated in a worldwide music collaboration for the Finnish Rock Band: Wake The Nations album: SIGN OF HEART (2012).

Oz's lyrics may be heard on the songs: So Broken and Until the end of time, where he proudly represented Philippines wanting to be featured as a Filipino Artist. Oz is currently working on significant roles in Filipino Films for 2017.



Danielle Chopin is delighted to be making her feature film debut with Kaizen Studios.

She has been involved in other stage projects, such as My Fair Lady, Into the Woods and more recently she performed live at California's Great America show Pop Fusion. She has also been featured in the web series Golden California and Hillbrook Gardens. And, just last year was a winning contestant on the show Call to Cosplay. She is a classically trained Filipina American artist and vocalist hailing from the San Francisco Bay Area, and specializes in singing first soprano operatic arias. She is also the niece of Filipino fashion designer and beauty pageant coach/consultant, Joey Galon, and the great niece of former Filipina recording artist, Gigi Galon.

Danielle is also the grand daughter of Olympic S. Galon, a prominent Filipino American who started and managed multiple Filipino Clubs focusing on the expansion of bringing thousands of Filipino natives to the United States during the 1960's, 70's and 80's through out the San Francisco Bay Area and Las Vegas.

Currently she is in production with 9 Works Theatrical and Globe Live to bring Disney's "The Newsies" to Manila. The musical will premiere and run in July 2017.







ANTONIO DIAZ

Executive Producer / Co-Director

Antonio Diaz is a Executive Producer and Director of "WAY OF THE CROSS."

WAY OF THE CROSS is being produced by KAIZEN STUDIOS, Co. Ltd., which belongs to a International Holdings Company called, ZENZA GLOBAL. This Conglomerate comprises of various International Companies focusing on Health, Wellness, Beauty, Finance, Personal Development, Film Production, and Entertainment. They have offices in Las Vegas, Japan, Hong Kong, China and other Southeast Asian Countries. Kaizen Studios is part of this group of companies.

Antonio is the Chairman & CEO of ZENZA GLOBAL. Mr. Diaz has been a world renowned business innovator, marketing maverick, motivational speaker and life trainer for the past 30 years. His philosophies and business concepts have been adopted throughout the world and he is well known for being one of the strongest demonstrators of hands-on leadership and personal development. His concepts and philosophy continues to transform the lives of hundreds of thousands of people.

Antonio's passion for film began at a young child, which led him to acting and film school during his college years. He has an innate ability for compelling storytelling with a natural talent for film and directing. The combination of Antonio's unprecedented leadership, success in business, and experience in film, brings a tremendous asset to KAIZEN. Antonio's global vision and Hollywood style storytelling, along with being an Executive Producer and the primary contributor of the WAY OF CROSS script as Co-writer, will bring International awareness, as well as industry recognition to the film.

"Perfection is impossible... but it's in the relentless pursuit that anything is possible." - AJD

LANI DIZON

Executive Producer

Lani Dizon is a Executive Producer of the film, "WAY OF THE CROSS."

She is also the President & COO of ZENZA GLOBAL HOLDINGS, LTD. Her success as an executive business professional began at a very young age, building corporate networks of over 120,000 people by the age of 21. With this experience under her belt, Lani co-founded her first global corporation at the age of 25, which reached annual sales of over 100 million dollars after just 3 years from its launch. Lani has since developed other successful companies, as well as being the Creator and Founder of a international line of natural beauty and wellness products that are top sellers around the world.

She has empowered women to stand strong and take control of their destiny through her past organization, called WBN (Women's Business Network), that has profoundly affected thousands of women worldwide. Lani continues to dedicate her life to making a positive difference in people's lives focusing on personal empowerment, and improvement of the body, mind, health, wealth and spirit in tens of thousands of individuals.

Lani's 24 years of corporate experience has given her the expertise in Infrastructure Development, Product & Image Development, Branding, System Development, Global Marketing and Executive Management.

She also has a passion for great films that have the power to affect people at an intellectual and emotional level. It is Lani's desire, as an Executive Producer and major stake holder in KAIZEN STUDIOS to contribute to a dynamic team of amazing individuals in creating unique and compelling stories that must be told.



