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# FAIR TRADE

ANTONIA TOOTIL

A WEB SERIES BY MELODY HO

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## CAST

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Lelia Juhr-Debendetti  
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## CAST & CREW

## CREW

Writer/Director ..... Melody Ho  
Producer ..... Yara Kair  
Producer ..... Louis Holder  
Director of Photography  
..... Rali Lyubenova  
..... Freddie Rodgers  
..... Ernest Tu  
..... Melody Ho  
Series Editor ..... Charles Ingea

First Assistant Director ..... Yara Kair  
First Assistant Camera ..... Freddie Rodgers  
Second Assistant Camera ..... Zalman Basree  
Gaffer ..... Zac Gilboy  
Spark ..... Mary Ignatiadi  
Sound Recordist ..... Jordan Harding  
Boom Operator / Sound Assist ..... Justas Kacerauskas  
Production Assistant ..... Zara Hussain  
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# SYNOPSIS

Fair Trade is an independent 5-part Web Series about the struggles of a girl with autism, a sexually confused lesbian and an aspiring artist/psychologist dealing with modern dating and adult problems.

## DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

Fair Trade aims to explore the economical, 'give-and-take' nature of modern romantic relationships. It stemmed from questioning the selfless nature of love and romance. I primarily wanted to speak up for females with autism, which is a relatively underrepresented issue in the medium of film and TV. Secondly I wanted to explore the female vulnerability in a modern setting. Coming-of-age and growing up with or without mental illness, being comfortable with our own skin and facing our true desires could be immensely hard whether accepting our non-traditional sexualities, aspirations and frowned upon mental disorders. Fair Trade is ultimately the journey of three brave women confronting their own desires and problems in the deep-end of reality and adulthood. *MELODY HO, Writer/Director*

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# KEY CAST & CREW



## ANTONIA TOOTIL

Antonia Tootil is an emerging Actress of Stage & Screen who has recently worked on a number of features and short films including *Order of Kings: The Dark Kingdom*, produced by Grass Temple Films and *Catalyst*, produced by Zennor Productions. She recently graduated from Drama Centre London and also studied at National Youth Theatre and Bristol Old Vic Theatre School.



## KARL FREDRICK HIEMEYER

Karl Fredrick Hiemeyer is an Actor known for *The Newspaper* (2015), *The Surrogate of Infidelity* (2018) and *One Crazy Thing* (2016). He is represented by The American Agency.



## LELIA JUHR-DEBENDETTI

Lelia is an Actress, known for short films *Polarized* (2017) and *Refuge Point* (2018).



## MELODY HO (Writer/Director)

Originally from Hong Kong, Melody is an aspiring Writer/Director studying Psychology at UCL. She was recently Camera Assistant on short film *'THINGS WE DO BEFORE MIDNIGHT'* - a short film by Lily-Gwynne Thomas (Paniscus Motion Pictures.) Although this is her debut web series, this is her third directorial outing. She is currently developing new material focussing on female identity and explorations of sexuality in contemporary media.



## YARA KAIR (Associate Producer)

Yara is an aspiring Producer who worked closely with Melody to bring the vision of the script to life. Additionally, she was the production's First Assistant Director - responsible for keeping the project on schedule.



## LOUIS HOLDER (Producer)

Louis studies Film at University of Westminster and is an experienced Director-Producer, Cinematographer, Arts Activist and Broadcaster. He has created, directed and produced many shorts, documentaries and featurettes which have featured at film festivals worldwide and is an alumnus of the BFI Film Academy. He is currently touring his feature-length directorial debut *One Night More* and latest short *A Live Broadcast*. He is Creative Director at Studio Holder.



## ERNEST TU (DOP)

Ernest is an award-winning London Based Cinematographer who has worked on films ranging from short films to commercials and music videos. He has worked with production companies such as 24K Frames HK and *Within Design* on various works.



## RALI LYUBANOVA (DOP)

Rali is an experienced Cinematographer and Camera Assistant who studied at National Youth Film Academy before gaining her experience in the field.



## FREDDIE RODGERS (DOP)

Freddie is an experienced Hong-Kong based Cinematographer who has also directed and produced his own short films including *The Great Wave* and *Run Along Hong Kong*. He is also an emerging Visual Artist.





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